

**Evergreen State Volkssport Association Board of Directors
Annual Meeting**

April 28, 2018

Battle Ground, Washington

1. **Call to Order:** President Sharon Moats called the meeting to order at 12:59 pm.
2. **Welcome of Members and Guests:** Sharon thanked the Vancouver USA club for hosting the walk and providing the lunch.
3. **Recognitions:** Sharon recognized and thanked Dorman Batson, Central Puget Sound Area Coordinator for his years of service; Eleanor Borgardts for her many years as the NW Pathfinder Editor; and Bonnie Tucker for her work as ESVA secretary. Eleanor introduced Chase Davis who has taken over the position of NW Pathfinder Editor.
4. **Acceptance of the Minutes:** John Warhol made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Dorman Batson seconded the motion. The motion passed.
5. **Correspondence:** AVA President David Bonewitz sent a letter of thanks for the \$500 donation that ESVA gave to the Big Give.
6. **President's Report:** Sharon spoke of "club bonds across the state" about clubs working together, the use of the ESVA Facebook page to share our walks and sharing club information. Tom Baltes, NW Regional Director, talked about an upcoming trip of the Vancouver area walkers to the Tri-Cities and invited others to join the group.
7. **Vice-President's Report:** Joe Blazek exclaimed that his first term as V.P. was an "exciting" one.
8. **Secretary's Report:** Bonnie Tucker sent a note thanking all for working with her for the last 8 years and wished the best to the new secretary and other officers.
9. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. Cathy Greutert reported the Net Income as of March 31, 2018 was -\$2,459.45. The total bank balance including both checking and savings is \$26,824.64. Due to income for the Northwest Regional Conference, there was a gain over the Dec. 31, 2017 balance but once the Conference dinner and other expenses come due, the balance will go down. The goal is still to reduce the amount of the bank balance over the next several years.
 - b. In regards to the Northwest Regional Conference, on the books as of March 31 is \$263.17 paid out as expenses and \$2,003.84 in income for a current line item of \$1,740.67.
 - c. Seventy-six Distilleries-Wineries-Breweries challenge books have been sold so far this fiscal year along with 1 Womb-to-Tomb and 5 WA State County books.
10. **Area Coordinators Reports:**
 - a. **Eastern Region, #1**—Dennis Standridge. Allen Heritage represented Dennis who has had surgery and is home recovering. Allen talked about the Bloomsday event, guided walks coming up, and a meeting/walk the Lilac City group had in Colfax.
 - b. **Central Region, #2**—Lynn Blazek. Lynn talked about Central WA Sun Striders preparing for their event walk in Cle Elum in September.
 - c. **North West Region, #3**—Mike Zewe. Mike was absent but Bob Payton of the NW Tulip Trekkers reported on the upcoming Whidbey Walking Festival in September.

- d. **Central Puget Sound Region, #4**—Dorman Batson. Dorman listed the several walks that will be happening in his area. The 4+ Foolhardy Folks will have 2 new walks in Glacier Nat. Park and 4 on Maui.
- e. **South Sound Region, #5**—Carolyn Warhol. Carolyn talked briefly about the change in venue for the Key Peninsula Lions' event this coming summer and events coming up for other clubs in her area.
- f. **Southwest Region, #6**—Burt Paynter. Burt mentioned upcoming walks in his area—An art walk in Washougal, the July 4th walk, "Talk like a Pirate" walk, and Dick Baker's summer Wed. morning walks in August.

11. Standing Committee Reports:

- a. **Finance and Budget**—Cathy Greutert. The 2018-2019 proposed budget was reviewed. There was some discussion about the line item for Publicity. Bob Payton would like to see more money spent on advertising. He made a suggestion about having large orange signs at an event that would invite neighbors, etc. to come see what was happening. It was agreed to add a \$500 line item under Publicity for further "marketing". Bob Payton and Joe Blazek will come up with a signage. Other volunteers can help work on this project. The Winter Walk Challenge was brought up for discussion. Only 24 walkers returned their challenge sheets this year. It was decided to leave this in the budget but look at it later in the year. Dorman Batson made a motion to accept the 2018-2019 budget as amended. Eleanor Borgardts seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- b. **Challenges Committee**—Lynn Blazek. Sharon Moats explained that in the future the Challenges Committee will be reporting via a paragraph that will be attached to the ESVA Board minutes. Lynn spoke of the 2019-2021 Historic Train Stations Challenge. The stations must have been built in 1930 or before and could be repurposed now but must still have the look of a depot. Dorman will create a patch and 15 stamps will be required.

12. Unfinished Business:

- a. **Winter Walking Contest**—Ed Hainline. The winners of the REI gift certificates were Jan Paige--\$100, Chase Davis--\$75, and Burt Paynter--\$50. Receivers of the Louise Baltes medal hand towels for the most YREs walked were Gold—Jan Paige (120), Silver—Chase Davis (60), and Bronze--Pat Ellsberg (55).
- b. **YRE Reviews**--Joe Blazek. Joe reported that 36% of the YRE/Seasonals have been reviewed. He is concerned about brand new walks and newly revised routes and would like clubs to let him know if they have any that need to be reviewed.
- c. **2018 NW Regional Conference**—Sharon Moats. Cathy Greutert reported that there are 73 walkers registered for the conference; 62 have signed up for the dinner; and 65 have signed up for the Meet & Greet. Sharon Moats explained that a road closure inside the National Park affects two of our walk routes. It is not clear if the road will be fixed or not by the time we want to use it. Mike Zewe, conference chairman, will looking at alternatives just in case. Tom Baltes asked for ideas for training sessions.

13. New Business:

- a. **Motion to update ESVA Standing Rules:** Sharon Moats explained the motion will revise Section II-Fees of the Standing Rules as follows: "All clubs in Washington State will pay ESVA \$25.00 per year commencing 7/1/16 (due in 90 days). ~~At the end of the 2017-18 fiscal year, this provision shall be extended or revised. (Review to begin Jan 1, 2018)~~ In even numbered years this provision shall be reviewed." Lynn Blazek made a motion to approve the change to the Standing Rules. Burt Paynter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- b. **Report of the Election Committee:** In the absence of the members of the nominating committee, Sharon Moats reported on the slate of officers. President—Sharon Moats; Vice-President—Joe Blazek; Secretary—Holly Spaulding; and Treasurer—Cathy Greutert. As the positions were not contested, they were filled by acclamation.
 - c. **ESVA Support for Multi-Day Activities:** The Emerald City Wanderers is working on a program using the light rail system in the greater Seattle area. To help support this program, Sharon suggested that the 2019 spring ESVA meeting be held in the SeaTac area which is the southern-most Link station. The Board agreed. The Board also agreed to the idea of holding a second Winthrop weekend in the Fall of 2019. ESVA would be the overall coordinating club while several individual clubs would host a variety of events.
14. **Regional Director's Report**—Tom Baltés.
- a. There is an updated Youth Liability and Photo waiver that clubs need to have available for families.
 - b. Tom praised us for standardizing our YRE walk directions and asked us to keep reminding our hosting stores what and where the walk box is.
 - c. NEC will be meeting in Albany, NY. There will be a motion about Associate Members being able to submit their IVV books electronically.
 - d. Tom thanked the 4+ Foolhardy Folks for their Othello weekend.
 - e. It is time for clubs to talk about renewing their YREs.
 - f. Club annual reports can be submitted July 1. The sooner, the better.
 - g. The AVA Training Committee is looking at subject areas for the 2019 Convention.
 - h. The AVA Website has had a lot of work done to it and is functioning much better.
 - i. The traveling guided walk stamp is still a pilot program until 2019.
 - j. Yearly AVA club fees have been rolled back to \$50. Hosting a traditional event is no longer connected to the fee.
 - k. The idea of changing the AVA fiscal year is still be considered but would need to be voted on by the clubs at the national convention.
15. **Announcements:**
- a. The AVA Big Give received almost \$73,000 in donation money.
 - b. Ed Hainline is updating the birthday list that is published in the NW Pathfinder. He wants help looking over the list and editing it.
 - c. The Daryl Pulley Memorial Walk will be July 6, 2019.
16. **Adjournment:** The main Board meeting was adjourned. Sharon asked for club representatives to remain to vote on their individual Area Coordinators. The following will serve as Area Coordinators for the 2018-2020 terms of office:
- Eastern Region, #1—Dennis Standridge
 - Central Region, #2—Lynn Blazek
 - North West Region, #3—Bob Payton
 - Central Puget Sound Region, #4—Mike Nagan
 - South Sound Region, #5—Carolyn Warhol
 - Southwest Region, #6—Burt Paynter
17. **Next ESVA meetings:**
- October 27, 2018 Carnation, WA Senior Center
 - Executive Committee Sea Breeze February, 2019 Ocean Shores, WA
 - April 13, 2019 SeaTac Area (Light Rail walks)

Submitted by

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