

ESVA Board of Directors Meeting
October 9, 2021
Si View Community Center in North Bend, WA

- **Call to Order:** President Joe Blazek called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.
- **Introduction and Welcome:** Joe thanked the Interlaken Trailblazers for today's event and for hosting our ESVA meetings. Guests Elaine Kruse and Pam Davis were welcomed.
- **Quorum:** A quorum was established with more than 1/3 approved voters in attendance.
- **Acceptance of Minutes:** A motion was made by Eleanor Borgardt and seconded by Sherry Ogur to accept the June 3, 2021 minutes as written. The motion passed.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Chase Davis reported a balance of \$15,867.61. There are three clubs that have not paid their yearly dues of \$25 to ESVA at this point.
- **Vice-President:** Vice-President Todd Oberlander reported that there are 570 total year-round/seasonal events in our state. Several of these events had last been reviewed 5 years ago and have been added back into the "to be reviewed" list for a total of 157 events that now need to be reviewed. RD Sharon Moats reported that there would be 15 new year-round/seasonal events starting Jan. 1, 2022.
- **Area Coordinator Reports**
 - **Eastern Region #1:** Dennis Standridge reported that the Lilac City Club has club walks twice a week; the parking fee at Idaho's Farragut State Park has been raised to \$14; six new walks will be added in 2022; and they have not yet started meeting physically but have small officer meetings at a coffee shop.
 - **Central Region #2:** Reporting for Lynn Blazek, Joe Blazek stated that Lynn is leading walks every Thursday morning; the Central Washington Sun Striders have started meeting in person again; there will be two new 2022 seasonal events, one in Cle Elum and one in South Cle Elum with the registration info being housed at the Suncadia Resort; and that a 6K loop over the Beverly Bridge will be added to the Vantage YRE as an option. Several of this year's seasonal walk events have been extended through the end of this year: Ritzville, Walla Walla, Kennewick, Quincy, Richland, Pasco, and Prosser.
 - **Northwest Region #3:** Sandi Severtsen reported that the Sound Steppers will have a new YRE in Everett and will be hosting a YRE monthly on Meetup in 2022. The Olympic Peninsula Club is planning a memorial walk in honor of Frances Johnson. OPE is bringing back the Forks YRE and the Silverdale Newberry Hill YRE in 2022. The Northwest Tulip Trekkers have over 100 members. They will have a new YRE in Oak Harbor. All their YREs are in the OSB with most having a physical start box also.
 - **Central Puget Sound Region #4:** Tony Holt said that most of the clubs in his area were meeting via Zoom and that the Third Plant Volkstours Club would be dissolving at the end of the year. The Third Planet Volkstours' YREs have been picked up by other clubs. There will be a walk in Carnation on Sat., Oct. 30.
 - **South Sound Region #5:** Carolyn Warhol reported that the Capitol Club would be voting on a new president at their Tuesday Zoom meeting; the Daffodil Valley Club has a 35th Anniversary walk and an Opt-Outside walk planned; Evergreen Wanderers had been dealing with changing public info now that they no longer have a PO Box; and the Over-the-Hill Gang has been meeting at the Kent Senior Center.
 - **Southwest Region #6:** Tom Baltes, reporting for Burt Paynter, stated that the All Weather Walkers club was drawing down and merging with the Vancouver USA club; there would be a Halloween traditional event held on Oct. 30; the Wed. morning & Thursday evening walks have ended for the season; and the Vancouver USA club would be doing group walks on weekends that do not have a traditional event scheduled. The Stevenson, North Bonneville, and their swim event will be dropped for 2022.

- **Challenge Book Committee Report:** Sherry Ogur reported that 60 Frontline Heroes Books have been sold and that 9 have been completed and returned. The committee has decided on a new 2022 challenge book called “On the Road Again” focusing on traditional events. The challenge book will have 3 categories of walks—a. Holidays/festivals/themed events; b. Multi-day events; and c. “New to You” walks that a walker has never done before. The challenge will hopefully start Jan. 1, 2022. A motion was made to accept the parameters and allow the challenge committee to move forward with this program by Mike Nagan and seconded by Sandi Severtsen. The motion passed.
- **Old Business**
 - Chase Davis asked that clubs with new YRE/Seasonals send him pictures so he can publicize the walks in the NW Pathfinder.
- **New Business**
 - **AVA Convention Delegate Report:** Joe Blazek reported that the one motion at the convention business meetings was withdrawn. New AVA officers were elected: Nancy Wittenberg, Chair; Susan Medlin, Vice-Chair; Cecilia Miner, Secretary; and Ed McCabe, Treasurer.
 - **Winter Walking Contest:** Ed Hainline again will head up the contest. It will be similar to the contest in the past and run from Jan.1 through Mar. 31. There will be a Washington State contest and an Oregon State contest. Entries must be mailed to Ed by April 8. Winners with the most events walked will be announced at the April 23 meeting along with a drawing for the monetary prizes of \$100, \$75, and \$50. Any walk can be done numerous times. Walkers do not have to be club members but must donate at least a dollar per walk to that walk’s sponsoring club. A motion was made by Diane Wagner and seconded by Tess Sutton to have a bonus chit for new participants put into the raffle for the monetary prizes. The motion passed.
 - **National Walking Week:** Regional Director Sharon Moats announced that AVA will have a National Walking Week which will run from April 1, 2022 to April 8. It would be nice to have a walk each day around your area and give extra promotion to those events to publicize what we do. The walks can be either YREs or Traditional events. More details will be coming from AVA.
 - **Correspondence:** There was a feature article in Pacific NW section of the Seattle Times featuring folksporting and a walk hosted by the Emerald City Wanderers.
 - **Announcements:** a. Please send any club officer updates to Diane Evans and also update the AVA website, and b. Mike Nagan attended a Zoom meeting that dealt with the E3H program.
 - **Information Sharing:** Clubs need to share AVA information, i.e. the Checkpoint with their members.
- **Regional Director Report:** Sharon Moats is working with some of the club treasurers to get their financial reports into AVA. There are many open days in 2022 for traditional walks. She asked for suggestions of areas that people would like to see a walk hosted. Sharon announced that AVA reached its goal of \$90,000 through the Big Give. Donations can still be sent to the end of the month of October.
- **Next Meetings:** Jan. 15, 2022 via Zoom Board of Directors-3:00 pm
Apr. 23, 2022 in Lacey Board of Directors-2:00 pm
- **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 pm.

Submitted by:
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Acting Secretary

Reviewed by:
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ESVA President