

Evergreen State Volkssport Association
Board of Directors Meeting
October 27,2018
Carnation, WA

1. **Call to Order:** President Sharon Moats called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Sharon announced the excused absence of Vice President Joe Blazek, Central Area Coordinator Lynn Blazek, and Central Puget Sound Area Coordinator Mike Nagan.
2. **Welcome to Members and Guests:** Sharon welcomed all members and guests. She introduced Holly Spaulding the ESVA Secretary elected at July's meeting. All attendees introduced themselves.
3. **Acceptance of Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed.
4. **Correspondence:** Sharon Moats shared a thank you note from the Olympic Discovery Trail Foundation (Port Angeles, WA) for ESVA's \$1,040 donation.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Cathy Greutert reported as of September 30, 2018. Account balances are: \$24,349.10 checking and \$25.75 savings, for a total of \$24,374.85. The net loss as of September 30 (the first quarter of our fiscal year) was (\$3,441.34). This was due to the amount of expenses paid out for the Northwest Regional Conference during the month of July. We had significant income prior to July and in the end did not lose money on the conference. Our total bank balance last September 30 was \$27,105.96. We have reduced our balance by \$2,731.11 over the past year. (We currently retain the \$700.00 seed money for the next NW Regional Conference and will forward when requested to OTSVA.) This reduction is welcome. We have sold 100 Distilleries-Wineries-Breweries challenge books so far. This challenge started back on January 1. Five completed booklets have been received and certificates and patches were mailed.
6. **Area Coordinators' Reports**
 - a. **Eastern Region:** Dennis Standridge reported that Bloomsday will be sanctioned again next year. The Pomeroy walk will be separated into two walks. The downtown Spokane walk has a new route Dayton, Pomeroy, and Newport walks all have qualifying train station challenges on them. July 5-6 there will be a walking event which includes walks in the Coeur d'Alene and Wallace areas.
 - b. **Central Region:** Millie Haupt reported 102 walk participants when the Vancouver Groups walked in the tri-cities area in mid-October.
 - c. **Northwest Region:** Bob Payton reported 716 events and 258 walkers for the Whidbey Island Walking Festival (WWF). The NW Tulip Trekkers (NWTT), during the WWF, included the Olympic Peninsula Explorers' (OPE) walk in Port Townsend. Revenue from the proceeds from that walk was given to OPE. NWTT worked with OPE during the WWF. Tom Baltes has encouraged clubs working together on traditional events. Bob, Joe Blazek and Tom Baltes are working on banner and sign upgrades for the state's clubs.
 - d. **Central Puget Sound Region:** Jane Clark reported that seven clubs are doing a combined challenge. Emerald City Wanderers will provide patches for the Light Rail Challenge. The walks all start, finish or walk by a light rail station. The books will be for sale at the New Year's Eve Walk.
 - e. **South Sound Region:** Carolyn Warhol reported that the popular Mud Mountain Dam walk has been sanctioned for 2019. A new park is opening in Fife in October and a walk may be developed in that area. November 23rd is the #OptOutside walk on the Sumner Link Trail hosted by the Daffodil Valley

Volkssport Club. The Evergreen Wanderers will no longer meet monthly, but will meet quarterly the third Wednesday of the month. Capitol Volkssport will host their annual Christmas Walk again this year and in 2019 will host the Seabreeze Walking Festival in February.

f. **Southwest Region:** Burt Paynter reported that the Talk Like a Pirate Walk was a success and received coverage in the local newspaper. November 23rd the Vancouver USA Volkssporters will host an #OptOutside walk called A Stately Walk because the route takes walkers on 20 streets named after states. The Vancouver USA Volkssporters hosted a three day trip for walks in the Tri Cities area in hopes of generating interest in starting a club there. There were 31 travelers and the walks generated \$400 in revenue. Everyone enjoyed the trip and the wine tasting at 14 Hands Winery. Tom Baltes said that these joint events are a good template for future events. The Vancouver USA Volkssporters' July 4th event in 2019 will celebrate the 30 anniversary of the event.

8. Standing Committee Reports

a. **Challenges Committee:** Cathy Greutert reported that the Historic Train Station Challenge books are available now. They require 15 stamps. The train station must have been built before 1930 and still look like a train station. Walks that have train stations on their routes are plentiful.

9. Unfinished Business

a. **Status of YR Review Program:** Sharon Moats reported that soon the ESVA website will list the walks that haven't been reviewed instead of those already reviewed because so many of them have already been reviewed. The review process is moving along faster than anticipated.

b. **2018 NW Regional Conference Report:** Sharon Moats reported 960 walk events, 267 walkers and a \$260 profit from the conference. The profit is after a \$1,040 donation to the Olympic Discovery Trail Foundation.

c. **ESVA Winthrop Fall Walking Roundup:** Sharon Moats reported that the Interlaken Trailblazers will host this event with assistance from the Sound Steppers and Central WA Sunstriders. Other clubs are encouraged to sponsor a walk for the event. There are many walks on the way to Winthrop traveling to Winthrop from any direction.

d. **Publicity Banners:** Tom Baltes has contacted a banner manufacturer in Boring, Oregon, and a company called Banners on the Cheap to get design and pricing information. This information will be used to upgrade publicity banners for clubs' use for events. Bob Payton and Joe Blazek will be working on this.

e. **Winter Walking Contest:** Sharon Moats asked for a vote to hold the Winter Walking Contest again this year. The group voted in favor of doing so. Instead of REI cards, winners will be given Visa cards. The cards will be in the amounts of \$100, \$75, and \$50 for first, second, and third place. Louise Baltes will embroider towels with the AVA emblem for participants who do the most walks during the contest. Reminders will be sent to participants during the contest to keep them motivated. Money for this program has been budgeted for the current fiscal year.

10. New Business

a. **ESVA Next Meeting Time:** April 13, 2019, is the date for the next ESVA meeting. It will be at Sea-Tac, WA, possibly at the Valley View Community Center. After a brief discussion, it was decided to begin the meeting at 9:00 am. This will allow attendees to spend the rest of the day riding the rails and walking at the Light Rail Weekend Event hosted by several clubs.

b. **ESVA Review of Books:** Sharon asked for a volunteer to conduct the annual review of finances. Burt Paynter volunteered.

c. **Publicity Committee:** Tom Baltes, Bob Hall, and Bob Payton will work with OTSVA to see if they can form a regional publicity committee rather than a state committee.

11. **Regional Director's Report**

a. Tom Baltes passed out a new publicity flyer produced by AVA which was first used at the Crazy Horse event this summer.

b. He also passed out a sheet listing the proposed changes to the AVA Policy Manual.

c. Seventy-six quarterly reports are delinquent and twelve annual reports are delinquent.

d. The nominating committee for the upcoming election of Regional Director and Deputy Regional Director are: Louise Dix, Chair; Helen Ross, Bob Hall, and Mike Migolo

e. Yellow Knife, NW Territory, Canada, is the site for the June 12-14, 2020 Canadian Convention

f. There are plenty of openings on the event calendar for events.

g. Box tenders will be receiving new stamp handles with their new stamps for 2019 so that box tenders may have the convenience of having two. Keep both handles for future use.

h. Members may now cut and paste insert card stamps into their books effective immediately.

i. Tom requested that members who would like to nominate someone for a national or regional award use the nomination form on the AVA website, complete it, and submit it to him.

j. The American Wanderer will only publish four editions a year instead of six beginning in 2019. This will save the AVA \$8,000 a year.

k. Tom requested that clubs bring auction items to the convention in New York.

l. The Checkpoint is a way that the AVA tries to communicate important information to its members. Please take the time to read it.

m. Please let *karen@ava.org* know of members that have passed away since the last convention so that they may be mentioned at the convention in New York.

12. **Wrap Up:** Sharon explained that the Seattle Times does a good job of listing all the Volkssport events in the whole region. They get their information from the AVA website so please make sure that the information in the sanction for your club's walks is correct.

13. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.

14. **Next ESVA Meetings**

a. April 13, 2019, Sea-Tac (Light Rail Walks) Annual Meeting

b. Executive Committee Meeting February 2019, Ocean Shores, Seabreeze Event

Submitted by Holly Spaulding

ESVA Secretary