

## Oregon Trails Volkssporting Association

### State Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2019 12:30 pm

Albany, Oregon

Members: President, Louise Dix; Vice President, Ed Hainline; Secretary, Don Reed; Treasurer, Karen McGehee; Recognition, Ed Hainline; Website, Maryann Brown; Publicity, Pat Jewett; WOC, Martha Korff; - & Dan Webster; Regional Director, Tom Baltes; AVA Secretary, Sam Korff

#### Clubs:

Albany Fitwalkers – Jan Epperson

Cedar Milers – Dan Webster

Columbia River Volkssport Club – Ed Hainline

Corvallis Cruisers – Don Reed

East County Wind Walkers – Louise Dix

Eugene-Springfield Moss Backs – Sally Ross

Rogue Valley Walkers – Pat Jewett

Rose City Roamers – Dick Baker

Silverton Walkabouts – Mary Rogers

Turnaround Trekkers – Martha Korff

Valley Volkswalkers – Karen Highfield

Willamette Wanderers – James Westscott

Yachats Coastal Gems – Maryann Brown

**Guests/Others** Debra Westscott

**Call to order:** President Louise Dix opened the meeting at 12:35 pm. Louise briefly asked for help with manning the walk at the Tickle Creek event scheduled for June 29, 2019. Help would be appreciated.

**Minutes:** A final corrected set of minutes for the Regular Quarterly meeting of March 16, 2019 in Hillsboro, should have been received by committee members in an e-mail attachment sent April 8, 2019. Don will pass out hard copies of the March 16 meeting minutes at the next regular meeting scheduled for July 27, 2019 in Astoria Oregon.

**Treasurers report:** Karen McGehee. Karen distributed to committee members the current balances for OTSVA, and in addition, the total walk numbers for 2018. The numbers were up in comparison to the 2017 totals. This was an encouraging sign for OTSVA. A discussion was had for reinstating the dues for credit walkers to be paid to OTSVA. Ed motioned and Sam seconded for a .25 cent amount for each credit walker to be paid beginning July 1, 2019. Motion Carried.

**Publicity:** Pat Jewett. Pat mentioned that she attended a conference in Hermiston Oregon involving funding That has been acquired for developing regional trails for the area. ODOT and other officials were present at the meeting. Pat suggested that we could possibly hold walks events on any newly developed trails as a result of this funding and discussions.

**Website:** Maryann Brown. Maryann is working to construct the new website which could allow the posting of photographs on as well as other items for promotional purpose. She will send information to clubs as to requirements in adding things to the site.

**Recognition:** Ed Hainline. Ed turned the floor over to Dick Baker to explain the Flame award and information and procedures regarding forms to be filled out for nominations that will begin January 1, 2020.

Ed then held the drawing for the first quarter winter walk contest. Winners are as follows.

1<sup>st</sup> place – Ethel Wood. \$100 VISA gift card.

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Mary Rogers. \$75.00 VISA gift card.

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Mary Reed. \$50.00 VISA gift card.

Winners for the Nice embroidered towel crafted by Louise Baltes were:

1<sup>st</sup> – Ethel Wood

2<sup>nd</sup> – Sandy Hiles

3<sup>rd</sup> – Don Reed

Dick made a motion and Jim seconded, to hold the winter walk contest in 2020. Motion carried.

ED made a motion and Karen seconded, for rounding up for next year's totals for walks. Motion carried.

The Valley Volkswalkers, Represented by president Karen Highfield, were presented with a certificate for their 35 Year Anniversary. A nice congratulation card sent, signed by Henry, and read to the committee by Ed.

**Challenges:** Martha passed around pictures of the new Challenge awards for 2020 for approval.

Jim motioned and Ed seconded to approve the awards designs. Motion carried.

Dan Webster has sent out updated list for special programs and challenges to committee members.

**Old business:** President Louise presented, as previously described, the bylaws changes for the Steering Committee meetings. Motion by Maryann and seconded by Ed to accept those changes was made. Motion carried. Bylaws changes for term limits will be discussed at the next regular OTSVA meeting and a vote will be held at that time.

Pathfinder costs and various financial issues for future recommendations were discussed. Further investigation should transpire before final recommendation may be made to the board members of the Pathfinder.

Things for the silent auction should be presented soon to folks that may be driving to the Convention.

This should be done soon so that Convention volunteers can make assess the needs for tabling.

**New Business:** The Regional Conference was discussed. The tentative schedule is for June 26-28 2020 in Medford Oregon. A committee may be formed to deal with scheduling events for that time and other things to be made available at the conference. Louise will be traveling to the area to assist in this development.

**Regional Director:** In the absents of Tom Baltes, Ed presented to the committee the information about the Mass media events, that a firm contracted to AVA, has recommended. They would like two events to be held on Oregon for this project. Events to be held between the dates of September 2019 and December 2020. Location of the events were suggested. One in Medford during the Regional conference and the other in Albany for the carousel walk.

Tom would also like volunteers to form an RD Committee consisting of two from Oregon and two from Washington plus Tom, a committee of five, to come up with ideas and recommendations concerning free walkers. Louise Dix has volunteered for this committee.

**Other Business:** Sam would like to discuss forming an Event committee. This will be handled at the next regular OTSVA meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm. Next meeting July 27, 2019 in Astoria Oregon, time to be announced.

Respectfully submitted, Don Reed Secretary

