



California Volkssport Association 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes May 14, 2022

1. CVA Annual Meeting Official Opening

The 2022 California Volkssport Association (CVA) annual membership meeting was opened at 3:00 pm by Betsy McDevitt, CVA President.

2. Introductions

- Betsy McDevitt recognized and introduced members of the CVA State Executive Council (SEC): VP North Heidi Foster (Proctor – Betsy McDevitt), VP Central John Glass, VP South Maureen Carlson, Treasurer Beverly Bales (Proctor – Steve Hughart), and Secretary Cathy Pauley.

3. Report of Quorum

Cathy Pauley, CVA Secretary reported that we have a quorum. Ninety-three percent (93%) of voting members were present (60% required for quorum).

4. Introduction of AVA Chairperson and Report

- Betsy McDevitt introduced Nancy Wittenberg, AVA Chairperson.
- Highlights include thanking Beach Boardwalkers for hosting the convention. She discussed the 2023 IVV Olympiad / Texas Trail Roundup and the importance of all of us showing up. This is the first IVV Olympiad held in the United States and is a big deal. It will be in Texas from February 19-23, 2023. There is a need of volunteers to help make this huge event successful. She asked that clubs email olympiad2023@ava.org with any areas of expertise they are willing to put to use for the Olympiad.
- Nancy also talked about instigating a Pacific Crest Trail challenge. This covers areas in Washington, Oregon and California.

5. Introduction of AVA Pacific Regional Director and Deputy Regional Director

- Betsy McDevitt introduced Carl Cordes, AVA Pacific Regional Director and Suzi Glass, AVA Deputy Pacific Regional Director.

6. AVA Pacific Regional Director/Deputy Regional Director Report & Presentations (See Attachment 1 for full report)

- Highlights include ESR – the sanction system that migrated from the legacy. He thanked Chris Zegelin for his key role in the transition. There is a new edit/new page for renewing current walks and copying walks from one year to current year.
- Olympiad 2023 update. This is a huge undertaking by AVA and the first Olympiad held in the Americas. Pacific Region has a goal of 150 registrations.
- My.ava.org has a participation tab where you submit participation reports. HQ will send the invoice. There is also an insurance tab to request insurance.
- Club Anniversaries. Carl presented and recognized clubs celebrating milestone anniversaries this year. They included Delta Tule Trekkers (35 years), Tahoe Trail Trekkers (35 years), Coronado Beachcombers (30 years), Thunder Mountain Trekkers (30 years) and Menehune Marchers (35 years).
- He also shared that his two-term limit as PRD ends in 13 months as does Suzi Glass, deputy director. He is encouraging any CVA members to consider serving at the national level.

7. Approval of 2021 Meeting Minutes

The 2021 CVA Annual Meeting minutes were emailed to each club on Sept. 21, 2020 for their review. Barbara Nuss made a motion to accept the October 2, 2021 minutes. Bruce McDevitt seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

8. President's Report through April 30, 2022 (see Attachment 2 for full report):

- Highlights include: Thanking Central Coast Beach Boardwalkers for hosting 2022 convention. As a 4-year-old club you put your own spin on this convention from the Farmer's Market pre-walk to "Toast of the Coast" bus tour!
- Thanking clubs for keeping everyone walking by hosting traditional events. Reminding clubs to complete ESRs for traditional events at least 90 days in advance. Also thank you to Suzi Glass for putting out the call for National Walking Week, April 1-7. There were at 24 walks over the week put on by LDR, TTT, SBS, DTT, SWS, SFBB and VVV!
- 2022 CVA Officer Elections. Later in our meeting we will hold the 2022 CVA Officer Elections. She thanked nominating committee, chaired by Priscilla Fife and then by Bruce McDevitt, when Priscilla agreed to run for office.
- The AVA year-round and seasonal events can be renewed and sanctioned for 2023 beginning June 1.
- The CVA pamphlets have been updated and are ready for clubs to take home. These can be used in walk boxes, at the library, Starbucks, sports stores and anywhere you can think of to spread the word.
- Please continue to support our California and Regional Special Programs: SWS's "Walking with Woody" and CCBB's "University Walkin'."
- Recognition to the officers, *The Compass* and Website volunteers who kept CVA running for past 2 years.
V.P. North – Heidi Foster; V.P. Central – John Glass; V.P. South – Maureen Carlson; Secretary – Cathy Pauley; Treasurer – Beverly Bales; Webmaster – Judy Gregory; *Compass* Editor – Suzi Glass; *Compass* Subscription Editor – Jean Lucas; Business Editor – Jill Simmons; Gofer – Bruce McDevitt.

9. Vice Presidents', Secretary and Treasurer's Report, through April 30, 2022:

a. Vice President Report – North (Betsy McDevitt giving for Heidi Foster) (See attachment 3 for full report)

- Report includes:
- The CVA American River Bike program had 5 credit and 1 free bike riders use this trail.
- CVA Capital Bike is still closed.
- CVA Wayne Holloway Sacramento Capital Walk has had 26 credit and 30 free walkers.

b. Vice President Report – Central (John Glass)

- Report includes: Numbers are back up now with things opening up. We celebrated Suzi's birthday with a 10kw walk. Whoever attended the birthday walked first. The Menehune Marchers – a virtual walk you can be involved in – had 7,000 people participate. *The Compass* changes have been helpful, and I encourage you to share *The Compass* with new walkers.

c. Vice President Report – South

- Report includes: Four clubs remaining but enrollment is down. However, the LDR membership has grown the past couple of months. LDR has themed walks monthly and online and physical boxes.

d. Treasurer’s Report – Beverly Bales (Steve Hughart spoke on Beverly’s behalf)

- See Attachment 4 for CVA Annual Comparisons
- See Attachment 5 for 2020/2021 CVA Profit and Loss Statement.

e. Secretary’s Report – Cathy Pauley (see Attachment 6 for full report)**10. The Compass Report – Suzi Glass**

- Report includes:
- Watch for the new special programs and she thanked the clubs who continue to be on time and diligent in submitting articles.
- **Committee Report – Bruce McDevitt**
- *The Compass* Committee included Bruce McDevitt, Suzi Glass, Priscilla Fife, Marilyn Nasi, Steve Hughart, Beverly Bales, Chris Zegelin and Cathy Pauley (minute taker). We discussed ways *The Compass* could reach more people without costing a lot. We came up with 5 recommendations they could accept, reject or modify.
- #1 – Continue to print *Compass* as is;
- #2 – Make *Compass* available in a .pdf and put on Website and everyone can print for free;
- #3 – South Bay Striders, as a pilot program, will be printing their own copies of *The Compass* taken from the CVA Website.
- #4 – *Compass* subscribers would be sent an email notifying them that *The Compass* would be available for download from the CVA Website and if they no longer wish to receive a hard copy of it in the regular mail, they can receive a refund. Otherwise, they may continue to receive their issues of *The Compass* for all of 2022.
- #5 – Chris Zegelin volunteered to create a brochure that will advertise our walks within a given quarter. This can be reached by opening a link that will be on our CVA website. He said this would not be available until the 2nd Quarter *Compass* issue for April, May, & June 2022. This will be an experiment that may, in the future, replace *The Compass* as we know it.

This is what the SEC voted and decided:

1. Continue to print and mail *The Compass* as is;
2. Have *The Compass* available on the website to download for free...
3. Reduce the South Bay Striders' sanction costs by half for one year.

11. Web Developer Report – Judy Gregory – No report.**12. Unfinished business – None.****13. New Business – Motions submitted for approval**

- a. Slate of officers.** Bruce McDevitt presented the slate of officers: Cathy Pauley, President; Heidi Foster, V.P. North; Priscilla Fife, V.P. Central; Maureen Carlson, V.P. South; Steve Hughart, Treasurer; and Diane Gomes, Secretary. Betsy McDevitt opened the floor for nominations for president, V.P. North, V.P. Central, V.P. South,

Secretary and Treasurer. No additional nominations given. Secretary Cathy Pauley cast the unanimous vote. **(Attachment No. 7)**

b. 2023 Big Give Donation. Betsy McDevitt made a motion to give \$200 for the Big Give in 2023. Seconded by Judy Lucas. Motion carried. **(Attachment No. 8)**

c. 2023 CVA Convention. Suzi Glass made a motion for the South Bay Striders to host the convention May 5-7, 2023, in San Jose. Seconded by Bruce McDevitt. Motion carried. Betsy McDevitt announced the correct line up for the upcoming CVA conventions. We were out of order because of COVID and Central held the convention out of order. In 2024, it will be hosted by North; 2025 hosted by Central; and 2026 hosted by South. **(Attachment No. 9)**

d. MeetUp Cost Assistance. Kathy Bundy presented a motion from the floor to ask CVA for monetary assistance in the MeetUp costs. Kathy said over half of their membership came from MeetUp and she has three regions, so she is helping the other clubs in CVA South. She does a lot of work to make it work but it has been beneficial for CVA because more members. Seconded by Charlene Henshaw. Motion amended to ask for assistance for 1 year membership of MeetUp for LDR. **(Attachment No. 10.)**

14. Announcements.

- a. Betsy McDevitt thanked the Central Coast Beach Boardwalkers for all the work put into the convention.
- b. Holly Pelking had a 2023 Olympiad video to show but we had issues with external speakers.

15. Adjournment. The 2022 CVA Annual Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

/s/ Cathy Pauley

Cathy Pauley, President/Secretary, California Volkssport Association

Attachments:

- 1 – PARD Report
- 2 – CVA President Report
- 3 – V.P. North Report
- 4 – CVA Annual Comparison Report
- 5 – CVA Profit and Loss Statement
- 6 – Secretary Report
- 7 – Slate of Officers
- 8 – 2023 Big Give Motion
- 9 – 2023 CVA Convention Motion
- 10 – MeetUp Cost Assistance for LDR