

ESVA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2024, 7:00 PM PST

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- **Call to Order.** President Joe Blazek called the meeting to order at 7:10 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; Pam Greig-Davis, South Puget Sound AC; Burt Paynter, Southwest AC; Sharon Moats, NW RD and Ed Hainline, NW DRD. Absent were Tony Holt, Central Puget Sound AC, and Sherry Ogur, Challenge Committee Chair. Guests included Mike Nagan, Emerald City Wanderers.
- **Establishment of Quorum.** Diane Howell Evans declared a quorum established for meeting.
- **Welcome to Members and Guests.** Joe Blazek welcomed all in attendance.
- **Vote on Acceptance of October 7, 2023, EC Meeting Minutes.** Sandi Severtsen made the motion to accept the minutes from the October 7, 2023, EC meeting as written. Burt Paynter seconded. Approved.
- **Treasurer's Report/Update of Current Budget.** Treasurer Chase Davis reported the last 2023 fiscal quarter, 10/1/23 – 12/31/23, had an income of \$300 and expenses of -\$718.01 resulting in a net loss in assets of -\$418.01. Chase also emphasized the use of the OSB does not show the AVA credit to our account. The overall total of ESVA net worth is \$11,747.22.
- **VP's Report/Update on Walk Review Program.** Todd Oberlander stated 133 walks were added to the review list as they were events last reviewed in 2019 thus needing a new review 5 years later. There are a total of 635 events listed on Todd's spreadsheet with 235 needing a review. The review program is 58.75% complete. Sharon will send a list of new 2024 Seasonal/YREs and events that were not renewed for 2024 to Todd and Joe. Discussion ensued whether walkers notified clubs of any changes in a walk they encountered such as closed roads, new or missing signs, etc. Todd suggested that a short form for such changes encountered might be useful for notification to the club hosting the event. Joe volunteered to work on such a form to present at the annual April meeting.
- **Challenge Committee Report.** Pam Greig-Davis reported for Sherry Ogur. ESVA Challenge completions include: 39 for *Frontline Heroes*; and 30 for *Strolling Along the Rivers*. The new 2024 challenge, *That's Entertainment*, has already sold enough books to cover costs. Joe mentioned he and Sherry have been updating the ESVA Challenge web page and are currently updating the "Take a Walk Down Memory Lane" web page.
- **Area Coordinator Reports.** AC reports will be presented at the upcoming ESVA Board meeting on Thursday, January 25th.
- **RD Report – Issues/Update on NW Regional Conference and other topics.** Sharon Moats reported there were no changes since the last NW Regional Conference report she distributed. Sharon stated with the 2 new 2024 AVA National Special Programs (Amazing Labyrinths and Step to the Beat) clubs need to update their event information on the AVA web page if their event now includes qualifiers for the new special programs, as well as, any routes they have changed to include qualifiers for a new or existing 2024 special program. Sharon recognized this task can be cumbersome for those clubs hosting many events with new qualifiers and is searching for a possible easier method with the IT Committee.
- **New Business.**
 - **Correspondence.** None
 - **Announcements.** Joe announced that any club officer changes need to be updated on the AVA Club profile site as well as forwarded to Diane Howell Evans for the ESVA club officer list.
 - **Approval for Bob Morrison to do 2023 ESVA financial review.** Bob has agreed to perform the financial review and the EC needs to approve his appointment. All approved. Chase and Bob will

perform the review and submit their report at the annual April meeting.

- **Pathfinder Issues.** Chase reported there were no issues.
- **Other.** Mike Nagan presented a motion for the ESVA to form a committee comprised of individuals chosen by the ESVA Board of Directors to urgently identify options and strategies which will ensure the short-term and long-term fiscal and operational health of local clubs. Pam Greig-Davis seconded motion. Discussion ensued regarding the new changes in the fee structure recently approved by the AVA National Board and the financial burden on our local clubs. The Executive Committee approved the recommendation to present the motion to the Board of Directors at the upcoming meeting on Thursday, January 25th.
- **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm PST.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Howell Evans
ESVA Secretary

Reviewed:

Joe Blazek
ESVA President