



CALIFORNIA VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
May 6, 2023

1. CVA Annual Meeting Official Opening

- The 2023 California Volkssport Association (CVA) annual membership meeting was opened 1:09pm by Cathy Pauley, CVA President. Diane Stauffer lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

2. Introductions

- Cathy Pauley recognized and introduced members of the CVA State Executive Council (SEC): VP North Heidi Foster, VP Central Priscilla Fife, VP South Maureen Carlson, Treasurer Steve Hughart and Secretary Diane Gomes.

3. Report of Quorum

- Diane Gomes, CVA Secretary reported that we have a quorum. One hundred percent (100%) of voting members were present (60% required for quorum)

4. Introduction of Carl Cordes, AVA Pacific Regional Director

- Cathy Pauley introduced Carl Cordes, AVA Pacific Regional Director

5. AVA Pacific Regional Director, Report

- Carl asked, “Is this the last generation of AVA?”
- Succession is a serious problem that needs to be addressed. How to bring in new members and how to encourage members to step up.
- Both Carl and Suzi’s positions as PARD and PADRD are over in July 2023, but as of today no one has stepped up as a possible replacement for either position. Two Term limit.
- Carl discussed some of the PARD job requirements. The PARD covers CA, HI, NV and AZ. There is some travel with some reimbursement available. The RD is required to be on other committees within AVA. For example, he is on the Awards and Certificates committee. RDs and DRDs have a window into AVA which is an opportunity to make changes you are passionate about.
- The busiest time for an RD is Year End Event (YRE) renewals.
- Carl asked that we think about Succession at the club and region level. It is the only way for AVA to continue.
- Club Anniversaries. Carl presented and recognized clubs celebrating milestone anniversaries this year. They included Central Coast Beach Boardwalkers (5 years), CVA (40 years), Low Desert Roadrunners (40).
- Individual awards were given to Delta Tule Trekkers members (Jeanette Farley, Brandi Morick, Marcelo Fernandez, Jim Gomes, Diane Gomes, Charlene Henshaw and Wanda

Martin) and Las Vegas Strollers member Brenda Harris for her Meritorious Service as club treasurer for 15 years.

6. IX Olympiad Report

- CA clubs were well represented. There were 1,021 Participants, 23 Countries and 42 States.
- The next Olympiad will be in 2025 in Finland. The brochure will be put on the CVA website for anyone who is interested.

7. Approval of Minutes from May 14, 2022

- The 2022 CVA Annual Meeting minutes were emailed to each club on April 19, 2023, for their review. Diane made the motion to accept the minutes and Heidi Foster seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with 25 votes.

8. President's Report, through April 30, 2023 (See Attachment 1 for full report)

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- Thank-you to South Bay Striders for hosting 2023 convention.
- Herman Husbands passed away April 18, 2023. He was the sole active member of the Coronado Beachcombers.
- Thank you to Carl Cordes, Holly Pelking and Chris Zegelin for all your work on the Olympiad! The Taco and Margarita walk was a favorite and the River Walk.
- Thank you to all the clubs for continuing to host your Traditional Events.
- Please continue to support the local special programs like Walk with Woody and University Walkin'.
- Discussed a possible restructuring of CA since there are only 10 clubs now. Change it to just North and South or combine all the clubs into "one" CA. The favorite was "one" CA.
- In addition: discussed different options for hosting the CVA convention. Possibly two clubs partner to host, change the meetings to every other year, change the date of the meetings to be more flexible. These changes require a change to the CVA Constitution and the By-Laws; therefore, a meeting will be called in the fall via Zoom to vote on the options.

9. Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary's reports through April 30, 2023

- **Vice President North:** Heidi Foster.

Wayne Holloway Memorial Walk - 105 walkers

Thank you to Barbara Nuss – SWS is the largest club in the U.S.

Thank you to Steve Hughart for all he does – Treasurer, Webmaster and more.

Thank you to Priscilla Fife – Walking Book Club

Thank you to Don Ratliff – Bike Events

- **Vice President Central** – Priscilla Fife

Delta Tule Trekkers - Hosted a table at the Manteca Watermelon Festival. Spooky walk was moved to Lodi with 78 walkers.

South Bay Striders – Successful convention and updated walks.

Bay Bandits – 6 YREs. All Start Points are now open. Planned 4 Traditional events – one per quarter.

- **Vice President South** – Maureen Carlson

See Attachment 2 for report

- **Treasurer:** Steve Hughart

See Attachment 3 for report

- **Secretary:** Diane Gomes

See Attachment 4 for report

- ***The Compass Report*** – Suzi Glass

- Nine clubs produced walks for National Walking Week. In the future, we need to register with AVA. Only two clubs did this.
- Reminder: The Compass is here to help. Some general information is already there to give you more space in your write-up to give walk details.
- Keep the articles coming.

- **Subscription Editor:** Jean Lucas – no report

10. **New Business:**

a. **Motion – 2024 Big Give** – Cathy Pauley (See attachment 5)

- Give \$250 for Big Give. Phil 2nd the motion. Approved with 25 votes.

b. **Motion – 2024 CVA Convention** – Tom Smith (See attachment 6)

- Sonoma County Stompers and Vaca Valley Volks to cohost the 2024 CVA Convention.
- Date to be determined. Will depend on availability. Betsy 2nd motion. Approved with 25 votes.

11. **Announcement:**

Thank you to the South Bay Striders for all the work they put in for the 2023 convention.

12. **Unfinished Business**

- WwW Program – (See attachment 7)

- University Walkin': Ty
Plan to stop selling books in 2024
Carole Saenk went to HI to get Sum Cum Laude
You need 15 walks to get Magna Cum Laude
You will walk thru 4 states to get Sum Cum Laude
- Walk Alerts for Central and Northern California Clubs: Barbara Nuss
Walk alerts are the best way to publish walks. They work best when they are sent to the President of local clubs so they can send it out to their club members. You can reach more people this way.

13. Adjournment. The 2023 CVA Annual Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm

Diane Gomes, Secretary, California Volkssport Association

Attachments:

- 1 - CVA President Report
- 2 – VP South Report
- 3 – Treasurer Report
- 4 – Secretary Report
- 5 – 2024 Big Give Motion
- 6 – 2024 CVA Convention Motion
- 7 – Walking with Woody