

**EVERGREEN STATE VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 15, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

- I. The meeting was called to order by Bob Morrison at 1:02 PM. A quorum was certified by Second Vice President, Nancy Wittenberg.
- II. The agenda and the minutes of the April 4, 2009 meeting were accepted as distributed.
- III. Officer Reports
- a. Nancy Wittenberg and Bob Morrison reported on the 16th Biennial AVA Convention held in Dallas Texas in June.
 - b. Morrison reported that Chuck Garrison was honored at the WHF Governor's Awards Banquet this spring.
 - c. Morrison reported the following appointments and changes
 - Elisabeth Wittenberg has been appointed to lead the 2009 audit committee.
 - Millie Haupt & Bobbi Ferg are stepping down as co-chair of the Challenge committee. Susan Black & Linda Ellingboe have been appointed to succeed them.
 - Sue Black is stepping down as the Membership team lead. Fred Fisher will assume this responsibility
 - Fran Carson is stepping down as WHF Liaison. In the future, Chuck Garrison will represent ESVA to the Washington Health Care Foundation.
 - Shirley Lindberg will lead a Volkssporting 101 project with team members team members: Sharon Moats, Becky Forsythe, Bonnie Tucker
 - d. First Vice President, Dave Olszyk, explained how to conduct e-mail based YRE and Seasonal remote location walks.
- IV. Special Committee Reports
- a. Susan Berry reported on the successful completion of the ESVA 25th Anniversary Celebration.
- V. Standing Committee Reports
- a. Nancy Regan, Treasurer, reported on behalf of the Finance Committee. She explained that there are new procedures for selling Challenge Books. Regan also guided the board through the fiscal year end 2009 balance sheet and statement of financial activity and answered questions

Regan explained that the Executive Committee asked that she present two motions for approval of the Board of Directors. These motions come from the Executive Committee as a motion and second.

MOTION: To re-approve the fiscal year 2009-10 budget as presented at the annual meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: To add \$600 to the office expense budget for 2009-10 to fund continued rental of the storage shed. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Dick Baker gave the Recognition Awards Committee report.
- c. Dick Baker gave the Pathfinder Committee report. He explained that because of a previous decision by ESVA to pay on the printing cost of marketing copies, TNP continues to experience financial difficulties. He asked that ESVA consider paying the full cost.

MOTION: To change the Pathfinder Resolution from: "The Northwest Pathfinder shall be recognized as a primary publicity medium for promoting Volkssporting to the community" to "The Northwest Pathfinder is an essential publication for Volkssporting participants. For each issue published, the Evergreen State Volkssport Association shall pay the full cost of producing the marketing copies received by Washington members." The motion passed: 32 votes in favor, 2 opposed, with the President not voting.

- d. Nancy Wittenberg provided a report on activities of the Publicity Committee and demonstrated the new website.
- e. Sue Black & Linda Ellingboe provided a report for the Washington State Challenge Committee. As part of the report, awards were presented for service to ESVA on the WSC Committee to Millie Haupt, Chairperson; Jane Holmes, Bobbi Ferg and Natalie Bumgardener. The the next challenge Landscapes starts in 2010 with categories of Farmland/Steppes, Forests, Gorge/Valleys and Mountains. The committee is looking for volunteers from each club to be "Challenge Scouts" to report to the co-chairs any ESVA or AVA challenge they find on a walk that is not recorded in the start book, directions or in the NW Pathfinder.

VI. Area Coordinator provided reports for their regions. Jim Buchholz reported that Lilac City club will be taking on the Southeastern walks to include in the county challenge program.

VII. The motion to amend the standing rules presented at the last meeting and distributed to the board in previous e-mails was brought to the floor with a motion and second from the Executive Committee.

MOTION: To amend Standing Rule Section II – Fees, Paragraph 3a to read: "A late fee of \$10 per event will be assessed each time a member club does not submit their after-action fee by the due date. After action reports and remittances for regular events are due 30 days following the event. After-action reports and remittances for YREE and Seasonal Events are due 30 days following the end of the calendar quarter." The motion passed: 33 votes in favor, 1 opposed, with the President not voting.

- VIII. Morrison provided copies of the new “Come Walk With Us!” brochure. He also presented a draft “New Walker Coupon” for three free issues of TNP to be paid for by ESVA. He gave an opportunity for anyone to voice objection to the program. No objections were raised. Morrison stated that the certificates will be finalized and will be made available to all clubs.
- IX. Announcements and Other - Sam Korff, AVA NW Regional Director reported on activities in the region and gave Meritorious Service awards to Fran Carson, Ruth Kalies, and Glenda Chambers. He gave Publicity Ribbons to Interlaken Trailblazers, Northwest Striders, and the Sound Steppers. There was discussion about the AVA Recognition Awards.
- X. Next Meetings – October 10th in West Seattle
- XI. Sue Black and Bob Morrison offered thanks to the FS Family Wanderers for hosting the event. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.