

**OTSVA Quarterly Membership Meeting  
October 20, 2018  
New Seasons Market, Happy Valley**

President- Louise Dix, Vice President & Recognition chair – Ed Hainline, Secretary – Don Reed, Treasurer – Karen McGehee, Web Master – Maryann Brown, Publicity – Pat Jewett, WOC – Martha Korff, Dan Webster, AVA Secretary – Sam Korff, NW Regional Director – Tom Baltes, NW Deputy Regional Director – Dennis Standridge.

**Clubs:**

Albany Fitwalkers – Don Reed	Rogue Valley Walkers – Louise Dix
Cedar Milers – Dan Webster	Silverton Walkabouts – Don Reed
Columbia River Volkssport – Ed Hainline	Turnaround Trekkers – Martha Korff
Corvallis Cruisers – Don Reed	Valley Volkswalkers – Karen Highfield
East County Windwalkers – Regina Blake	Willamette Wanderers – Jim Westcott
Eugene-Springfield Mossbacks – Maryann Brown	Yachats Coastal Gems – Maryann Brown
Rose City Roamers – Dick Baker	

Louise Dix, President opened the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

**VIP Guests:** Louise Baltes, Debbie Standridge, Debra Wescott  
Introductions were made.

**Minutes:** Ed Moved and Don Seconded to Approve the July 7, 2018  
Minutes as written. **Motion Carried.**

**Treasurers Report:** Karen McGehee presented the balance sheet up to October  
And the Totals for the first two quarters. Compared this to last year, Totals  
looks good. Karen also presented financial copies for secretarial files.  
Financial report approved.

President Louise Dix initiated discussion of Appointments to the Steering  
committee: In addition to the elected officers, members suggested, Pat Jewett,  
Maryann Brown, Martha Korff, Dan Webster, as well as Sam Korff.  
Motion to accept was made by Jim Westcott and seconded by Dick Baker  
**Motion Carried.**

**Publicity Report:** Pat's report included her attending the Metro Forum  
Meeting, as well as attending the Oregon Trails Summit in Bend. Many new  
trails are planned. This could be something where we could get more involved.  
We discussed having Rogue Valley Walkers President Jerri Wildfong design a  
logo for use on a patch or other possibilities such as a T-shirt with a State Logo  
as well. Having large magnets was discussed as well.

Sam brought forth the suggestion of tabling at the State Fair and was discussed at length. It was decided to shelve the idea till next year. Manpower and expenses were of concern, a so it was decided that club officers should bring this subject to club level to get a consensus. We can renew this discussion at a future date.

It was added that there are a variety of other venues, such as county fairs, parades and other events in different areas of the State that could give our organization exposure as well.

**Flame Awards:** Dick Baker gave the members the rundown about the proposed new award system criteria. It was suggested that some sort of form be formatted to keep a track record of this new point system to cover a one-year period for club members, this could then be submitted to the Recognition Chair person. Ed asked if this will supplant the existing system of award selection, if so, when?

A motion for Individual recognition was made by Sam and seconded by Ed.

**Motion Carried.** An additional motion was made to start this on a calendar year basis. This Motion was made by Jim and many seconds. **Motion carried.** The Club criteria award was shelved so as to give Dick more time to revise and adjust the Club type awards. Type of award may be changed and decided upon at a later date.

**Challenges:** Dan Webster has contacted clubs to remind them that there are new challenges for next year and that they should be listed for each club's walks that are posted on the AVA web site. If there are clubs that need assistance in doing so Dan has offered his time to aide in carrying this out. If clubs find that there are Special programs or OTSVA Challenges near an existing YER than they are asked to either tweak their walk or make options to go past a particular challenge. Louise asked Don about the Pacific Crest Trail walks. This should get off the ground by next as a National challenge. Don has sanctioned two additional walks to go along with the existing 10 other PCT walks. They will be seasonal walks and registration will be by the electronic start box only. More information will be forthcoming.

**Old Business:** Marking supplies. A paper was circulated for clubs to submit the arrows type, color and amounts they desired. Ed wants the new arrows to have a one inch border. This should finalize ordering for the time being. Martha will check on ordering the different colors of ribbon. Start card amounts were also discussed. Clubs seem to be satisfied with current amounts, However if clubs do need additional amounts Ed has a surplus to share.

**New Business:** Winter walk contest. This will remain the in the same format of this year for next year. Ed passed out sample forms for contestants to fill out. It was suggested to change from REI to a Visa Gift card for prizes. Maryann made a motion to such with many seconds. **Carried.**

Rogue Valley Riches was discussed. As previously stated at our July 7 meeting, dates were changed to May 17 -19. This venue may change for the coming years to be held in new areas such as in Grants Pass or in other locals. Note: The Rogue Valley Walkers has decided to cancel this walk in 2019 and instead will offer a multiday walk in 2020 in Ashland.

**Joint Club Participation:** Dan would like to see a joint club venture for support and coverage of Wildwood Trail. Ed gave examples of other joint Events that Columbia River and Rose City roamers have undertaken.

This has been done historically many times in the past with other clubs.

It was pointed out by Don that 6 Albany Fitwalkers had helped with manning The Vanport walk, and offered to help with any walks that additional help is needed. This would be another great usage for our state website. Clubs could post a walk signup sheet for Oregon clubs to sign up for.

**Regional Directors Report:** Tom talked about OTSVA sponsoring the Regional Conference in their area for 2020. Possible locations were discussed including Southern Oregon.

Here's a rundown of Tom's report.

1. Having a training committee for Trail masters.
2. National Awards nominations should be submitted by Nov. 1.  
Tom says there are many good candidates.
3. Community Events will be ready for implementation as of October 1, 2018. These will be non-sanctioned non-credit walks in local communities within the State.
4. Nominating Committee to elect new regional officers. Any candidates should be selected soon so as to be placed on the ballot.
5. National convention silent auction items should be sought after.
6. These can be either mailed. Mailing address is on the AVA web site.  
Don will be driving to the convention and is willing to bring items to Be submitted.
7. Tom briefed us about the Crazy Horse walk.
8. The new stamps can be edited for desired wording on the AVA website.

President Louise Dix mentioned the desirability of offering training opportunities for new and future Treasurer positions. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm. Next OTSVA meeting: The Heartbreaker walk on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> 2019