

ESVA Board of Directors Meeting

22 October 2016

1. **Call to order** at 1:08
2. **Welcome of members and guests**—President Sharon Moats had the Central Washington Sun Striders stand, so we could thank them for hosting a great walk in a beautiful place. Congratulations upon their 30th anniversary as a club. Then she had all Club Representatives introduce themselves and members of their clubs stand. She followed suit by having Area Coordinators introduce themselves, telling which clubs they represent; NW Regional Director and Deputy were next, followed by ESVA officers.
3. **Minutes** were accepted.
4. **No correspondence** to report.
5. **President's Report.** Sharon reported that the ESVA is moving forward. The ESVA Facebook page has changed to group mode; she recommended walkers add pictures of events they have done.
6. **Treasurer's Report.** Cathy Greutert reported 30 Sept balance of \$32,859.43 in checking and savings. Net income for the first quarter is \$547.40. Future reports will reflect the spending down plan, in which clubs pay annual dues of \$25 to ESVA, in lieu of per walker fees. \$200.00 in dues was received. All club dues should have been sent by 30 Sept. The last of the YRE fees came to \$987.10. After action reports are no longer required. \$10.00 County books may be purchased from the Treasurer, or walkers may go online to print a form for tracking. Upon completion of the challenge, they send the form and \$10.00 to Dick Baker, if they want a patch.
7. **Area Coordinators' Reports:**
 - a. **Eastern Region, #1—Dennis Standridge** reported that the Lilac City Volkssport Association donated 60 hours of volunteer labor to the Manito plant sale, thereby “earning” the right to free use of a room at the Manito Annex for their club meetings.
 - b. **Central Region, #2—Lynn Blazek** announced the Central Washington Sun Striders have sanctioned a bike event for 2017 along the 177 K John Wayne Trail, available through online registration.
 - c. **Northwest Region, #3—Mike Zewe** reported a couple multiple events will be held in September 2017—the NW Tulip Trekkers will hold another International Walking Weekend with the Surrey (BC) Trekkers the second weekend of the month. The last weekend of September the Interlaken Trailblazers will host a walking festival in Winthrop, featuring 7 walks and one bike.
 - d. **Central Puget Sound Region, #4, Dorman Batson** was sick with pneumonia.
 - e. **South Sound Region, #5—Carolyn Warhol** announced the annual January Slip and Slide in East Cle Elum. If the weather doesn't cooperate with snow, the John Wayne Trail will be available for walking. Sometime in 2017 the Evergreen Wanderers will host a Memory Walk in honor of several former members. The Daffodils will host their January walk in Puyallup. Don't forget about Seabreeze in February, with Henry Rosales, AVA

Exec. Director, as guest. Eleanor Borgardts stated that the AVA website is her source of initial information for the YRE listings in the NW Pathfinder. Be sure to include complete information on the AVA website. If it is updated mid-year, please send updated info to Eleanor also. The Pathfinder is now looking for a new editor.

- f. **Southwest Region, #6—Tom Baltes reported for Burt Paynter.** The Vancouver USA “Talk Like a Pirate” event was a success, and the club will probably do another one next year. Tom challenged us to try themed events. On December 18th Longview will offer their Soup Walk. They will try an experiment of “no free walkers”, with everyone paying a donation of \$1.00 or walking for credit. April 15th the All Weather Walkers will celebrate their 25th anniversary with a walk in Camas. The Vancouver USA club helped with trail cleanup, which generated a letter from the city saying that they will not have to pay the usual event fees in the future.
8. **Standing Committee Report.** The 2018 challenge will feature wineries, breweries, and distilleries.
9. **Continuing Business—**Joe Blazek reported on the YRE Periodic Review. Process and guidelines are in place. He had hoped to have about 25% reviewed each year. Since 1 July, 26 walks have been reviewed, about 5% of the total. Reviewing 5k and 10k options separately, there are about 523 routes to review, so many participants are needed. The ESVA website has the guidelines and forms. Completed walk reviews will be posted on the ESVA website, and Joe will update the list periodically to assure no duplication of effort. Process: Review list of completed routes, choose route that DOES NOT BELONG to your club, download form, do walk, fill out form and send it to Joe (email to joeblazek1@gmail.com or call 509-899-6535 or snail mail to 1913 Green Parks Dr., Ellensburg, WA 98926) Joe will review, post on ESVA website and forward form to AC, who will work with club to make changes.
10. **New Business**
 - a. **Publicity Committee—**Need volunteers. Sharon will send a reminder to clubs.
 - b. **Finance Committee—**Sharon, Joe, Mike Nagan, and Sherry Ogur offered to assist Cathy in planning next year’s budget, to be approved at the annual meeting.
 - c. **Tom Baltes proposed a three-month winter challenge with Oregon.** The purpose is to encourage people to walk, bike, ski, or swim sanctioned events during 1 Jan-31 Mar 2017. Events could be completed anywhere within the Northwest Region. People would either walk for credit or donate \$1.00 to help defray expenses. Every 10 events completed would translate into one ticket to be thrown into the raffle pot. The more events completed within the three months, the higher the chances for winning. First, second, and third prizes would be awarded in both Oregon and Washington. People could win only one prize. A motion carried to approve up to \$250.00 from ESVA to fund a 1st Quarter 2017 Event Contest with Oregon or just ESVA. Details will be approved by the Executive Committee. Tom volunteered to work with Ed Hainline.
11. **Regional Director’s Report—**
 - a. **Nancy Wittenberg** reported 15 November is the deadline for four things: (1) clubs to update their officer lists on the AVA website. Even if there are no changes, it is

necessary to go the website and click “submit”. (2) Treasurers need to send in their financial reports. (3) They also need to forward to AVA a copy of the confirmation from the IRS that their e-post card has been received. (4) National awards—Distinguished Service, Hall of Fame, and Trailblazer—all have to get to Nancy for her approval and forwarding to the Awards Chair for NEC approval. Nancy can approve Commendable Service, Meritorious Service, and Certificates of Appreciation.

- b. Nancy’s term as Northwest Regional Director will be up 30 June 2017. Tom Baltes has indicated interest in running for NWRD, while Nancy will run for AVA Vice President.
- c. Another good idea from Oregon is scanning and archiving old walk directions. Perhaps some will reappear as new walks.
- d. Nancy plans to propose to the NEC: (1) Making permanent per participant sanctioning for remote sites; (2) group walk stamp, which would allow clubs, especially remote clubs, leeway in sanctioning as many walks as they wish; (3) automatic renewal of YRE’s, with clubs indicating only the ones not for renewal; (4) question of why we have \$5.00 quarterly fees vs. fees based on the number of months.
- e. Nancy is looking for more ideas for the NEC to consider. Please think outside the box and forward ideas to Nancy.

12. Wrap-up—Upcoming meetings:

- a. 18 February 2017, Seabreeze in Ocean Shores. Round table with Henry Rosales, AVA Executive Director, from 3:00-4:30 at the Galilean Chapel next door. Attendees can enjoy CVC-made soup for a donation or lunch on their own.
- b. 6 May 2017, annual meeting in Spokane, Bloomsday weekend.
- c. 7-9 June 1017, AVA Convention, Billings, Montana,
- d. 29-30 September, fall meeting in Winthrop at the Barn
- e. In May or June 2018 the annual meeting in Southwest Washington.

13. No announcements

14. Adjournment at 2:40

Submitted by

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