

ESVA Board of Directors Meeting
April 29, 2023
In-Person Meeting

1. **Call to Order.** Vice President Todd Oberlander (OPE Rep) called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm PST. In attendance in addition to the vice president were: Diane Howell Evans, Secretary; Chase Davis, Treasurer; Sandi Severtsen, North West AC and SS and NWT Reps; Tony Holt, Central Puget Sound AC; Pam Greig-Davis, South Puget Sound AC; Burt Paynter, Southwest AC; Sharon Moats, Regional Director; Ed Hainline, Deputy Regional Director; Sherry Ogur, Challenge Committee Chair; Bonnie Tucker (CVC Rep); Sue-Lon Weber (DVVA Rep); Mike Nagan (ECW Rep); Rosemarie L Hirsch (EW Pres); Tess Sutton (EW Rep); Michelle Roberts (FSFW Pres); Irene Stanford (ITVC Pres); Diane Wagner (OTHG and PVC Reps); and Tom Baltes (VVC Rep). Guests included Nancy Wittenberg, AVA Board Chair, Buffy Wittenberg and Jakob Canup with the Retired Public Employees Council of Washington. Absent were Joe Blazek, President; Dennis Standridge, Eastern AC; Lynn Blazek, Central AC; Central Washington Sun Striders Rep; Four Plus Foolhardy Folks Rep; International Wanderers Rep; Lilac City Volkssport Rep; and Sea-Tac Volkssport Rep.
2. **Attendance Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum.** Diane Howell Evans declared a quorum was established.
3. **Welcome to members and guests.** Todd Oberlander welcomed BOD members and additional guests in attendance.
4. **Vote on Acceptance of January 26th BOD Meeting Minutes.** Mike Nagan made the motion to accept the minutes from the January 26, 2023 BOD meeting as written. Burt Paynter seconded. Approved.
5. **Treasurer's Report/Update of Current Budget.** Treasurer Chase Davis asked if there were any questions regarding the distributed reports. There were no questions. See Attachment A.
6. **VP's Report/Update on Walk Review Program.** Vice President Todd Oberlander reported there are 631 total events in 2023 of which 205 need to be reviewed due to their classification as new events, never reviewed events, or 5 years since last review. Of the 631 events, 67.6% have been reviewed and 32.4% need to be reviewed.
7. **Challenge Committee Report.** Sherry Ogur reported on the following State Challenges:
 - a. Frontline Heroes - over 75 total books sold; ends 12/31/2024
 - b. Strolling Along the Rivers – new this year and 62 books already sold
 - c. On the Road Again – 56 total books sold
 - d. Rails to Trails – 45 total books sold; phasing out 12/31/23
 - e. Take a Walk Down Memory Lane - \$372 received in donations
8. **Area Coordinator Reports.**
 - a. **AC Dennis Standridge** (Eastern) – Absent.
 - b. **AC Lynn Blazek** (Central) – Absent.
 - c. **AC Sandi Severtsen** (North West) – reported on the following clubs:
 - Olympic Peninsula Explorers – President Clay Baulch: After a walk in Port Townsend with OPE on March 25th, Sandi attended their meeting at the beautiful Historic Jefferson County Court House and she plans to attend their next meeting just so she can visit the building again. Meeting topics covered posting the Oct 7th Port

Angeles Crabfest, (which has been done), and sanctioning two new YREs for 2023 and 2024. The club is engaged and actively being a part of Volkssporting.

- Sound Steppers – President Sandi Severtsen: Club is adding a new walk in Shoreline for the Link Challenge starting in Hamlin Park in 2024. The Link will not be open until Spring of 2024 but the walk will pass the station on 148th St. The Interlaken group held a meeting at our Lord Hill YRE in March. The 20 walkers were much appreciated for this walk as there has not been a lot of response. The written reviews for both the 5K and 10K were excellent. A Meetup is scheduled on May 21st and we hope you will join us. Club celebrated National Walking Week by hosting a walk at the Lynwood/Pine Ridge YRE on April 2nd.

- NW Tulip Trekkers – President Tom Wallace: Club hosted a walk at Blaine YRE on April 1st to celebrate National Walking Week. There was a nice update to the walk which showed off the residential area. YRE walks have been posted on Meetup from now until September 30th. NWTT along with the Surrey Trekkers are combining a day event on 8/12 called “Across the Border.” Start time from 9:30-10:00 am at Surrey – Peach Arch Provincial Park and 1:30-2:00 pm at the Blaine – Peace Arch. Both walks are YREs.

- d. **AC Tony Holt** (Central Puget Sound) – Tony reported Four Plus Foolhardy club had 55 participants at their Othello events. Unfortunately the club was charged \$500 due to charging fees for walking in the Columbia National Wildlife Refuge. The Crab Creek trail did not incur a charge. Future events include May 20th – Seattle Crown Hill neighborhood; June 10th – Bainbridge Island; July 4th – Seattle Beacon Hill; July 8th – Fife; and July 22nd – Renton River Days.

- e. **AC Pam Greig-Davis** (South Sound) – reported on the following clubs:

- Capitol Volkssport Club: Club’s March 25th event in Olympia had 91 participants. Club is offering a NW Trek event tomorrow and there are a few tickets left if anyone is interested. Future events include an unusual bike event on July 22 at the Vance Creek Railriders in Shelton where you pedal the rails in a special 4 seat vehicle. The cost is \$32. On August 5 there will be a walk on Anderson Island. Club members are participating in a new Chinese Zodiac club challenge program which began this month with one year to complete. Weekly group walks, promoted on Meetup and in the Pathfinder, are offered every Monday at 2 PM and every Thursday at 10 AM.

- Daffodil Valley: Club members are participating in the club Sasquatch challenge. Upcoming events include the May 13th Mud Mountain – Another Dam Walk – in Enumclaw which also offers a picnic lunch with hot dogs and desserts for a donation; July 29th Pierce County Trails Day; and Nov 11th Veterans Day Chapman Trail walk. The Spanaway 10K YRE has been temporarily reduced to 8K while tree work continues to remove dangerous trees from the forest. Club holds weekly walks on Mondays at 9:30 AM and Wednesdays at 10 AM.

- Evergreen Wanderers: Club’s April 15th, Tacoma vs. Ruston walk, had 94 participants. Their Nisqually Wildlife Refuge seasonal, which opened March 1st, is available through September 30th.

- Over-the-Hill Gang: All the club’s YREs are now available on the OSB.

- NW Pathfinders: Transition to new distribution crew is going very well. An abbreviated version of the Pathfinder is now online on the ESVA website. The NW

birthdays, IVV Achievement Awards, Special Programs, Challenge completions, and YRE listings are not included.

- f. **AC Burt Paynter** (Southwest) – The Vancouver USA Volkssporters enjoyed a very successful National Walking Week. Dick Baker arranged a walk schedule for SW Washington and the Portland metro area. We had 228 walker registrations in total for the seven events scheduled. Three members did all seven days. Upcoming events include the July 4th event starting at Vancouver's Esther Short Park which was the club's inaugural event 35 years ago; and an August 12th event in conjunction with the Washougal Art Festival. The club offers Wednesday group walks which are advertised through Meetup and have had good attendance.

9. **RD Report.** Sharon Moats reported on several items:

- Club Anniversaries and Presentation of Certificates: Capitol Volkssport Club – 40 years; Vancouver USA Volkssporters – 35 years; Four-Plus Foolhardy Folks – 35 years.
- AVA Board will be looking at expenses at their next Board meeting so there is a possibility of fee changes in the future.
- New walks on the WA coast near Forks and many groups are planning trips to the area.

10. **Ongoing and Unfinished Business.**

- a. **Winter Walking Contest Winner's Drawing.** Ed Hainline reported 29 total participants in the 2023 Winter Walking Contest Challenge with 5 of the total being new participants this winter. Last year there were 33 total participants with 7 of the total being new participants. The drawing winners were: \$100 – Sherry Ogur; \$75 – Carolyn Warhol; and \$50 – Susan LeDeuc. Tea Towel winners were: Gold - Janet Paige (142 walks); Silver – Bonnie Tucker (84 walks); and Bronze – Cheryl Snodgrass (76 walks). Sherry Ogur asked how many total walks were walked during the challenge. There were 1,054 total walks walked during the challenge. Ed reminded us that next year there will be an additional \$25 drawing winner.
- b. **Pathfinder Board Report/Issues needing discussion and vote.** The subscription database is being cleaned up and there have been new subscriptions. Plus with the recent decrease in the number of Pathfinder copies to clubs by the ESVA there has already been a cost savings. Continue review and evaluation of publishing revenue and expenses with future discussion if issues arise.
- c. **Results of ESVA 2022 Financial Review.** Todd read e-mail from Bob Morrison to Joe Blazek regarding his financial review of the ESVA financial statements for 12 months ending Dec 31, 2022. See Attachment B.

11. **New Business.**

- a. **Correspondence.** None.
- b. **Announcements.** None.
- c. **Discussion/Vote on ESVA Capital Assessment Committee Finances Drawdown Issue.** Todd stated the committee had received most financial data for review but with the recent ESVA changes to number of copies provided to clubs the situation is not so dire. Chase to evaluate. Joe Blazek had recommended to the committee a limit be set and action taken when limit reached. Committee will review setting a limit and present findings at next meeting.
- d. **Presentation on Retired Public Employees Council of Washington (RPECWA).** Nancy and Buffy Wittenberg introduced Jakob Canup, Membership Coordinator RPECWA, who discussed the organization's history, mission and similarities shared

- between the AVA and RPECWA. These include promoting health and fitness; fun and recreational activities; fellowship and friendship; and physical, mental and well-being of our members. RPECWA has 30 chapters across the state with 12,000 members strong comprised of state, county and municipal retirees. Local AVA clubs are encouraged to work with RPECWA chapters as the AVA is now included in the list of organizations that chapters/members can call on for activities. Clubs can attend local chapter meetings and inform them on how to find walking events. RPECWA will send a digital flyer to ESVA which will then be distributed to clubs.
- e. **Discussion/Vote on the 7/1/23 to 6/30/24 ESVA Budget.** Chase reviewed the budget which shows an expenditure of \$2,701 over the year. Mike Nagan made a motion to approve the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Tess Sutton seconded the motion. Approved. Mike Nagan thanked Chase and the budget committee for their work on preparing the budget for our review. See Attachment C.
 - f. **Discussion/Vote for change to ESVA Standing Rules for ESVA Representation on Pathfinder Board.** Todd stated there are already 2 members on the Pathfinder Board and this motion submitted by Joe Blazek just adds to the Standing Rules. Attendees discussed the language in the motion. Mike Nagan made the motion to amend Section III, 5b to read “ESVA Representatives shall be appointed by the ESVA President with the approval by the majority of the Executive Committee.” Diane Wagner seconded. Approved. Mike Nagan made a motion to amend Section III, 5d to read “Vacancies created during a representative’s two year term shall be appointed by the ESVA President.” Sandi Severtsen seconded. Approved. Pam Greig-Davis made a motion to accept the amended Standing Rules, Section III, Section 5, regarding ESVA Representation on the Pathfinder Board. Sue-Lon Webert seconded. Approved. See Attachment D.
 - g. **Nomination/Election of (2) Pathfinder Board ESVA Representatives.** July 1st begins full term. Pam Greig-Davis is currently on Pathfinder Board. Volunteer sought to replace Sharon Moats. No offer within attendee group to volunteer for position.
 - h. **Nomination/Election of Delegate and Alternate to 6/14/23 AVA Regular Membership Meeting (Zoom).** Sherry Ogur volunteered as delegate and Sandi Severtsen as alternate.
 - i. **Other.** None.
12. **Discussion/Schedule Fall EC and BOD in-person meeting place, date and times.**
- a. **Next ESVA Meetings** – EC zoom meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 7:00 PM PST. BOD zoom meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 7:00 PM PST.
 - b. **Fall ESVA Meetings** – EC and BOD fall in-person meetings scheduled for Oct 7th at the OPE Dungeness Crab Fest Walk in Port Angeles. Start point is the Port Angeles High School. Time TBA.
13. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm PST.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Howell Evans
ESVA Secretary

Reviewed:

Todd Oberlander
ESVA Vice President

Attachment A
ESVA income statement - Last quarter
1/1/2023 through 3/31/2023

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Amount
INCOME				425.00
Challenge Book Sales				300.00
Frontline Heroes				10.00
1/8/2023	DEP	S Deposit		10.00
Rivers				290.00
1/3/2023		Deposit Reversal	reversed Witzel (redeposited 1/12/23)	-10.00
1/3/2023		Deposit Reversal	reversed Westcott (redeposited 1/12/23)	-20.00
1/4/2023	DEP	Deposit	McCommack	10.00
1/5/2023	DEP	Deposit	cash from CVC	140.00
1/8/2023	DEP	S Deposit		10.00
1/12/2023	DEP	Deposit	\$60 cash + \$30 cashier's check from chec...	90.00
1/26/2023	DEP	Deposit	cashier's check from Lilac check made pay...	60.00
3/16/2023	DEP	Deposit	Fife	10.00
Club Member Dues				125.00
2/7/2023	DEP	Deposit	NW Tulip Trekkers	25.00
2/7/2023	DEP	Deposit	Lilac City	25.00
2/7/2023	DEP	Deposit	Emerald City	25.00
2/7/2023	DEP	Deposit	Sea-Tac	25.00
2/10/2023	DEP	Deposit	Sound Steppers	25.00
EXPENSES				-435.91
Advertising & Marketing				-217.66
2/8/2023	6102	Nancy Wittenberg	Meetup renewal Sep22-Mar23	-108.83
3/16/2023	6104	Nancy Wittenberg	Meetup renewal Mar23-Sep 23	-108.83
Pathfinder Newsletters				-218.25
1/17/2023	6101	Pathfinder Volkssport Club Of The NW	Jan-Feb 2023	-117.00
3/10/2023	6103	Pathfinder Volkssport Club Of The NW	Mar-Apr 2023	-101.25
OVERALL TOT...				-10.91

4/10/2023

Attachment A Continued
ESVA Net Worth - As of 3/31/2023

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Account	3/31/2023 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Harborstone Checking	12,293.79
Harborstone Savings	25.75
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	12,319.54
TOTAL ASSETS	12,319.54
LIABILITIES	
	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	12,319.54

Attachment B

Joe Blazek, President

Evergreen State Volkssport Association

Email: JoeBlazek1@gmail.com

President and Members of the Evergreen State Volkssport Association:

As requested, I have conducted a financial review of the ESVA financial statement for 12 months ended December 31, 2022. Your Treasurer was cooperative and provided all relevant records promptly.

Based on this review, in my opinion the 2022 financial statement for Evergreen State Volkssport Association is accurate in all material respects and the supporting financial records for the period have been properly maintained.

Bob Morrison

Attachment C

Evergreen State Volkssport Association				ESVA FY BUDGET		
Draft budget						
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 (With Prior Year Budget for Comparison)						
				For the Year Ending		
				June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024	
				Final Operating Budget	Proposed Operating Budget	Notes
INCOME:						
	Challenge Books			1,200	1,100	Possible new challenge January 2024
	Club Dues			425	425	\$25 for EACH of 17 clubs
Total Income				1,625	1,525	
EXPENSE:						
	Office					
	General			75	75	AVA renewal fee
	Secretarial			100	100	misc. such as name tags
	Treasurer			50	25	Stamps
	Total Office			225	200	
	Publicity					
	Marketing			500	500	Meetup \$200 x 2 Groups. \$100 for misc.
	Website hosting fees				456	domain renewal for two years, LINUX hosting
	Website			500	500	esva.online annual maintenance - estimate
	Total Publicity			1,000	1,456	
	Other					
	Donation to 501(c)(3) group			500	0	Committee agreed that clubs should donate money and not the ESVA.
	NW Pathfinder Copies			1,875	1,100	ESVA pays for Pathfinder copies to distribute to clubs. Now clubs get 1 copy, TGW get 1, one-day traditional events get 5, multi-day get 10 or more as requested.
	ESVA Meeting Host Club Reimbursement			700	700	Two Board Meetings @ \$200 each plus \$300 expenses for Exec Board Meetings.
	Travel Expense			150	0	no AVA Convention in FY2024
	Fees and Taxes			100	20	Corporate renewal fee only--not renewing the business license since it's not required
	Washington State Challenge Expense			500	500	Possible new challenge January 2024
	Winter Walk Challenge			225	250	Incentive cash awards \$100, 75, 50, and 25 for Winter 2024
	Total Other			4,050	2,570	
Total Expense				5,275	4,226	
Net Income (Loss)				(3,650)	(2,701)	Amount to draw down from net assets
Estimated beginning Cash Balance July 1					12,300	
Amount to Transfer from Net Assets				(3,650)	(2,701)	
Estimated ending Cash Balance June 30					9,599	

EVERGREEN STATE VOLKSSPORTING ASSOCIATION MOTION

Introduction of Business:

The NW Pathfinder Volkssport Club's Bylaws call for two representatives from ESVA to serve on the Pathfinder's Board of Directors. Currently there is no language in ESVA's STANDING RULES specific to election of representatives, or service on the Pathfinder Board. The language in this motion would codify in ESVA's STANDING RULES conditions under which ESVA Representatives would qualify for, be elected, and serve on the Pathfinder Board.

Motion:

That the following language be added to the ESVA's Standing Rules to reflect the requirements and conditions under which ESVA members would be elected and would serve as ESVA Representatives on the Pathfinder Board. (Proposed new language in red).

SECTION III - COMMITTEES AND OTHER BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

5. The Pathfinder Volkssport Club of the Northwest. The Bylaws of the Pathfinder Club call for two ESVA representatives to serve on the Pathfinder Board. ESVA members are eligible to serve on the Pathfinder Board if they meet all the following conditions:

- a. A member shall be in good standing with their home club and with ESVA.
- b. ESVA Representatives shall be elected by a majority vote of the ESVA Board of Directors or be appointed by the ESVA President.
- c. Elected representatives shall serve two year terms on the Pathfinder Board commencing with the first day of the fiscal year.
- d. Vacancies created during a representative's two year term will be filled by election at the following ESVA Board of Directors meeting to serve out the rest of the term. If no one is elected by the Board of Directors, the ESVA President may appoint someone to the Pathfinder Board who is in good standing with their home club and with ESVA.
- e. ESVA Representatives shall provide reports to the ESVA Board of Directors of Pathfinder Board meetings.

Summary of Proposed Action:

This language spells out in the ESVA STANDING RULES the conditions under which ESVA members shall be elected and serve on the Pathfinder Board as ESVA Representatives.

Submitted by: Joe Blazek, ESVA President

Seconded by: _____

Action Taken:

Motion carried Motion failed Motion tabled ☒ Motion amended