

Executive Committee Meeting

March 4, 2021

Zoom Meeting

1. **Call to Order:** President Joe Blazek , called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. In attendance in addition to the president were: Todd Oberlander, Vice President; Holly Spaulding, Secretary; Chase Davis, Treasurer; Dennis Standridge, Eastern AC; Lynn Blazek, Central AC; Sandi Severtsen, Northwest AC; Tony Holt, Central Puget Sound AC; Carolyn Warhol, South Sound AC; Burt Paynter, Southwest AC; Sherry Ogur, Challenge Committee Chair, Ed Hainline, Vice President of OTSVA; Sharon Moats, and Diane Evans.
2. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the October 6, 2020, Executive Committee meeting, and the minutes were accepted.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Chase Davis, reported that since December 1, 2020, we have raised \$283 from challenge book sales and had \$980 in expenses. Expenses consisted of \$347 for the Frontline Heroes patches, \$437 for *The Pathfinder* newsletters, and \$196 for a three year renewal for ESVA.online hosting. A request was made for Executive Committee members to volunteer to be on the Finance Committee to work on next year's budget with Chase. Ed Hainline, Burt Paynter, Carolyn Warhol, and Joe Blazek volunteered to be on the committee.
4. **Report on Walk Review Program.** Todd Oberlander reported that 76% of Washington's walks have been reviewed, but 136 walks still need to be reviewed. In June many of the walks that have previously been reviewed will be due to be reviewed again.
5. **Issues and Concerns - Area Coordinators**
 - a. **AC Dennis Standridge** (Eastern area) had no issues or concerns at this time.
 - b. **AC Lynn Blazek** (Central area) reported that the Thursday 8:00 am walks have consistent participation of 3 – 7 walkers. A new walk in downtown Yakima will begin April 1. The downtown Yakima walk, like most of their walks, satisfy both the Frontline Heroes challenge and the Walking with America's Veterans challenge. Walks that are remote are online start box only. The Ohanapecosh walk will be open until the end of September this year.
 - c. **AC Sandi Severtsen** (Northwest area) reported that the Olympic Peninsula Explorers are planning to resume walks in March. They will have an event at Fort Flagler on Sunday, August 29th in conjunction with the 4+ Foolhardy Folks event on August 28. The Sound Steppers have three new members. They will have a Meetup group walk on May 8. The Tulip Trekkers now have 110 members and they are hoping to hold their event in Bellingham on August 7. All 18 Tulip Trekker walks have an online start box (OSB) as well as a physical start box (PSB). The seasonal walk at Deception Pass also has an OSB and PSB. All PSB's are now accessible. Due to thefts, new lockable metal boxes are being used for the Trekkers physical start locations. The Blaine Peace Arch walk had to be modified due to the Arch closure. Tom and Sue Wallace are leading group walks on Saturdays, with safety modifications. Their quarterly newsletter will come out in March.
 - d. **AC Tony Holt** (Central Puget Sound) reported that the number of walkers is recovering after COVID restrictions. On April 3 the Emerald City Wanderers will host an Easter walk. On April 17 the Interlaken club will host a spring walk event in Duval.
 - e. **AC Carolyn Warhol** (South Sound) reported that Capitol Volkssport Club needs a president and newsletter editor. The Daffodils are having regular zoom meetings as well as group walks for

members only. The Evergreen Wanderers club has only a few active members and needs help with maintaining walks and keeping up with walk directions. The Over-the-Hill Gang isn't having club meetings. They have an event on the calendar in Dupont on June 5. The Pathfinder club has had a meeting.

f. **AC Burt Paynter** (Southwest) reported that the two clubs in his area are doing well, collaborating on Wednesday walks and holding regular Zoom meetings. The Vancouver Walking club hosted a successful multi-day walking event in the coastal area in February.

6. **Challenge Committee** Chair Sherry Ogur reported that on June 1 the Frontline Heroes Challenge patches and books will be ready, and a plan for distributing the books and patches will be in place. There has been quite a bit of interest in the Take a Walk Down Memory Lane challenge. Sherry requested that we get the word out about the availability of books for this challenge. Sharon Moats said we don't need to pay taxes on the sale of challenge books. She has removed the words "sales tax included" from the ESVA website.

7. **Motion #1 Tally.** Secretary, Holly Spaulding, reported that eleven clubs voted in favor of Motion #1 to amend the YRE Event Review Program. None of the ESVA clubs voted no. Motion is approved.

8. Ed Hainline, Vice President of OTSVA, reported the Salute to Central Oregon in Bend, Oregon, is still on for September 16 – 19, 2021. The NW Regional Conference will not take place until 2022 (June 16 – 19) in Ashland, Oregon. Information about these events is at walking4fun.org. March 30 the Winter Walking Contest ends. Winners will be announced at the Board of Directors meeting.

9. After a discussion in which an attempt was made to agree upon a region wide standard template for event registration log sheets, the Executive Committee agreed to disagree. The Executive Committee will recommend to clubs that they develop a registration sheet that serves the needs of their individual club. Clubs will be referred to the templates on the AVA website as well as the format options on the ESVA website to help them develop a registration sheet. All clubs need to incorporate an E3H line on their registration log sheets to account for those walkers.

10. **New Business.**

a. There was no correspondence to report.

b. The next Executive Committee meeting will be a Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm (Pacific Time), Thursday, May 27, 2021.

c. The next Board of Directors meeting will be a Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm (Pacific Time), Thursday, June 3, 2021.

d. The fall Executive Committee and the fall Board of Directors meetings will be held on the same day, October 9. The meetings will be the same day and location as the Interlaken 35th anniversary walk. Details to be determined.

e. Joe introduced Diane Evans. Sharon Moats moved and Carolyn Warhol seconded the motion that the Executive Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that Diane be elected ESVA secretary to complete the remaining term of secretary Holly Spaulding who is moving to Florida. The motion passed.

f. **Other Issues.** Sharon Moats stated that the Treasurer standing operating procedures need to be updated.

11. **Announcements.** The AVA is seeking input how to handle the national conference. It's helpful if everyone completes the survey on the AVA website. Sharon Moats is working on a walking/hiking weekend

for next year. The Lilac City club is talking about doing some eastern Washington loop events with several walks this summer.

12. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Spaulding
ESVA Secretary