

Evergreen State Volkssport Association

Board of Directors Meeting

April 25, 2020

Zoom Meeting ID# 631 082 633

1. Call to Order: President Sharon Moats called the meeting to order at 9:18 am.

2. Winter Walking Contest Drawing. Ed Hainline, OTSVA VP, explained that there were 26 participants in the Winter Walking Contest and then drew for prizes. The winners of the drawing are as follows:

\$100 check Pam Grieg-Davis, Lacey, WA

\$75 check Jean Ohl, Vancouver, WA

\$50 check Jan Paige, Federal Way

The following received beautifully embroidered tea towels made by Louise Baltes. The towels have the AVA symbol embroidered on them in Gold, Silver, and Bronze. They go to the walkers who did the most walks during the contest.

Jan Paige, Federal Way, WA	178 walks	Gold
Pat Ellsberg, Vancouver, WA	102 walks	Silver
Chase Davis, Lacey, WA	60 walks	Bronze

3. Welcome of members and guests: Sharon Moats welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the Zoom meeting. She expressed appreciation to the Tulip Trekkers for planning our ESVA meeting and walk and regret that we had to have a Zoom meeting rather than meet in Bellingham.

4. Quorum Roll Call: Holly Spaulding called roll and those in attendance are as follows: Sharon Moats, President; Joe Blazek, VP; Holly Spaulding, Secretary; Cathy Greutert, Treasurer; Janet Traweek, President and ESVA Rep for the All Weather Walkers; Liz Morrison, ESVA Rep for Capitol Volkssport Club; Sue Opp, ESVA Rep for the Daffodil Valley Volkssport Club; Tess Sutton, ESVA Alternate Rep for the Evergreen Wanderers; Lisa Robertson, ESVA Rep for the F.S. Family Wanderers; Katie Sell, President and ESVA Rep for the Interlaken Trailblazers; Allan Heritage, President of Lilac City Volkssport; Dennis Standridge, ESVA Rep for Lilac City Volkssport and Deputy Regional Director; Bob Payton, ESVA Rep for NW Tulip Trekkers and Northwest AC; Todd Oberlander, President of the Olympic Peninsula Explorers; Chase Davis, President of the Pathfinder Volkssport Club; Sherry Ogur, ESVA Rep and President of the Sound Steppers; Sandi Severtsen, ESVA alternate Rep for the Sound Steppers; Burt Paynter, ESVA alternate Rep for Vancouver USA Volkssport and Southwest AC; Tom Baltes, President of Vancouver USA Volkssport and Regional Director; Louise Baltes, Secretary of Vancouver USA Volkssport; Lynn Blazek, Central AC; Mike Nagan, Central Puget Sound AC; Carolyn Warhol, South Sound AC; and Ed Hainline, OTSVA Vice President.

5. Acceptance of Minutes: There being no additions or corrections to the minutes for the meeting on September 20, 2019, they were approved.

6. Correspondence. Sharon Moats said the ESVA received a thank you note from AVA for the \$500 donation to the Big Give.

7. Annual Report of Officers: President Sharon Moats, Vice President Joe Blazek, Treasurer Cathy Greutert, and Lynn Blazek, Special Programs Committee Chair, submitted written annual reports to Executive Committee members prior to the meeting. The reports are attached.

8. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Cathy Greutert, gave the following financial report: The March 31, 2020, account balances are: \$20,075.41 checking and \$25.75 savings, for a total of \$20,101.16. Of note:

1. The Net Income as of 31 March (the end of the third quarter of our fiscal year) was -\$1,134.60.
2. Five years ago, on March 31, 2015, our bank balance was \$31,013.97. We have slowly and deliberately reduced our balance.
3. Our Washington State Challenges brought in \$690 for the nine months of our fiscal year. Challenge expenses for this time period were \$37.39.

A discussion ensued about whether or not to continue reduction of the ESVA account balance. The balance reduction is a result of the ESVA's suspension of collecting \$.30 per walker effective July 1, 2016. It was the consensus that the ESVA continue the suspension of the \$.30 per walker fee and continue to reduce the ESVA account balance. The ESVA will continue to charge an annual fee of \$25 to member clubs. The \$25 fee will be waived for clubs who cannot pay.

9. Area Coordinators' Reports were submitted in writing to Executive Committee members prior to the meeting. Due to the governor's stay-at-home order to stop the spread of the Covid-19 virus, club meetings and walks are at a standstill statewide. Most events through June have been postponed or cancelled. Some events scheduled for late May are waiting before cancelling or postponing. YRE's may or not be available depending on the status of the start point location or closure of sections of the route. Lynn Blazek, Central AC, announced that this is the last year for the Vantage and Icicle Gorge Walks. The Republic and Ritzville walks are on online start boxes now.

10. Standing Committee Reports

a. **Financial Review:** Treasurer, Cathy Greutert, reported that the finance committee revised the budget three times before successfully developing the proposed 2020-2021 budget.

b. **Challenge Committee:** Lynn Blazek reported that she is no longer Challenge Committee Chair. Sherry Ogur volunteered to take over the position. No new challenges are planned for next year. Challenges expiring December 31, 2020, will be extended until April 15, 2021 due to the COVID-19 virus restrictions which have hindered walking.

11. Unfinished Business

a. **Status of YR Review Program:** Joe Blazek reported that 376 out of 575 walks (65%) have been reviewed. The YRE review program had a goal of reviewing all walks by July of 2021 (5 years). We may not make that deadline as there are still 200 walks to review. Involvement of more people in reviewing walks is needed. Only a small group of people are reviewing the walks. The north sound walks and south sound to Vancouver walks need reviews. In July of 2021 we may need to reevaluate and reconfigure the program. Sharon Moats won the Winter Walking Review contest and received a \$25 gift certificate.

b. **Free Walker Solutions.** Clubs were asked to submit to the ESVA information about the way they are reducing the number of free walkers they report to the AVA. A summary report of these responses was prepared by Holly Spaulding and emailed to the Executive Committee and Board members before the meeting. At the end of 2020 these free walker reduction techniques will be reviewed to see what worked the best for clubs and a statewide policy will be developed.

12. New Business

a. **Approval of Budget.** Cathy Greutert presented the proposed 2020-2021 budget. Allan Heritage moved for approval of the budget. The motion was seconded by Mike Nagan. The 2020-2021 proposed budget was unanimously approved.

b. **Nominating Committee Report and election of officers for July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2022.** Mike Nagan, Nominating Committee Chair, nominated a slate of officers. There were no additional nominations from the floor and the slate of nominations for officers was approved. Area coordinators will be elected by club representatives after the meeting is adjourned.

Joe Blazek, President Todd Oberlander, Vice President
Treasurer, Sharon Moats Secretary, Holly Spaulding

c. **Discussion of Situational Effects of Corona Virus on Walk Start Boxes.**

Once we start doing group walks again, start points won't want large groups of people gathering inside their place of business. In fact, there is concern that start points will decline to keep walk boxes for us after the stay-at-home order has been lifted. Guidelines for startup procedures for group walks were suggested:

1. Registration will take place outside the start point place of business. The first person to arrive will take the walk box outside.
2. One person, wearing a mask, will stamp everyone's books.
3. Walkers will bring their own pens for signing in or have wipes available.
4. Create an online walk box along with the physical walk box at a start point.
5. Make sure walkers are parking their cars away from the front door of the business or parking on the street.
6. Before scheduling a group walk, check to make sure the start location is open for business and check which restrooms along the route are open.
7. Have walkers use public restrooms along the route and not the start box host restroom.

d. **NW Pathfinder.** *NW Pathfinder* editor, Chase Davis, asked that clubs be diligent in reporting to him changes that take place for their YRE's so that he can keep *The Pathfinder* updated and accurate. The vendor who purchased the cover for the next *Pathfinder* has cancelled so Chase requested that clubs provide pictures to him for the next issue's cover.

13. Regional Director's Report: Tom Baltus discussed the CO-19 VOP, a virtual online program which allows you to enter steps for various activities that are not necessarily walking. The NW Regional Conference originally scheduled for June of 2020 is now scheduled for May 20-23, 2021. The Crater Lake Rim Walk will not be available due to the trail being full of snow that early in the year. Salute to Oregon is still on for September 20-21. Postponing walks to next year will not cost another sanction fee. Sixty days lead time is needed for the production of walk stamps. T

14. Recognition. Sharon expressed her appreciation to each executive committee member individually for their contributions and support to the ESVA during her term as president.

15. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

16. Next ESVA Meeting: Fall of 2020. Details TBD.

17. The slate of nominees for area coordinators was presented. Club representatives voted for the area coordinator for their area. Area coordinators were elected unanimously.

Eastern AC, Dennis Standridge Central AC, Lynn Blazek
Northwest AC, Sandi Severtsen Central Puget Sound AC, Tony Holt
South Sound AC, Carolyn Warhol Southwest AC, Burt Paynter

Area coordinator elections concluded at 10:36 am.

Submitted by Holly Spaulding

ESVA Secretary