

ESVA Executive Committee Meeting
October 9, 2021
Si View Community Center in North Bend, WA

- **Call to Order:** President Joe Blazek called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.
- **Acceptance of Minutes:** A motion was made by Tom Baltes and seconded by Tony Holt to accept the May 27, 2021 minutes as written. The motion passed.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Chase Davis reported a balance of \$15,867.61. There are four 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 2 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 YREs have been picked up by other clubs.
 - **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.
- **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 recommend acceptance of this challenge to the Board of Directors by Ed Hainline and seconded by Sandi Severtsen. The motion passed.

- **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.
- **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. More details will be coming from AVA.
- **New YRE/Seasonals for 2022:** Sharon Moats will disseminate a list of new YRE/Seasonals to the clubs and to VP Todd Oberlander for his “needs to be reviewed” list. Chase Davis said that he would download info from the AVA website for the NW Pathfinder.
- **Correspondence:** None.
- **Announcements:** Please send any club officer updates to Diane Evans.
- **Pathfinder:** Chase asked to be advised of any changes to YREs.
- **Information Sharing:** Clubs need to share AVA information, i.e. the Checkpoint with their members.
- **Regional Director Report:** Sharon Moats told club reps that their clubs should be storing/archiving old walk routes, ideally electronically so that all officers have access to them. If clubs need help getting maps created for walks or putting walks into the Online Start Box, Tom and Louise Baltes will help. Sharon is working with some of the club treasurers to get their financial reports into AVA.
- **Next Meetings:** Jan. 15, 2022 via Zoom Executive Board-1:00 pm Board of Directors-3:00 pm
Apr. 23, 2022 in Lacey Executive Board-11:30 am Board of Directors-2:00 pm
- **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 pm.

Submitted by:
Carolyn Warhol
Acting Secretary

Reviewed by:
Joseph L. Blazek
ESVA President