

ESVA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for 1/23/25 Zoom Meeting

1. Todd called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Attendees were: Todd Oberlander, Ed Hainline, Joe Blazek, Diane Wagner, David Black, Bonnie Tucker, Sandi Severtsen, Pat Campbell, Sue Lon Weber, Dennis Standridge, Russ Kruse, Mike Nagan, Sharon Moats, Sheri Ogur, Tess Sutton, Tom Wallace, Chase Davis, Pam Grieg-Davis. There was a quorum for voting purposes. Not Attending: Burt Paynter.
3. Todd welcomed members and guests.
4. Vote to Approve the minutes of the October BOD Meeting. Tess made the Motion to approve the October ESVA Board minutes and Sandi seconded it. Motion was approved.
5. Treasurer's Report. Chase reported that on a cash basis, the NW Conference last October made a profit for ESVA. As of December 31st, 2024, the treasury balance was: \$11,326.98.
6. VP Report on Walk Review Program. Pam reported that the electronic system for reporting appears to still be a problem as 5 event reviews are missing. Todd will look into it and he will do additional tests to the system to get it working.
7. Challenge Committee Report. Sheri reported that for the new "Tell Me a Story" book starting in 2025, 20 books have been sold along with one 39 Counties book, 2 Strolling Along the Rivers, 1 That's Entertainment, and \$13 for the Memory Lane series.
8. AC Reports
 - a. Eastern Rgn - Dennis reported that group walks will begin again Feb 1st with 2 walks per week and the club has 7 Physical Start Boxes (PSBs) this year.
 - b. Central Rgn - Joe reported that the club has only 2 PSBs right now in Yakima and Ellensburg until March and April when most of our seasonal walks open. CWSS is working with Interlaken to put together the Oct 2-5 "Walking Stevens Pass to Leavenworth" event. All walk and bike events will be sanctioned for a minimum of 7 days beginning on the 2nd. Mt. Rainier Ohanapecosh is closed for 2025 and Zillah is only an On-line Start Box (OSB) walk starting in 2025. There will no longer be a PSB.
 - c. NW Rgn - Sandi reported the **Sound Steppers** Turkey Trot had 150 walkers. Two new link stations are open now - Shoreline and Mt. Lake Terrace which will have a traditional walk June 14th. **Tulip Trekkers** has some new board members but needs a

treasurer. They are working on a Meet-up site and have a new Facebook page. **OPE** will have the Triangle of Fire walks in the north sound May 23rd - 26th and they donated \$150 to the Peninsula Trails organization.

d. South Sound Rgn - Bonnie reported that **OverTheHill Gang** club is no longer in existence. Other clubs took over most of their YREs. **Capitol** had 73 holiday event walkers and will host the Hawks Prairie walk in conjunction with the ESVA Annual Meetings in late April. The weekend will include a Sunday walk at NW Trek. Pam reported that the new "Walking With the Wild Things" AVA Special Programs has sold 126 books. **Daffodil** will host the Orting Valentine's walk and a Vashon Island walk in July. **Evergreen Wanderers** will host the April 5th Tacoma vs Ruston traditional walk.

e. Southwest Rgn - No Report

f. Central Puget Sound Rgn - Mike reported that none of his clubs are doing a traditional walk this quarter. Four of the five clubs have weekly walks. Go to each club's website if interested in the weekly walks. New Year's Eve and Day walks were down some on the number of walkers again. Money was made on the food more than the walks. **Interlaken** has a gnome town on the Maple Valley YRE and a gnome cemetery. **FS Family Wanderers** has revised the downtown Seattle walk to incorporate the new reconstructed waterfront area and it has a PSB. Lite Rail 2 is going now. Ross Weinstein passed recently. In May, **Emerald City** is sort of sponsoring (but not officially) a group ship cruise to Alaska to socialize and walk three of the Alaska Panhandle walks. 60 people are tentatively signed up. Dates are: May 18 - 25. If interested, contact Mike or Diane Troyer at: dianektroyer@gmail.com.

9. RD Report. Online registration for the convention in Las Cruces, NM is up and running. Convention walks are \$10 each. Pre and post convention walks are \$4 each and will be in the OSB. There are lots of great walks in NM outside of the convention this year as well.

10. Old, Unfinished and Ongoing Business. Get to Pam any of your club's events that have been deleted or changed significantly for 2025 so she can update the event review listing.

11. New Business

a. and b. No new correspondence and no new announcements.

c. Pam reported that the ESVA spring meetings will be 4/26 in Olympia at the WASPC office where we had the ESVA meetings this past April. A Hawks Prairie walk will open at 9 am and starts at the office. The Pathfinder Club will meet at noon. The Executive

Committee meeting starts at 1 pm and the Board of Director's meeting begins at 2 pm. April 27 is a walk event at NW Trek and Pam got a reduced ticket price for that.

ESVA summer meeting locations were looked into by several folks but nothing has been decided so far. Stay tuned on that.

The ESVA fall meetings will be at the Crab Festival weekend in Port Angeles at the Port Angeles High School on October 11th. There will be an event walk as part of the meetings. Hotels fill up quickly so get your reservations soon.

The Walk Review Program Contest this past summer had 12 evaluators and 80 walks were evaluated. Two people did enough evaluations (minimum of 15) to qualify for the prizes. The Walk Review Program Contest was approved for 2025. It will start April 1st and run through September 30th. The big change this year is that there are no minimum number of reviews that have to be done to qualify for the prizes. If you review one walk, you qualify for prizes. Details will be posted on the ESVA online website under the ESVA YRE REVIEW tab.

d. Possibility of acquiring a Zoom Pro account – Todd reported that the cost was prohibitive. Sharing a Zoom Pro login was against Zoom's Terms of Service. The Business 10 subscription would cost ESVA around \$2,000.00/year. The request was withdrawn. Todd will continue to investigate other alternatives. Ed said that the Rose City Roamers use Jitzi. Todd will look into that.

e. Mike reported that the nomination committee is soliciting nominations for NW Region RD and DRD. Each ESVA club should ask its membership if anyone in the club is interested in running for either position and get back to Mike, Joe or Ed. Currently, two well-qualified candidates are running - Sandi Severtsen for RD and Pat Jewett for DRD.

12. Todd adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Notes compiled and edited by: Joe Blazek 1/28/25