

Capitol Volkssport Club Board Meeting Minutes
13 January 2022
Meeting held via Zoom

1. The president noted that while the club has over a hundred members, only about half that number regularly participate in walks or in the running of the club. She asked the board for suggestions of ways to increase participation. It was pointed out that the last two years have been difficult ones due to Covid-19, and that this year also included very hot summer weather and an unusually wet winter. The inability to meet face to face was seen as a major deterrent to participation.

Some suggestions that were received included:

When we are able to resume in-person meetings, provide pizza.

Have presentations from members or others at the monthly meetings.

Have afternoon meetings after a walk.

Schedule more weekend and evening walks to appeal to younger people and those who are still working. Have a regularly-scheduled YRE walk on a weekend afternoon.

Ask members directly to serve as officers or boxholders, or to volunteer for events. This can be more successful than a general appeal.

Have dinner meetings at Tumwater Valley.

There are spaces on the main floor of the Olympia Center that could be rented for meetings. They allow snacks.

2. The secretary expressed an opinion that it is difficult for new members and potential members to understand how Capitol Volkssport Club, Evergreen State Volkssport Association and the American Volkssport Association are organized. This confusion and lack of information could potentially discourage them from greater involvement with the club. A handout that explains how the organizations interact and how Capitol Volkssport Club operates is needed.

Sheila Morrison noted that a brochure called "Come Walk With Us" was produced a number of years ago and contains most of the needed information. A copy of the brochure was located on the ESVA website. The brochure needs to be reviewed and updated and expanded as needed. Copies of the brochure should be distributed to box holders and to current members.

3. It was the sense of the Board members that the Salmon Walk was a success and should be repeated.

4. Concern was expressed that only 35 CVC members registered for the Holiday Walk in Olympia. However, 86 persons overall attended, despite the inclement weather. Board members felt that the walk was a signature walk for the club and should be held again this year.

5. Similarly, it was felt that the Holiday Walk in Aberdeen was a success, despite the rain, and would be worth repeating. Mert Turner has suggested that the walk start slightly later at 4:30 PM to insure that more houses have their lights turned on.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David R. Black". The signature is written in a cursive style.

David R. Black

Secretary Capitol Volkssport Club