

Capitol Volkssport Club Meeting

May 9, 2017

Izzy's Classic Buffet, Olympia, WA

Members gathered at 6:30 pm to see the photos shown by Liz Morrison of her trip to Australia and Tasmania.

The general membership meeting was called to order by President Liz Morrison. Liz asked members to share recent interesting walks. Bonnie Tucker spoke of the sunshine at the Bloomsday 12k run/walk in Spokane. Perki and Peter Sweet enjoyed a 12k walk at Elk and Beaver Lake during the Phoenix Festival in Victoria, Canada. Bill and Holly Spaulding enjoyed several walks on Oahu, Hawaii including areas in the hills outside of Waikiki, the University of Hawaii and the Lion's Arboretum. Diane Johnson has been walking with the Mountaineers doing various sections around Lake Washington which was also enhanced with related history of the area.

Carolyn Warhol announced that the Tour de Pierce has been cancelled for this year. The Daffodil Valley Volkssport will be walking on Saturday the 13th on the Foothills Trail from the McMillan Grange between Sumner and Orting. The Daffodils and the Evergreen clubs are planning a train trip to Portland on August 12th. Cost will be \$42 round trip on Amtrak 501 Cascades which departs Tacoma at 8:08 am and Lacey at 8:45 am. The return trip will be on Amtrak 508 Cascades arriving in Lacey at 8:42 pm and Tacoma at 9:45 pm. The walk from Enumclaw will now include the Anderson Garden a private garden of 3000 rhododendrons at 24921 Roosevelt Avenue.

Liz Morrison reminded us that we will be voting for Vice President, Treasurer and Membership Chairperson next month.

We had previously voted to change Article 3 Section 1 of the bylaws to have staggered terms for elected officers. It was discussed that in doing so a current vice president wouldn't be able to run for president (for example). A resolution was made to again change the bylaws to eliminate the staggered terms and have all officers serve for 2 years. The motion was made and seconded and was passed.

Liz Morrison will be our delegate to the AVA Convention. The membership voted who they wanted for AVA officers and which bylaws changes they wanted to back. Liz will do the voting for our club. It was also our consensus not to vote for a mascot. The club voted to purchase a \$50 REI gift certificate to be given to the convention for their fundraising auction.

There was discussion on the Big Give money raiser. The club voted to give \$200.

Lesley Willardson, Sales and Information passed around a sign up sheet for name tags. Please specify whether you prefer magnet or pin type name tags. Also clearly print your first and last name as you want it to appear on the name tag. The cost for members will be \$5 (the club will pick up any difference).

Bill Spaulding gave an update on the Tumwater Salmon Walk on October 5th. He has been working with other club members to advertise this guided walk in several publications. Registration will be from 9 – 9:50 and the walk will begin at 10 am. There will be a 10.2k and a 5k. Both groups will be divided into

fast walkers and slower walkers. Bill is again asking for volunteers to sweep all four groups and leaders for the slower 10.2k and both 5k walks.

Holly Spaulding, ESVA Representative gave a report of the recent meeting in Spokane in conjunction with the Bloomsday run/walk:

1. The current editor of the Pathfinder will be leaving and we will be receiving a survey to see what the interest is in having an electronic version created and any other changes you might suggest.
2. The winners of this year's Winter Walking Contest can be viewed on the ESVA website.
3. A new challenge for 2018 – 2020 will be Distilleries, Breweries and Wineries. Books should be available at the Christmas walk.
4. Clubs have been asked to not set up a walk in another club's territory without first asking permission. Clubs are also asked to not set up a walk on meetup on the same day as a traditional event that was previously scheduled.
5. Listing our events on meetup has been successful in bringing new members to Volkssporting.
6. Joe Blazek will be the ESVA representative to the AVA convention.
7. The NW Regional Conference will be held in Port Angeles.
8. After July 1 the sanctioning screens on the AVA website will be different.
9. The next ESVA meeting will be in Winthrop on September 30 in conjunction with the 3 day walking event.

Club members are reminded to be thinking of which walks you want to sanction for next year including a walk in January to celebrate our club anniversary. We will asking for volunteers for committees for the Christmas walk and the Christmas potluck.