

Capitol Volkssport Club Meeting Minutes  
March 13, 2025  
Olympia Lacey Church of God  
President Karen Younkins, presiding

1. Thank you to Barb Malone for bringing snacks tonight. Though not in attendance tonight, please be sure to welcome our new member Susan Bieker when you meet her, and welcome back to Linda Neilsen. Also, we have a guest tonight who has joined us on several walks recently. Please say 'hello' to Annika.
2. Congratulations to these Achievement Award winners: Cathy Lee-450 events, 3500 Km; Buffy Wittenberg-3100 events; Nancy Wittenberg-3700 events; Bonnie Tucker-4900 events, 48,000 Km!
3. January and Feb. minutes, previously emailed to the membership, were approved as submitted.
4. The Treasurer's Report from January and February, along with most recent walker participation report, were approved as submitted. There was praise for the walker participation reports; Pam Greig-Davis then gave a summary of how they are put together.
5. David Black and Sandra Andersen presented their trip to New Mexico for the Balloon Festival last year.
6. Pam Greig-Davis summarized the new Walk Challenges that started this year, including Walking With the Wild Things (128 books and \$653 in profit so far this year!) and the Colored Front Door Challenge. She also presented gifts to those 12 walkers who had completed the Flag Challenge, which ended in Dec. 2024. Nancy Wittenberg announced a walk planned for March 14<sup>th</sup> in University Place, during which the Tacoma Parks Dept will have a celebration entitled 'Fairies and Gnomes.'
7. The deadline for pictures and articles for the April/May Newsletter will be March 24<sup>th</sup>.
8. Our 23<sup>rd</sup> AVA Biennial Convention Delegate will be Julie Health, with alternate Diane Evans. Our Club by-laws state that the Official Voting Delegate attending the convention will be reimbursed the full cost of registration, and though there was some disagreement as to what actually constitutes 'Full Registration Cost' it was decided that Julie should submit what she determined was her full registration cost to the club for reimbursement.
9. Nancy Wittenberg will again host the December Holiday Walk, and will request volunteers to lead the walk and help with registration closer to the actual date. We will be starting at a new location this year, 200 Union St., which we are said to be able to use without cost to the Club.
10. Bonnie Tucker gave the ESVA Coordinator's Report, with a summary of future walks planned from the North West region area Clubs.
11. Tuesday evening walks will be starting up on April 15<sup>th</sup>, and will be held twice monthly through the season. These are listed in upcoming walks on our website, and will appear on Meet-up as well.
12. The NW Trek walk registration form for the April 27<sup>th</sup> walk is now on our website, listed as Special Events-Wild and Woodsy Lite Festival. This form must be returned to Pam Greig-Davis by April 12<sup>th</sup>, if

we are to receive the discounted group rate (\$16 for Adults, \$12 for Seniors, and \$10 for kids.) Pam pointed out that you may register additional friends or family members for this event and they can also receive the group rate.

13. Staircase Hike will be held again this year on August 1<sup>st</sup>. It will again be a group hike led by Carol Froelich. It will also be a seasonal hike for the months of July, August and September with registration box kept at the Fred Meyer in Shelton.

14. A discussion concerning proposed AVA By-Law changes was led by Nancy Wittenberg. A summary of the changes proposed was emailed to the membership on February 26<sup>th</sup>, and February 28<sup>th</sup>. There were two purely administrative changes, which the Club voted to approve, and thereby have our AVA delegate vote to approve at the Convention next month. There was also a proposed change to categories of membership, from Associate to Individual, the details of which have not been thoroughly elucidated. As such, our membership voted not to approve that particular By-Law change and instructed our Delegate to vote accordingly at the Convention.

15. Box-tenders and Event Leaders please contact the Trailmaster if you have printing needs.


16. It was suggested that Peter Sweet be sent a get-well card if he hasn't already been given one. Sheila Morrison explained that Bob did not need a card at this point in time.

17. Please let Jim Younkings know if you have photos/presentations for coming meetings.

18. Pam Greig-Davis mentioned the Hawk's Prairie walk on April 26<sup>th</sup>, which will start from the Washington Assoc. of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs building where the ESVA will also meet.

19. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary L Clem".

Mary Clem, Secretary, Capitol Volkssport Club