

ESVA Board of Directors Annual Meeting

May 6, 2017

1. **Call to order** at 1:00
2. **Welcome** of members and guests—President Sharon Moats thanked Lilac City for the beautiful walk and lovely lunch.
3. **Minutes were accepted.**
4. **No correspondence** to report.
5. **President's Report**—Sharon reported that it's the end of the fiscal year. One of her major projects has been helping establish the new ESVA website. This year ESVA has transitioned from three Board Meetings to two, with an interval at Seabreeze, when the Executive Committee met and Henry Rosales conducted a round table discussion.
6. **Secretary's Report**—Bonnie Tucker will update the Leadership Roster, as clubs have their elections. Be sure to notify her of contact information as it changes. The goal is to publish the new roster in July.
7. **Vice President's Report**—Joe Blazek reported ten months into the YRE Review Program that 19% had been reviewed before the previous day's critiques. With those + continued effort expended, he is confident we will reach the goal of 25% for this year. He recommended reviewing walks on the way home from Spokane. The majority of walks reviewed are in the Seattle to Olympia area; walks in the North Puget Sound area and Vancouver need to be critiqued. The new electronic form is now available on the ESVA website, as well as a list of all the walks which have been reviewed. If a club has a new walk for next year or one with major revisions since review, notify Joe, who will try to get someone to review it before you print it.
8. **Treasurer's Report**-- Cathy Greutert reviewed Financial Statements from March 31, 2017, which show account balances of \$30,360.59 checking and \$25.75 savings, for a total of \$30,386.34. The proposed 2018 budget shows income of \$1500 from challenge books and \$550 from club dues, for a total of \$2,050.00. Total expenses are estimated at \$5,799.00, for a budget drawdown of \$3,749.00. Club dues will be due after July 1st, beginning of the new FY. Cathy thanked the Finance Committee, composed of Sherry Ogur, Sharon Moats, Joe Blazek, and Mike Nagan. In addition, Mike Nagan offered to review the ESVA financial records before the September meeting.
9. **Area Coordinators' Reports**
 - a. **Eastern Region, #1—Dennis Standridge** thanked everyone for attending their event and Bloomsday the next day. Lilac City is doing one-two walks weekly. When the Daffodils make a club trip to Spokane next October, Lilac City will create an event for them. They may do a future guided walk in Odessa. Because of demand, ESVA will sanction Odessa as a seasonal from July 1-Oct 31, 2017. Sharon Moats will be the focal for this Remote Start Walk.
 - b. **Central Region, #2—Lynn Blazek** reported a new member in the Yakima Club. They are considering having a seasonal in Ginko Petrified Forest at Vantage in 2018. New this year is a bike along the Iron Horse State Park Trail.

c. **Northwest Region, #3—Mike Zewe** announced that Interlaken will retire 5 YRE's for 2018: Bridle Trails, Bellevue Downtown, Woodinville, Bothell, Bainbridge Island. Sept 9-10 The Tulip Trekkers are hosting an International Festival with the Surrey Trekkers and the Vancouver Venturers. He also invited people to the three-day event in Winthrop Sept 28-Oct 2.

d. **Central Puget Sound Region, #4—Dorman Batson** mentioned Armed Forces Day May 20th at JBLM, hosted by Sea-Tac, who have been presenting this event for over 30 years. Passports or enhanced drivers' licenses are required for post access. Northwest Hiking Weekend will be held at Stevenson from July 28-30th.

The 4+ Foolhardy Folks are closing the first Extreme Challenge book, which was sold in 2005 to 2010. They have 150 patches left and would like people to send in their books, even if they haven't completed the top level. The club will send a patch, when they receive the book. Send books to: Extreme Challenge Books, c/o Dorman Batson, 35806 1st Ave S, Federal Way, WA 98003.

e. **South Sound Region, #5—Carolyn Warhol** reported growth in participation from Meetup for both the Daffodils and Capitol. The Daffodils do two group walks/week, and Capitol hosts three. On Aug 12 the Daffodils and the Evergreen Wanderers are taking the train to Portland to walk one or two year-rounds, and they invite other clubs to join them.

f. **Southwest Region, #6—Burt Paynter** reported his clubs are doing fairly well. Their goal is to have more members more involved. Vancouver USA will be hosting their annual July 4th walk. All Weather Walkers are offering an event in North Bonneville on July 8th, and the Border Crossers are going to Scappoose, OR, for their July 29th event. Vancouver USA and Rose City Roamers combine forces for Wed group walks, and Vancouver USA and All Weather walk together on Thurs. evenings for 5K. They advertise these shorter walks in the local paper. For the Apr 28, 2018, annual meeting in Battle Ground, there may be a Friday night walk scheduled to end at a local brewpub, so attendees can look forward to two walks.

10. Standing Committee Reports

a. **NW Pathfinder Club** updates—Buffy Wittenberg reported that at the end of the year Eleanor Borgardts will retire from being Editor; the Pathfinder is looking for a replacement. All members (everyone who receives a copy of the NW Pathfinder) are welcome to attend meetings, usually held after ESVA meetings. Soon there will be a survey of members to help shape the magazine.

b. **Challenges Committee**—Cathy Greutert spoke for Diane Hildebrand. The 2018 ESVA Challenge will be Distilleries, Wineries, and Breweries. Books will cost \$10 and will be available at the New Year's Eve Walk, as well as on the ESVA website. Diane Hildebrand is the POC.

11. **Unfinished Business—Tom Baltes reported on the Winter Walking Contest.** Drawing for prizes would be accomplished at the Wed. Walk in Vancouver. At the time of publishing the minutes the winners are known: There were 35 competitors with impressive numbers. Top three were: Chase Davis (101) from Olympia; Don Whitt (93) from Gig Harbor; Bonnie Tucker (80) from Olympia. Lucky winners from the drawing were: 1st (\$100) Bonnie Tucker; 2nd (\$75) Patty Kinney; 3rd (\$50) Nancy Treibel.

12. **New Business:**

- a. **Acceptance of 2017-2018 Budget**—Cathy Greutert stated that the object is to draw down the balance by \$3,749.00. A motion passed to add a line item of \$500 for donations to 501C-3 organizations; another passing motion was to add a line item of \$250 for the Winter Walking Contest. The budget was adopted as amended. A copy of the budget will be sent to all clubs, rather than posting it on the ESVA website.
- b. **2017 AVA Convention—Status Update**—Nancy presented information on all national candidates, both declared and those who will be nominated from the floor. To support changed needed at AVA, these are the candidates for whom Washington delegates (from ESVA and all clubs) should vote: Dave Bonewitz, President; Nancy Wittenberg, Vice President; Bob Morrison, Treasurer; Sam Korff, Secretary.
- c. **ESVA Delegate Update**—Joe Blazek is the ESVA Delegate; Dennis Standridge is the Alternate.
- d. **Club participation**—Do all clubs have a delegate? We need EVERY vote for Northwest candidates. AC's should check and double check to make sure their clubs have delegates or proxies. **ESVA has reserved two tables at the convention. All are encouraged to bring/send brochures and examples of PR, either for distribution or display.**

13. **Regional Director's Report**—

- a. Awards presentation--Nancy Wittenberg presented anniversary certificates to the following clubs: 35 years to the Evergreen Wanderers (WA's first club) and Sea-Tac; 30 years to the NW Tulip Trekkers; 25 years to the Over-The-Hill Gang. Meritorious Service Awards went to: Allan Heritage, George Withers, Romana Paynter, and Burt Paynter.
- b. Distinguished Achievement Awards require national experience. What kind of award can the Northwest propose to AVA that would be like a Continuous Distinguished Achievement Award on the regional level, something to acknowledge continuous excellence?
- c. Send names of those who have died since the 2015 AVA Convention to Karen@AVA.org. This necrology list will be read at the convention.
- d. Nancy requested that clubs not schedule events in other clubs' territory (i.e. holding a traditional event in an area where another club has YRE trails); coordination is necessary to maximize participation with our dwindling numbers. Also do not schedule a meetup on the same day as a nearby traditional event.
- e. Wait until after July 1st to sanction YRE's for next year, as AVA is still working to improve the sanctioning software.
- f. Individuals and clubs can still donate to the Big Give.
- g. Since there's only one club in Alaska and one in Idaho, the responsibility for regional conferences falls on WA and OR, with 2018 being Washington's turn. After discussion, it was decided to host a regional conference in the Port Angeles area, featuring the Olympic Peninsula area, showcasing OPE's existing YRE's and adding trails as traditional events. Perhaps it should be held in July to work around the CRVC's Aug 10-12 event in Dufur, OR, and the Sept 10th weekend on Whidbey Island. Mike Zewe will be the POC. We also need to get the "seed" money from Boise.

- h. Buffy proposed an ESVA cruise to Alaska as a creative way to have a regional conference. There was concern that the participation wouldn't be high enough, but there was interest in the trip as a fun thing to do. Buffy is willing to investigate.
- 14. **Announcements**—Dorman Batson announced that Bob Hellers passed away May 5th. Sharon thanked Jan Jerrell (sp) for her work on the website. By inference, Tom Baltes was announced as our new Regional Director, as of July 1st.
- 15. **Adjournment** at 3:04.

Submitted by
Bonnie Tucker
ESVA Secretary