**ESVA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

July 20, 2023, 7:00 PM PST

Zoom from Home

1. **Call to Order.** President Joe Blazek called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm PST. In attendance in addition to the President were: Todd Oberlander, Vice President; Chase Davis, Treasurer; Diane Howell Evans, Secretary; Dennis Standridge, Eastern AC; Lynn Blazek, Central AC; Sandi Severtsen, Northwest AC; Tony Holt, Central Puget Sound; Burt Paynter, Southwest AC; Sherry Ogur, Challenge Committee Chair; Sharon Moats, NW RD. Absent were Pam Greig-Davis, South Puget Sound AC, and Ed Hainline, NW DRD.
2. **Establishment of Quorum.** Diane Howell Evans declared a quorum was established.
3. **Welcome to Members and Guests.** Joe Blazek welcomed all in attendance.
4. **Vote on Acceptance of April 29, 2023, EC Meeting Minutes.** Sandi Severtsen made the motion to accept the minutes from the April 29, 2023, EC meeting as written. Todd Oberlander seconded. Approved.
5. **VP’s Report/Update on Walk Review Program.** Todd Oberlander will present his report at Tuesday’s ESVA Board meeting.
6. **Challenge Committee Report.** Sherry Ogur will present her report at Tuesday’s ESVA Board meeting. Sherry did confirm there will be a new challenge in 2024.
7. **Area Coordinator Reports.** Reports will be presented at Tuesday’s ESVA Board meeting.
8. **RD Report.** Sharon Moats will present her report at Tuesday’s ESVA Board meeting. Sharon stated there is an urgent matter before the AVA Board of Directors regarding increasing walk costs and participation fees to the AVA. A committee is reviewing various increases and a vote will take place at the mid-October AVA Board meeting.
9. **Treasurer’s Report of Current Budget.** Chase will present his report at Tuesday’s ESVA Board meeting but Chase did mention the Pathfinder costs had decreased significantly beginning with the Jan-Feb 2023 issue due to the recent changes implemented.
10. **New Business.**
    1. **Correspondence**. None
    2. **Announcements**. Sharon Moats announced the ESVA Facebook page is going to be renamed to Northwest Region Volkssporting page so it includes all 4 states in the NW Region. Should be minimal changes.
    3. **New ESVA Sponsored Seasonal Events in Mt**. **Rainier Nat’l Park Sunrise Area**. Joe Blazek discussed the proposed 3 seasonal walks – Burroughs Mountain, Mt. Fremont Lookout and Palisades Lakes – which are all on the northeast side of Mt. Rainier. Concern was voiced for the Four-Plus Foolhardy Folks PCT events but their walks are on the other side of Mt Rainier and AC Tony Holt felt the 4+ club would be okay with the seasonal events. Todd Oberlander made a motion for the ESVA to sanction these 3 new seasonal events in Mt Rainier National Park for 2024. Sandi Severtsen seconded. Approved. Joe is asking for volunteers to walk events and check directions for accuracy.
    4. **Volunteer to serve 2 year term as ESVA Rep on NW Pathfinder Board**. Chase stated the Pathfinder Board meets twice a year – once in-person, usually in conjunction with an ESVA meeting, and once via zoom. Joe recommended the Area Coordinators ask clubs if anyone is interested in serving on the Board.
    5. **Capital Assessment Drawdown Proposal**. Todd Oberlander suggested since the Pathfinder costs were cut by 1/3 due to the recent changes that no further changes be done at this time but maybe a limit be set such that if the account balance decreases to the set limit the committee reviews again and recommends specific actions be taken. The EC will recommend to the Board at Tuesday’s meeting that the Capital Assessment Committee will take no action at this time but will track spending and once account reaches $8000 then propose actions to be taken.
    6. **2024 NW Regional Conference**. Sharon has already investigated possible venues and is suggesting September 19-22 (Thursday – Sunday) on the Kitsap Peninsula with the Baymont by Wyndham in Bremerton as the conference hotel. There would be 4 walks over the 4 days with a Meet & Greet at the My Girl Drive-in near Kingston. DVVA and Interlaken clubs have agreed to sponsor 2 of the walks. ESVA has already received the $700 seed money for the necessary conference deposits. Sharon will create a suggestion/volunteer list and forward to me to distribute to the Board members for brainstorming at Tuesday’s meeting.
11. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm PST.