

## ESVA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 21, 2025

Virtual Meeting via Zoom (Recorded)

1. **Call to Order.** Todd Oberlander called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Attendance Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum.** Todd named the following individuals in attendance: Todd Oberlander, Sharon Moats, Sandi Severtsen, Pamela Greig-Davis, Chase Davis, Ed Hainline, Dennis Standridge, Joe Blazek, Mike Nagan, Bonnie Tucker, Burt Paynter, Sherry Ogur, and Pat Jewett. Absent was Diane Howell Evans.
3. **Welcome to members and guests.** Todd welcomed all in attendance.
4. **Vote on acceptance of September 21<sup>st</sup> EC Meeting Minutes.** Joe Blazek moved to accept the September 21, 2025 EC meeting minutes. Sherry Ogur seconded the motion. Approved.
5. **Treasurer's Report/Update of current budget.** Chase Davis stated noting was out of order on the financial statements distributed earlier in the month. December 31, 2024, balance is about \$11,327. Chase discussed the Regional Conference Financial Report which did not show donations made by clubs to the conference because they paid for certain items rather than donating directly to the ESVA. Since the organization is on cash-basis accounting they can't be included in the report. The conference cleared about \$778. ESVA balance at the end of Sept was \$12,166. Decrease due to the Pathfinder and computer related expenses.
6. **VP's Report/Update on Walk Review Program.** Pam Greig-Davis stated the previous computer issue with walk reviews has been fixed by Todd and she is still in the learning phase of this new assigned task. Joe submitted a review for the Lacey historical walk but it was not received by Pam. Pam to check again and Todd will review the database.
7. **Challenge Committee Report.** Sherry Ogur reported the new 2025 ESVA challenge is "Tell Me a Story" and 20 books were sold last quarter. Recent sales include: 1 – 39 Counties; 2 – Strolling Along the Rivers; and 1 – That's Entertainment. \$13 was collected for Memory Lane books.

8. **Area Coordinator issues needing discussion.** Todd asked if any area issues needed to be discussed at this meeting. Area Coordinators all agreed no issues and reports will be presented at the Thursday BOD meeting.
9. **RD Report.** Sharon Moats stated the AVA Biennial Convention, April 29 – May 2, 2025, in Las Cruces still has many unanswered questions. Registration is available online, but it is hard to register right now when the walk, socials and training schedules are still unknown. Many from our region did a walking tour last year and walked many of these areas so not inclined to attend the convention to repeat walks. Sharon stated that maybe she will have more info and answers at the Thursday BOD meeting.
10. **Ongoing and Unfinished Business.**
  - a. **New, changed or deleted YRE/SE for 2025.** Pam stated she was still learning the task. Sharon will forward the file again. Sandi indicated she had completed and submitted a review of the Light Rail Bel-Red walk. Pam hasn't seen it yet so she and Todd will check the system for it. Discussion regarding walkers not traveling as far for a walk due to traffic issues and the fact some clubs offering twice weekly group walks on nearby trails has resulted in the thought that walk reviews of familiar trails are not necessary. Other times walkers may notice issues on a walk but submit comments directly to the POC rather than do a formal review.
  - b. **Other.** None
11. **New Business.**
  - a. **Correspondence.** None
  - b. **Announcements.** Pam discussed the upcoming schedule of ESVA meetings for the next year:
    - i. April 26<sup>th</sup> - Annual April ESVA meeting will take place in Lacey at the Capitol club's Hawk Prairie event at the

Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs. Recommend the EC meeting begin at 1 pm and BOD meeting at 2 pm. Discussion ensued regarding the meeting times. Mike Nagan moved the EC propose to the Board the meeting times be set at 1 pm and 2 pm respectively. Sandi Severtsen seconded. Approved.

- ii. July – currently unknown as no host club has come forward to host the meeting at a July event.
- iii. October 11<sup>th</sup> – ESVA meeting will take place in Port Angeles at OPE club's walk in conjunction with the Dungeness Crab and Seafood Fest.
- iv. January 2026 – regular winter zoom meeting.

Sharon discussed an inquiry made by Dina, Treasurer with Emerald City Wanderers, regarding the effect of the new BOI (Beneficial Ownership Information) requirements for non-profits. Sharon checked with AVA HQ and if a club is under AVA's non-profit group exemption there is no effect on a club.

- c. **Zoom Pro account for EC/BOD/Committee business.** Todd discussed the purchase of a Zoom Pro account so meetings are longer than 40 minutes and allow multiple users to login. Currently we are using the free Zoom Basic account which allows meetings for up to 40 minutes in length and 100 participants per meeting. A Zoom Pro account allows meetings for up to 30 hours, 100 participants per meeting and costs \$13.33 a month if paid annually or \$15.99 if paid monthly. Many felt it was really no problem once the 40 minute limit terminated the meeting to simply log back in when Todd restarts the meeting once again. Todd to review the different plans and report at the upcoming Board meeting on Thursday.
- d. **Other.** Pam discussed last year's Walk Review Program Contest and indicated 82 reviews had been completed – more than ever before. Several recommendations included: offer the Contest

again in 2025 beginning after the end of the Winter Walking Challenge through the end of Seasonal events (April 1 – Sept 30); decrease or eliminate the requirement to review 15 walks to qualify for eligibility in the drawing at the end of the review period; and everyone receives one chit for each completed review submitted.

**Both audio and video recording abruptly stopped after 33.07 minutes. No further transcription.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Howell Evans  
ESVA Secretary

Reviewed,

Todd Oberlander  
ESVA President