

Capitol Volkssport Club Meeting

April 10, 2018

Izzy's Classic Buffet, Olympia, WA

President, Liz Morrison called the meeting to order and welcomed members.

Liz asked members for interesting walks done recently. John Warhol talked about the difficulty finding the start points for walks in Italy both because of the language barrier and GPS directions. To hear about the walks the Warhol's and Morrison's did do, plan to show up at next month's meeting for the slide show and program. Bonnie Tucker walked on her recent trip to Savannah, GA and South Carolina including one at Hilton Head.

The March minutes were accepted with one correction to be made.

President's report:

1. Pat Brower has volunteered to be our "sunshine person" and be responsible for sending out cards, balloons or flowers as needed. If you have information regarding a member please pass it on to Pat.
2. Harry Saukants has decided to retire as editor of our monthly newsletter. Bill Spaulding is our new editor. Check out the first addition of his newsletter. He asks that you send him photos and articles to include each month. Liz is planning to give Harry a certificate of appreciation and something additional for 20+ years of service to the club. We are hoping to be able to visit him at the Latvian camp in Shelton.
3. Check out the article in the TAW on the Texas Roundup and note the photo with several of our members in attendance.
4. Please note that the start point for the Des Moines event has changed to Aunt Irene's Coffee Shop, 22504 Marine Dr. S., Des Moines.
5. Reminder – it's not too soon to be thinking about attending the 2019 AVA National Convention in Albany, New York.
6. Dave Bonewitz, AVA Nat'l President gave an update on technology in the April Checkpoint. He had previously reported the IT issues that the AVA was having. A past decision had been made not to upgrade or replace the aging servers at AVA Headquarters. The problems we are currently having would not have happened if we had a current, up-to-date operating system. It had been 4 years since the IT Committee was tasked with developing and implementing a new IT system. When he stepped into the job he asked where we stood on this project. He asked the current IT committee to prepare a testing protocol and to develop options to pursue. The system in development for 4 years is not ready to implement. A new IT consultant has been hired. Office computers have been updated to Windows 10, Office shared data has been moved to OneDrive for Microsoft TEAMS, office personal files have been moved to OneDrive Personal, the server memory has been re-allocated to needed services (the rebuilt server is up and running), the server is backed up daily in the cloud and the servers are now protected by antivirus that is run daily. Moving forward we have been able to implement a portion of what was developed over the last 4 years. After upgrading the server Operating System all the website failures have been addressed.

Seabreeze update – Barb Malone reported that Pellegrino's Catering has been secured for the Saturday night dinner February 16, 2019 along with the Irish band – The Burren Band. The cost paid per person will be approximately \$27. Members voted to charge \$30 for tickets although we may have to revisit this issue before brochures are published. Jim Younkins has "Save the Date" flyers available now for distribution if you are attending special events and want to get the word out. Chase Davis is planning to preview a new walk for Seabreeze on Sunday April 15. If you would like to join him please meet at the Lion's Club in Ocean Shores at 11:00 and sign the waiver card. Don't forget to bring your cameras.

Sheila Morrison, Treasurer reported income of \$387 for the month (mostly from walks). We donated \$1000 to the Big Give. Our balance is \$8827.

Perki Sweet, Publicity Chairperson has sent 2 articles in for the TAW. Look for Zander in the Tails & Trails section and look for the photo of Bonnie Tucker titled "What is Bonnie up to?" Perki also has submitted to the Daily Olympian all Thursday walks for July – December 2018.

Peter Sweet, Webmaster has entered all Thursday walks for July – December 2018 on the CVC website. Peter will list only names and emails on our website rather than phone numbers. We were reminded that if we set up a paypal account to collect dinner payments for Seabreeze we will need a club email address.

New Business:

1. Holly Spaulding reported on her research of a P.O. box rental. Prices vary according to the size of the box and which post office it is located in. After discussion the membership voted and passed the move to open a P.O. box. Barbara Malone volunteered to pick up the club mail if the box is located at the Lacey post office in Lacey Downs Plaza.
2. John Warhol announced the Daffodil Valley Club will hold an event on Saturday May 12 at the Mud Mountain Dam with 5 & 10 km options. Follow highway 410 thru Enumclaw. Hot dogs and salads will be available after the walk.
3. Tuesday night April 17 will be the 1st evening walk of the year. Join the group 5:45 pm at South Bay Market, 3425 Schinke Rd to walk Woodard Bay.
4. Don't forget to join us at the May meeting for a program on Italy by John & Carolyn Warhol and Bob & Sheila Morrison.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.