



REGIONAL AVA NEWS AND INFORMATION

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Greetings NW Region Walking Clubs,

Hope everyone is enjoying your club holiday socials and walks. Hopefully you and your clubs will be able to walk between the rain and snow in some parts of our states!

Fee Increases:

The biggest challenge our clubs are facing in the coming year are the increase in fees to AVA from \$1.25 to \$2.00 per participant. Many of our clubs had been paying the \$1.25 for all participants but the step up to \$2.00 will be a high bar to reach as we request donations for non-IVV Participants.

ESVA will be hosting a zoom meeting on Dec 21 to try to find commonality about what clubs are doing. Your club has received a separate e-invite for this meeting. The Clubs in Oregon are currently discussing this item also.

For OSB: (Cost \$4.00) OSB map purchase will be remain the same at \$2.00 per participant. The change you will see, when you complete the walk and log back into the system for your IVV credit, you will be charged \$2 rather than the previous \$1. Walkers who complete the walk and log back into the system but **DO NOT WANT CREDIT**, the opportunity will still exist to pay the extra \$2 to help the club meet expenses. Let's encourage everyone to help support clubs.

For OSB/PPSF: (Cost \$4.00) The map purchase will be the same at \$2.00 per participant. For IVV Credit walkers you will pay the additional \$2.00 for the stamp but \$1.00 will be held back for the PPSF payment. Clubs will receive \$1.00 for walk income. Walkers who do not want credit and do not log back into the system- the club will **NOT BE RESPONSIBLE** for the additional \$1.00 for PPSF. (be aware that if your PPSF YR has more than 40 walkers your club will do better financially to have the walk as STD in the future)

OSB Files: *There should not be any revision necessary for the increased payment on your introduction for your walk event in OSB. The standard statement required is fine as it does not address the amount of the cost of credit, only for maps. If you entered the amount of the cost in your introductory page, you would need to update the file and repost to OSB.*

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AVA Website migration: The legacy AVA Pages have now been incorporated into the new website.

If you are looking for the posting of AVA Board Approved Minutes, it is now located on the Page with the Policies. Here is the direct link: <https://cb.ava.org/necminutes.php>

In the last Board meeting on November 21, we approved the budget, approved the rates for Liability Ins for next year which stayed the same as the current year. Other items included approvals of non-financial items. If anyone is interested in viewing the approved budget for 2024, I can email to you separately. The minutes for this meeting will be available after the approval at the February meeting.

Tentatively the next Board Meetings are Feb 20, May 14, September 17 and Nov 19th. These are teams video meetings and invites will be posted on the AVA Website prior to the meetings.

Club officers: Some clubs start their new officer terms commencing Jan 1. Be sure that your incoming officers are familiar with the AVA Policies and know where to find information and also your club bylaws and Articles of Incorporation with your state. Trailmasters, also, need to familiarize themselves with the Trailmaster guide. https://cb.ava.org/operations_policies.php

In the courts in Oregon there is a lawsuit involving falling on a trail. As this case works its way to the Supreme Court some trails will be closed, which may affect Volkssport routes as other cities are looking at possibilities. It is hoped that the Oregon Legislature will fix the loopholes. Just a note to our trailmasters: If your walk routes are on bridges or boardwalks that could be slippery when wet it is best to add a warning about conditions. Don't rework anything at this time but going forward take the time to add the note for the walker safety. I have attached the articles that I received on this. Thanks to Ed!

The Future Event Calendar is filling up with many new areas to walk in. Be sure to get your club's future walks on the calendar even if you only have preliminary information available so you can reserve the date you need.

NW Pathfinder Mini: Latest will be posted about December 20, 2023.

Upcoming Multi-Day Events that you will want to make lodging reservations for soon!

April 25-28, 2024,	Wild and Woodsy , Olympia, WA Hosted by Capitol Volkssport
May 11-13, 2024,	Winthrop Spring Walks, On-site walk registration May 11-13, 2024 (OSB May 5-20) Interlakentrailblazers.org (more info coming soon)
May 24-26, 2024,	Canadian Festival in Kingston, Ontario http://walks.ca/cvf-fcv-2022-festival/
Aug 2-4, 2024,	NW Hiking Weekend – Mt Baker, Glacier WA https://fourplushikers.weebly.com/nwhw-mt-baker-2024.html
Aug 23-25, 2024,	Wallace, ID Info coming soon https://lilaccityvolks.com/
Sept 19-22, 2024,	NW Regional Conference – Kitsap Peninsula, WA (8 Walks, Socials) Headquartered in Silverdale, WA Info coming soon
Oct 17-20, 2024,	CRVC/Rogue Valley Walkers Shady Cove Info coming soon

See you on the trail!

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