

Capital Volkssport Club Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2025  
Olympia-Lacey Church of God  
5005 Lacey Blvd. SE  
President Karen Younkings presiding

1. Thanks to Mary Clem for bringing treats today. Sheila Morrison will bring treats for the next regularly scheduled meeting in January, 2026.
2. Sign up sheets for the Holiday walk and party are in the back. Sign up to bring snacks, pot luck dishes for the party and to assist in other ways.
3. The Board approved a contribution of \$150 to the Lacey/Olympia Church of God in appreciation of allowing us to hold our club meetings in their family room. And you may have noticed the music; we are hearing the music of Finlandia by Sibelius. He celebrated Finnish culture and national identity (in keeping with our presentation this evening on the Olympiad in Finland by Bob and Sheila Morrison.)
4. October meeting minutes were approved as submitted via email to club members.
6. October Treasurer's report was approved as posted to the group via email on November 10.
7. Bonnie Tucker brought up a suggestion for offering cash prizes for completed challenges. As prizes for this year's challenges have already been arranged, we can revisit this topic next year.
8. Liz Morrison gave an update on our Holiday walk preparations, mentioning that the sign-up is from 9-12pm with finish from 12-3pm, even though there is conflicting info which was inadvertently published on the AVA website .
9. David Black gave a summary of the most recent ESVA Board meeting held in Port Angeles on October 11. He mentioned the walk reviews that have been done up to now with winner of the walk review program contest being our own Chase Davis. He also introduced the newest challenge for 2026 which is to be, 'Discover Your Parks,' and said that walks that incorporate either state or National Parks qualify. In May, 2026, the Emerald City Wanderers will sponsor another Alaska cruise. There was a short discussion about the new online AVA walk system, with reported concerns including costs for development. The next ESVA Board meeting will be January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, via Zoom. He stated that draft copies of the minutes are available to any who request them.
10. Bonnie Tucker then gave the area coordinator report. Notable upcoming walks include possible walks in Mt. Rainier Ntl. Park, Kopachuck State Park, and Ward's Lake in Lakewood.
11. There was an overview, with accompanying explanations concerning the Club bylaw changes that were proposed by CVC's Board. After a vote, the changes to Article VII (membership,) and Article II (elections,) were approved as proposed. (see addendum.)
12. A discussion ensued concerning our proposed 6 month trial of general club meetings to be held bi-monthly instead of monthly, to begin January, 2026, and therefore meetings will be held in Jan. 2026, March, May, and July. Following the trial, the Club can revisit the issue and make changes if warranted. The reasons given included an attempt to increase participation, ideas for exciting walks/social events on the off months, a reduced burden on club officers, and possibly more

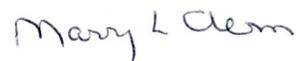
willingness for others to step up and be a Board member. It was pointed out that important club info will still be emailed to the membership. A few members spoke, both for and against the project.

13. Bob and Sheila Morrison then presented their trip to Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia.

14. There was a suggestion made for a get well card to be sent to Linda Darkenwald.

15. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Clem, Secretary

Addendum:

Proposed Bylaws Amendments:

Current:

ARTICLE VII – Membership

Section 2: Membership shall run from July through June. Any member who has not paid the annual renewal fee by the end of September will be dropped from the membership roster effective October 1.

Proposed:

Article VII – Membership

Section 2: Membership shall run from July through June. Any member who has not paid the annual renewal fee by September 15 will be dropped from the membership roster effective October 1.

Discussion: This amendment was proposed by Sheila Morrison and Karen Younkens. The bimonthly newsletter comes out in October, so anyone who has a membership list (membership chairperson, newsletter editor, person who sends out information to CVC members) needs time to drop people from the membership roster before the newsletter is sent.

Current:

Article II – Elections

Section 1 – The officers designated by Article IV of this constitution shall be elected from and by the membership at the June meeting.

Section 2 – A nominating committee chairperson shall be appointed in April.

Proposed:

Section 1 – The officers designated by Article IV of this constitution shall be elected from and by the membership at the May meeting.

Section 2 – A nominating committee chairperson shall be appointed in March.

Reminder:

**Annual Holiday Party December 4, 5PM, Jacob Smith House**

**Annual Holiday Walk December 13, 9A-12P, 200 Union Ave, Olympia**

