

## Capitol Volkssport Club Board Meeting

Tuesday July 14, 2015

Izzy's Classic Buffet - Olympia, WA

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Holly Spaulding. The previous months minutes were accepted as published.

President Liz Morrison felt the convention in Salem, Oregon was very well run. The next convention will be held in Billings, Montana in conjunction with the Crazy Horse walk in June 2016. She also reported that our club officers have been updated on the AVA website.

Sheila Morrison gave the treasurer's report noting that we made \$1,961.79 profit last year and have a \$9,270.XX balance. Last month (June 2015) we collected over \$700 for YRE's which was attributed to walkers attending the convention.

Susan Berry's ESVA report let us know that the start point for the Mercer Island walk has been changed to Walgreens. She reminded us that if you plan to attend the Pt Roberts walking event on August 15 and have lunch with the group that you will need to let them know online. A new Starting Point (book) will be available for \$25. A sign up sheet will be available at the picnic/meeting in August.

Julie Heath and Holly Spaulding reported that 8 of the 16 walks for next year have completed the paperwork for sanctioning. Susan Berry's walk from the Lacey Safeway has a 5K, a 10K and a 20K. After discussion surrounding the 20K, it was decided to continue with all 3 options. Perki and Peter Sweet have completed paperwork for the new walk in Tenino. Sheila Morrison has changed the route of the SE Lacey walk to include several streets on the states challenge. There was discussion regarding the by participant fee for walks with low participants. Currently this proposal is on hold by the NEC.

New business included the following:

1. The AVA is setting up a new position on the strategic planning committee. If you are interested there will be a meeting August 12 - 15 which you must attend. Packets are available. Nancy Wittenberg will be reviewing applications.
2. Recently there have been problems where people were left at the sign in spot for walks for various reasons. It was suggested that we change our weekly walk protocol because of start time confusion. It was suggested that we move back the time to meet at the sign in, at the park & ride, or anywhere else that we meet to carpool by 15 minutes to allow more leeway before we actually start walking at 10:00. It seems that notification would have to include updating Meet Up ( Bob Morrison), our club website (Peter Sweet), The Olympian (Perki Sweet) and Yahoo Groups which is currently not working correctly. After discussion it was decided that we wait to update these sites in January for the new year.
3. There was discussion for other changes to our walk protocol. If you are the first to arrive get out the walk box. If there are a large number of walkers use 2 sign in sheets but only number the first one. When everyone has signed in, number the second sheet where the first one left off. If there are blank spaces on the bottom of the first sheet cross them out. Be sure that monies collected are secure and the walk box put away. If there doesn't seem to be a secure place for

the money someone should take it and write a check for the total amount to be mailed or given to the owner of the walk box. Let new walkers know that walk maps are available for them to use. More organization would be helpful especially with large groups. We may need to appoint a leader for the walk and a sweep to follow the group to insure we don't lose someone or to help if there is a medical emergency. Introduce new walkers to the group before you start walking. If the group plans to go to lunch after the walk, make an announcement and ask for a head count so a reservation can be made.

4. A motion was made, seconded and passed that we increase the expense check we give to Harry Saukrants yearly for expenses in writing our monthly newsletter. He will now be getting a check for \$120.
5. We need a better tool for printing the maps that are required along with directions for walks. The club would be willing to purchase software that all walk owners could use. Bill Spaulding volunteered to contact John Warhol (Puyallup), Dick Baker (Vancouver) and Jeanne Allan (Olympia) to determine the best product for us.
6. It is time to start considering what traditional walking events we might like to hold in 2016. Some suggestions were Mt St Helens, the Blueberry Festival in Mossyrock or a walk in conjunction with one of the festivals held yearly in Olympia or Lacey. Susan Berry has a notebook with all the past walks we have had if anyone would like to use it for ideas (includes walk directions and routes).

The next months general meeting will be our annual picnic to be held at Shelter #1 - the rose garden in Priest Point Park on Tuesday August 11. There will be a 5K walk at 4pm. Linda Polzin and Karen Younkings will stay at the shelter during the walk. Pat Harmon and Liz Morrison have volunteered to set up the tables and food. Linda Polzin will supply soda and water. Bill and Holly Spaulding will supply plates, silverware, coffee and napkins from the storage unit. Board members will bring a main dish. Other club members can bring either a salad, side dish or dessert. There will be a short meeting following the dinner.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.