



CALIFORNIA VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 2024

1. CVA Annual Meeting Official Opening

- The 2024 California Volkssport Association (CVA) annual membership meeting was opened 1:00pm by Cathy Pauley, CVA President.

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 Board Vice Chair

- Cathy Pauley introduced Carl Cordes, AVA Board Vice Chair

5. AVA Board Vice Chair, Report (See *attachment 1* for full report)

- New Electronic TAW
- Element 3 has been renamed Grouper. If your health plan is participating, Grouper may pay your local club dues and AVA dues.
 - There was concern that Grouper appears to be running parallel to the clubs and not really connected.
- The 2025 IVV Olympiad will be in Tampere, Finland August 14-17, 2025
- The 2025 AVA Biennial Convention will be in Las Cruces, NM 4/28/25 – 5/2/25
- AVA website updated to include New Club Resources page under the “Clubs only” menu.

6. Introduction of Becky Forsythe, AVA Pacific Regional Director

- Cathy Pauley introduced Becky Forsythe, AVA Pacific Regional Director

7. AVA Pacific Regional Director, Report

- Becky asked the group what we’d like her to do. She wants to do more than “check the boxes”. She loves to walk and has logged more than 37,000 miles,
- She has been having issues with email that resulted in her not being aware of the AVA rate increase. She believes the issues have been mostly resolved and sincerely apologized that the clubs were not aware of the rate increase.
- She wants to make sure our voice is heard as she is our representative to AVA.
- She is asking everyone to increase their walking by 10% or just add 1 more walk a month.
- **Regional Awards** – See attachment 2 for full list of awards.

8. Approval of Minutes from May 6, 2023

- The 2023 CVA Annual Meeting minutes were emailed to each club on June 15, 2023, for their review. Diane made the motion to accept the minutes and Bruce McDevitt seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

9. President’s Report, through April 30, 2024 (See *attachment 3*)

- Thank you to Sonoma County Stompers and Vaca Valley Volks for hosting the 2024 CVA Convention.

- A Special Business Meeting was held August 2023 with a great discussion to realign CVA. Two motions were passed to amend our bylaws. 1st motion was to change from three regions to two regions, North and South/Central. The 2nd motion was to align the VPs.
- Thank you to Heidi Foster and Maureen Carlson, who served two terms as Vice Presidents. Steve, Diane and Priscilla have agreed to serve a 2nd term. Thank you to Paul Robb for taking over as VP North.
- Thank you to all the clubs for continuing to host your Traditional Events.
- You can start renewing your Year-Round and Seasonal events beginning June 1.
- The AVA increase for credit walkers and free walkers came as a big surprise to all of us. AVA had the right to do this, but the communication was not good. Are any of the clubs struggling with the increase?

10. Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary's reports through April 1, 2024

- **Vice President North:** Heidi Foster (see *attachment 4*)
- **Vice President Central** – Priscilla Fife (see *attachment 5*)
- **Vice President South** – Maureen Carlson (see *attachment 6*)
- **Secretary:** Diane Gomes (see *attachment 7*)
- **Treasurer:** Steve Hughart (see *attachment 8*)
Chris Zegelin brought attention to a \$200 balance in PayPal. He has all the account information, and he will pass it on to Steve Hughart for any action.

11. *The COMPASS Report* – Suzi Glass (see *attachment 9*)

- What you should include in your *COMPASS* article can be reduced because a lot of the information is in other places within the Compass.
- **Subscription Editor:** Jean Lucas – Thank you for the 86 subscribers!

12. New Business

- **Motion – 2025 Big Give** – Cathy Pauley (see *attachment 10*)
 - Give \$250 for Big Give. Barbara Nuss 2nd motion. Passed
- **Motion – CVA Officer Nominations** – (see *attachment 11*)
 - Heidi Foster 2nd motion. Passed.
- **Motion – CVA Constitution Amendment Article VI 6.4** – (see *attachment 12*)
 - Holly Pelking 2nd motion. Passed.
- **Motion – By-Law Revision Events & Fees 3.3** – (see *attachment 13*)
 - Tom Smith 2nd motion. Motion withdrawn due to 3.2 being incorrect. In addition, there will be a discussion with the SEC, and this will likely be added to the standing rules. Corrected by-laws will be sent out regarding 3.2.
- **Motion – CVA paying LDR MeetUp Fees Clarification** – (see *attachment 14*)
 - Suzi Glass 2nd motion. Passed.
 - Steve Hughart would like to see a report of the value added (quality not quantity) by MeetUp before approving it again. President Cathy Pauley agreed.
- **Motion – CVA Constitution Amendment Article VII 7.6 (2nd version)** (see *attachment 15*)

- Contents of motions were discussed but President Cathy Pauley did not make either motion after general discussion about the contents of both motions. All the club presidents want to know ahead of time when they are a host club but also want to be involved in deciding. Bruce McDevitt also said this can be added to the CVA Standing Rules and does not need to be a Constitution Amendment. Ty Fredriks volunteered to create a Google Sheets form to be sent out to the club presidents to choose what year(s) they would like to host and if they want another club to assist. It was also discussed that next year's convention should be in June so club members can attend the 2025 AVA Biennial in New Mexico. The SEC will vote at a later date, to move the dates once the host club(s) make final decision on date.
 - **Motion – CVA Constitution Amendment Article VII 7.1 – (see *attachment 16*)**
 - Barbara Nuss 2nd motion. Passed.
- 13. Adjournment**
- Thank you to the Sonoma County Stompers and Vaca Valley Volks for all the work they put in for the 2024 convention.

Diane Gomes, Secretary, California Volkssport Association

Attachments:

- 1 – AVA Vice Chair Remarks
- 2 – Regional Awards
- 3 – CVA President Comments
- 4 – VP North Report
- 5 – VP Central Report
- 6 – VP South Report
- 7 – Secretary Report
- 8 – Treasurer Report
- 9 – Compass Report
- 10 – 2024 Motion Big Give
- 11 – 2024 Motion CVA Officer Nomination
- 12 – 2024 Motion CVA Constitution Amendment Officer General Requirements
- 13 – 2024 Motion CVA By Law Change Events-Fees
- 14 – 2024 Motion CVA to pay LDR Meetup fees
- 15 - 2024 Motion CVA Constitution Amendment Meeting Rotations 2nd version
- 16 – 2024 Motion CVA Constitution Amendment Meetings