

Capital Volkssport Club Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2024
Olympia-Lacey Church of God
President Karen Younkins presiding

1. Thanks to Mary Clem and Perki Sweet for bringing refreshments this month. Cheryl Bush will bring treats for the November meeting.
2. Congratulations to: Kathy Lee-375, 400 events; Jim Younkins-700 events; Karen Younkins-1200,1250,1300 events, 17,000 Kilometers; Sheila Morrison-2800 events, 29,000 Kilometers; Bob Morrison-2800 events; Nancy Wittenberg-3600 events, 34,000 Kilometers; Sandi Severtsen-16,000 Kilometers.
3. September meeting minutes (from the website) were approved as written.
4. The most recent Treasurer's Report, emailed to the club on 10/7/24, was approved as submitted.
5. Barb Malone presented slides from a trip entitled, Return to New Mexico.
6. Barb then presented a recap of our recent walk, Where the Salmon Run, held on October 5. A total of 52 people walked with us, and we made a total of \$237.00. Barb mentioned that she would like to have someone else step up to organize that walk going forward, as she has overseen it for several years now.
7. A lengthy discussion ensued around club long-range finances. Treasurer Pam Greig-Davis explained a handout previously emailed to the membership with a comparison of different charges to members for walks, and how the club would benefit, or not, financially from the different scenarios. She noted that the club must now give AVA \$3.00 per walk if the walk is sanctioned as a per person fee, so that when we charge members \$2.00 per walk, we give the AVA \$2.00, plus we pay another dollar out of our account. Nancy Wittenberg countered that in that scenario, we are avoiding the \$40 sanction fee per year, and so we only lose actual money if more than 40 people do that walk in a year. Chase Davis pointed out that the handout concerns cash flow and not avoided costs. Pam nevertheless emphasized our total bank balance and stated that we are still doing okay. However, if we increased our walk fee for members to \$3.00, that change resulted in the biggest positive change to our bank account. She then stated that given our bank balance, she didn't feel it was necessary to do so, and at present she would vote to keep the walk fee the same. She did point out that we are experiencing lower participation, as are most clubs, and that our receipts were expected to decrease. She then stated that we should stop paying for printing now as we can do our printing for free at the library. It was acknowledged that right now, the area clubs have no consensus on walk fees, and each club is currently doing something different for members and nonmembers, etc. Sheila Morrison suggested that we should charge \$4.00 for all walkers at YRE special events, as many other clubs were doing. It was pointed out that we had already voted to charge \$3.00 for the Christmas walk this year.
8. Bob Morrison then made a motion that we should keep our walk fees for members at \$2.00 for YRE's and Seasonal walks, until the end of 2025. It was also suggested that we keep them at \$2.00 for all travelling guided walks. The motion was then voted on and passed.
9. Karen Younkins then presented a recap of the ESVA meeting held during the Silverdale walk fest last month, reading the minutes that were taken by David Black, (sent to the membership via email on Oct.

3.) She also reminded the group that our Christmas walk is Dec. 14, and that a sign-up sheet was in the back of the room for volunteering. She also put in a call for ideas to bring in new members.

10. Bonnie Tucker presented a recap of the ESVVA Walkfest in Silverdale, highlighting our group's accomplishments and future plans. Just over 150 people attended, with 600 walks completed, and it all seemed to be well received. Pam Greig-Davis announced that the CVC donation to the fest paid for the pizza dinner, and that it actually turned a profit.

11. Cheryl Bush discussed the dwindling attendance at the Tuesday evening walks this year, and it was decided to decrease the number of walks to the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month going forward.

12. A decision was made to confer responsibility for handling registration and money for walks to the first person obtaining the walk box and setting up the registration paperwork at the start point. We have had walks where no one has taken responsibility for this important task, and money has occasionally been lost. It was also decided to close the box at 5 minutes to start if the walk has a drive-to start.

13. There was a reminder that many of our walks will change to travelling guided walks next year, and that we may want to get out and enjoy those walks before the start boxes disappear.

14. At the beginning of Oct, membership should have received the NW Regional AVA news and information from Sharon Moats and Ed Hainline. Karen encouraged the club to read the information if they had not already done so. Nancy Wittenberg stated that the AVA will have a renewed budget after the next meeting, taking place on Nov. 12.

15. Boxtenders and Event Leaders were encouraged to contact the Trailmasters when they have printing needs.

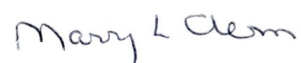
16. Get well cards have been sent to Carol Mukasa and Jenny Schluter, and Carol Froelich suggested a card be sent to Melanie Peters as well.

17. Chase Davis offered to do a slide presentation for the next monthly meeting.

18. Other business included an announcement by Pam Greig-Davis that she has sold 54 Troll Challenge books so far, and orders continue to come in.

19. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Clem, Secretary