

**ESVA Executive Committee Meeting - Zoom
15 January 2022**

President Joe Blazek called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Also in attendance were: Todd Oberlander, VP; Lynn Blazek, acting Secretary and Central AC; Chase Davis, Treasurer; Dennis Standridge, Eastern AC; Sandi Severtsen, NW AC; Tony Holt, Central PS AC; Carolyn Warhol, SPS AC; Burt Paynter, SW AC; Sharon Moats, RD; and Ed Hainline, DRD. Secretary Diane Howell Evans was absent (out of area). A quorum was present.

Acceptance of the minutes of the Oct 9, 2021 meeting. Motion to approve (Dennis Standridge), Second (Chase Davis), Passed.

Treasurer's Report given by Chase Davis. This was e-mailed to all before the meeting. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve (Sandi Severtsen), Second (Todd Oberlander), Passed.

Report/Update on Walk Review program: 52% of the reviews are done. Listed on the "Walk Review" page on the website are all new walks and those expiring in 2022. Joe asked Todd if he would ask for volunteers at the BOD meeting to review the newest walks soon in case there are any changes to be made.

New Walks are: Aberdeen, Cle Elum, Everett, Forks, North Bend (bike), Oak Harbor, Port Ludlow, Renton, Seattle (2), Silverdale, South Cle Elum, Spokane (1 walk/1 bike), Sultan, Tukwila (2), Vancouver.

Area Coordinator reports:

Eastern (AC Dennis Standridge)

The Bloomsday event will be virtual and in-person this year. Walks start at \$28 registration fee and are raised as it gets closer to the date (\$35, then \$50), so register early. LCVA is meeting now at Tom's Coffee Shop and has 15-20 attending. All meet-ups are cancelled through Jan 25 due to icy conditions. LCVA walks are now all on the on-line start box, but some are also physical boxes. They have a Guided Walk stamp now and the first use will be near Cheney on March 5.

Central (AC Lynn Blazek)

The Thursday walks are continuing, but it has been very snowy lately and walks were cancelled a few times. Two new seasonals will start April 1 in Cle Elum and South Cle Elum. The start box for both is at Suncadia with the Roslyn and Suncadia walks. The Beverly Bridge section of the Palouse to Cascades Trail (was John Wayne Trail) will open this spring. The club will have a club walk when that happens. This is a 6k loop addition to the Vantage walk.

Northwest (AC Sandi Severtsen)

Tulip Trekkers, President Tom Wallace. They have 19 YRE's sanctioned. 17 are PSB/OSB and 2 are OSB only (Coupeville and Oak Harbor). All group walks are posted on the website calendar, meet-up and their Facebook page. Three long-time YRE hosts are retiring from hosting. They were also board members and were instrumental in planning events. New members are interested in becoming hosts. Group walks have been well-attended; usually 10-20 people; however, walkers who stamp are a small percentage of the total.

Olympic Peninsula Explorers, Pres. Todd Oberlander - All OPE walks are now on the OSB and many have PSB's also. The New Years Day walk at Fort Warden didn't happen due to hazardous walking weather. OPE is planning a 2022 memorial walk for members Frances Johnson and Rose Horvath who passed away last year. In August, they will host a weekend event together with 4+.

Sound Steppers, Pres. Sandi Severtsen - Their website was updated from the original posting of 2007. The Thursday morning walks have been emailed only for those members interested in walking at that time. The YRE's are being offered as group walks on one Saturday each month and posted on their website. They hope to encourage new walkers to join. Meetings are on Zoom until further notice. A Jeff Blossey memorial walk will be in Edmonds on May 21.

Central Puget Sound (AC Tony Holt)

The New Year's Eve and Day walks were down in walkers this year due to very icy conditions. Clubs are meeting by

Zoom. Upcoming walks are April 9 in Bow by the 4+ club; April 16 there will be an Easter walk; August 16-21 will be events by 4+ and OPE; Sept 30-Oct 2 will be a weekend walking event at Winthrop hosted by the Interlaken Trailblazers.

South Sound (AC Carolyn Warhol)

Capitol Volkssport has a new President, Karen Younkins. Upcoming events are Wild & Woodsy on April 22-24; the Salmon walks and Olympia Christmas walks will become annuals; a Christmas walk in Aberdeen was enjoyed and will be done again next year. They are meeting by Zoom.

Over-the-Hill-Gang. The Auburn/White River walk now starts at the Big Nation Station (same address). They have taken over some of 3rd Planet Volkssports walks. There will be an April 30 walk in Ruston. Rosemarie Hirsch is the new President of the club.

Daffodil Valley. Meetings are going well at Bob's Burger's and Brews. There will be a Valentine walk Feb 12 in Orting, it's not in the Pathfinder but is in the AVA listings and has a "holiday" qualifier. April 2 there will be a walk in Auburn. June 25 they will host a walk on the Footlands Trail from Carbonado which goes to two ghost towns.

Pathfinder club is doing fine and putting out the Pathfinder newsletter.

South West (AC Burt Paynter)

All Weather Walkers are still deactivating and almost done. The last meeting will be January 25.

Vancouver Volkssport is the last club in the area. The Long Beach walk is now on-line start box, but Burt will have a stamp and can work with anyone who doesn't want to or can't register on-line. So far, the club has planned 5 traditional events, 1 multi-day, and 3 traveling/guided walks for this year. Jan 17 will be a MLK Memorial walk; Apr 2 a Mural Walk (National Walking Weekend); May 14 will be an iris garden walk; March 4-6 will be a Coastal walking event in the Astoria area.

Old & Unfinished Business:

Winter Walking Contest: Ed said it's all running smoothly. The drawing will be in April.

National Walking Week (April 1-8). Plans that some clubs or areas have are: Carolyn Warhol (SPS) said that they will have group walks and meet ups. Sandi Severtsen (NW) reported that there will be an April 2 walk. Joe Blazek reported that Central WA is going to try to have several club walks of YRE's that week. Dennis Standridge (Eastern) suggested that if clubs are located close to each other, perhaps they could coordinate with separate morning and afternoon walks. Sharon Moats (RD) reminded us that this week is to introduce walking locally, so clubs don't need to have Traditional walks nor expect walkers from other areas to attend. Walks should be advertised locally as much as possible.

Pathfinder Club - A reminder to notify Chase Davis of walks and changes before the deadlines for publishing the Pathfinder. He also needs the updates for Challenges for each walk to put into the Pathfinder. The clubs need to make sure he gets the information.

NEW BUSINESS

General announcements: Please get all club officer and club mailing address updates to Diane Howell Evans (Secretary) and change them on the AVA club webpage.

2022 events: There are 18 brand new events for 2022 and they need review soon so changes can be made if needed. Will call for volunteers at BOD meeting.

Audit of ESVA Finances: Mike Nagan will be going over this with Chase Davis.

Budget Committee needs to be established for next year's budget. Volunteers will be asked at BOD meeting. The Committee process was reviewed so volunteers would know what they would be responsible to do.

ESVA repository for old events: Joe Blazek, Sharon Moats and Jan Jarrell put together an electronic repository for

old walk directions so that clubs can store them for possible future updating and re-use. It will be a closed system. Joe will work with Jan to get that done and make sure it is a closed system.

By-Laws Changes: Joe Blazek reminded anyone wanting to make by-law changes that it needs to be done soon. Clubs must give time to discuss and put together these so that ESVA can have them 30 days before the April meeting. Joe will be presenting two "housekeeping" by-laws changes.

ESVA website survey: Joe Blazek wants to put out a survey about the ESVA website to see how clubs are using it and any ideas about changes to be made.

RD Report (Sharon Moats)

The regular Board meeting will be in February. They only had a brief Zoom meeting in January. The Trailmaster Guide is going to be redone and Sharon is part of that committee. She reminded everyone to get signed up for the Regional Conference in Ashland, Oregon, this summer. She noted that Joe Blazek needs to ask Diane Howell Evans to send out a list of officers and club addresses to see if updating is needed and REQUIRE that each club answer. Note: a P.O. Box address is not required anymore.

Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting will be in Lacey on April 23. At the BOD meeting later today we will decide times for the Executive Committee and BOD meetings. We may have a Zoom meeting this summer, we need a date placeholder. We need to also get a date for our fall meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Blazek
Substituting ESVA Secretary

Reviewed,
Joe Blazek
ESVA President