

## ESVA Executive Committee Meeting

Feb 18, 2017

1. **Introductions** unnecessary
2. **Treasurer's Report.** Cathy Greutert reported Dec 31, 2016, account balances of \$31,401.44 in checking and \$25.75 in savings, for a total of \$31,427.19. The net loss, as of Dec 31, was \$884.44, which was expected, as we are trying to reduce our reserves this FY and next. This was a result of no walking income, neither for YRE's nor traditional events.
3. **Area Reconfiguration and how are clubs doing (AC's)**
  - a. **Central Puget Sound**-- Dorman Batson said most of his clubs are doing well, though Sea-Tac is struggling, but not quitting, as they are the second club formed in WA State.
  - b. **Eastern**--Dennis Standridge reported that the Spokane club has only been able to walk two times since December because of the weather. They walked in Couer d'Alene on New Year's Day in the snow. They are looking forward to hosting Bloomsday Weekend and the next ESVA meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> at Manito Park. October 19-21, the Daffodils are traveling to Spokane to walk. He recommends the Seasonal in Farragut State Park, Idaho, as a wonderful walk.
  - c. **Central**--Lynn Blazek invited everyone to the walk on Stevens Pass on Aug 26<sup>th</sup> at the Wellington Trailhead. The Central WA Sun Striders are currently preparing a long-distance bike route along the John Wayne Trail, from North Bend to the Columbia River. She reported that the Pasco YRE has been rerouted to following the river. The club participation numbers are staying the same.
  - d. **Southwest**--Burt Paynter reported that his clubs are doing about the same. Group walking is going well, with good response from Meetup. Walking Adventures International is sponsoring an event in Vancouver on March 18<sup>th</sup>, with two groups and individual options available.
  - e. **South Sound**--Carolyn Warhol reported that her clubs are doing well, but the Evergreen Wanderers, first club in WA State, is challenged by an IRS issue. Should they deactivate and then resurrect? The Evergreen Wanderers will hold Saturday Meetups, when there are no traditional walks.
  - f. **Northwest**--Sharon Moats reported for Mike Zewe, who now lives in Port Angeles. He has visited all his clubs. Tulip Trekkers are doing well and will sponsor an International Weekend with two Canadian clubs in Sept. The Sound Steppers' numbers have been down for the last two Turkey Trots (probably weather-related). They will work with the Interlaken club on the Winthrop weekend in Sept. There seems to be lower participation, across the board, with fewer traditional events being held. How many traditional events have group walks?
4. **YRE Reviews**—Joe Blazek is pleased that people are taking this project seriously and reported about 14% reviewed. He maintains a current list of completed routes on the ESVA website. At this time the form is not "fillable", but will be soon. In the interim, scan and email or snail mail your review to Joe. One important requirement should be added to the criteria—an emergency # for people to call, if necessary.

5. **Training**—Sharon announced training in Plot-a-Route on Sunday, as well as a treasurers' meeting.
6. **AVA Convention Delegates**—Joe Blazek was selected as primary for ESVA, with Dennis Standridge as alternate. ESVA will pay for the delegate, as well as the alternate. ESVA Policy: *(The "Meetings/social package" registration fee associated with attending the biennial AVA convention for one ESVA delegate and one ESVA alternate. However, payment of the expense is not authorized if the officer or representative is reimbursed for the same expense by any other club or organization)*. Delegates/Officers will work details. Every club should be represented. If clubs don't send delegates, these two can carry proxies. AC's will check status of their clubs.
7. **Brainstorming for 2017-2018 Budget**—Ideas for possible inclusion in next year's budget: Nancy suggested \$1000 to AVA for the Big Give 2018; Sharon recommended \$500 as a retainer for Jan Jarrell to service our website; continuation of funding Meetup groups; perhaps emulating OTSVA's grant application for financially insecure clubs; helping fund events designed to appeal to new walkers or to establish new clubs; club support. Anyone who has ideas should email Cathy, who will present them to the Finance Committee.
8. **ESVA Meeting Schedule 2017-2018** and projected budget costs
  - a. Spokane—May 6, 2017, annual meeting; ESVA will pay for lunch for attendees; Executive committee meeting at 11:30. \$200.00 budget allocation.
  - b. Winthrop—Saturday Sept 30, 2017 Board meeting at 3:00, so people have time to walk; \$100 for conference room rental and mid-afternoon snack budget allocation.
  - c. Vancouver area—Spring, 2018—1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of May
  - d. Multi-event weekend—Fall, 2018
9. **Other Business**
  - a. The Winter Walking Challenge was extended through the end of April, to accommodate walkers from Eastern and Southwest Washington, who have been unable to walk, due to bad weather. Winning tickets will be drawn at the May meeting. Tom Baltes displayed three, beautiful, embroidered towels, which will be given to the three top walkers.
  - b. Northwest Regional Director Election--On Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> clubs will receive a list of candidates and their resumes. Each club will have 60 days in which to choose their preferred candidate and return their ballot. So far, Tom Baltes, Deputy RD, is the only candidate.
10. Meeting adjourned at 2:55.

Submitted by  
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