



## California Volkssport Association 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes May 4, 2019

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### 1. CVA Annual Meeting Official Opening

The 2019 California Volkssport Association (CVA) annual meeting was opened at 1:00 pm by Betsy McDevitt, CVA President.

- Ty Fredriks, President, *Central Coast Beach Boardwalkers*, welcomed everyone to San Diego and the 2019 CVA Convention. He commented “You are an inspiration to Ginger and I.”
- Veteran Bob Gebo honored Armed Services veterans and those on active duty, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 2. Introductions

- Betsy McDevitt recognized and introduced members of the CVA State Executive Council (SEC): VP North Nancy Alex, VP Central John Glass, VP South Kathy Bundy, Treasurer Beverly Bales, Secretary Cathy Pauley – and introduced Suzi Glass, AVA Pacific Regional Director.

### 3. AVA Report and Awards

- Suzi Glass introduced newly elected AVA Pacific Regional Director Carl Cordes, whose term is July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021, and she takes over as the Deputy Pacific Regional Director same timeframe. She handed out the 2019 awards for Pacific Region. (See Attachment 1 for award recipients).
- Suzi’s report included an update on the Big Give (final tally not completed); shared the three AVA motions that should be discussed with club members (See Attachment 2 for the motions); regional tellers needed for annual meeting to hand out electronic ballot devices and collect them back. Pacific Region needs a teller and Brenda Harris from the *Las Vegas High Rollers* accepted the role.
- Suzi introduced Bruce McDevitt and his new position chairing a Policy Manual committee. Suzi will volunteer to be on that committee as well.

### 4. Report of Quorum

Cathy Pauley, CVA Secretary reported that we have a quorum. Seventy-six percent (76%) of voting members were present (60% required for quorum).

### 5. Approval of 2018 Meeting Minutes

The 2018 (labeled 2017) CVA Annual Meeting minutes were emailed to each club on May 21, 2018 for their review. Outgoing Secretary John Cappello asked the club delegates if there were any comments of any omissions or misstatements of those minutes. Being none reported; the minutes were pronounced accepted and approved. (We are now lining up the minutes to reflect the year of the convention).

### 6. President’s Report and Commentary (see Attachment 3 for full report)

- Betsy McDevitt noted that she wants the delegates to sit forward on one side to help make counting votes easier.
- Betsy thanked the clubs who hosted the convention - LDR, CCBB and GVG and thanked Jean Vik who organized the committees.

- She asked that club officers keep the AVA Website current and up-to-date.
- Betsy reminded attendees of the TAW deadlines.
- Betsy talked about the 21<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention in Albany, N.Y. and she will not be able to attend this year. CVA's Delegate will be Beverly Bales/CVA Treasurer, and our Alternate will be Kathy Bundy/V.P. South.
- The CVA Constitution and Bylaws need to be reviewed. Bruce McDevitt has volunteered to chair this review committee.
- Submit Traditional Event (TE) brochures to CVA President for approval.
- Betsy reminded clubs to submit their year-round events.
- Jean Vik thanked all her volunteers during the President's Remarks to include Ty Fredrik, Marillyn Ratliff, John Cappello, and LDR members.

#### **7. Vice President Report - North (Nancy Alex)**

- The Wayne Holloway Memorial Walk had 105 participants.
- The River Bike Tour had 4 cyclists
- Sac River Front Tour had 7 riders

#### **8. Vice President Report – Central (John Glass)**

- John Glass was happy for all the awards given today.
- SF Bay Bandits President Priscilla Fife has created new walks in Golden Gate
- Delta Tule Trekkers took mass transit from Valley to San Jose for a San Jose walk. John appreciated the creativity.
- South Bay Striders Chris Zegelin has been a hard worker and very innovative regarding the Website. Please share any concerns with him.

#### **9. Vice President Report – South (Kathy Bundy)**

- Kathy Bundy reported that the Super Blooms brought so much traffic on I-15 in March and April.
- South has five clubs and the newly formed club Central Coast Beach Boardwalkers now has 50 members.
- The Ventura year round walk is the most popular and has been for 15 years
- The Green Valley Gaiters continue to have monthly meetings led by Bob Gebo that are well attended.
- Low Desert Roadrunners President Sue Obradovitz has been around 22 years. The most popular walk is San Diego Old Town. She also hosts walks on Tuesdays and Saturdays with a theme for these walks.
- The Coronado Beachcombers and South Bay Roadrunners headed by Herman Husbands most popular walk is Coronado.
- Kathy reported that she will be speaking at the AVA biennial convention on the Meet-Up App.

#### **10. Treasurer's Report – Beverly Bales**

- See Attachment 4 for 2018/2019 CVA Profit and Loss Statement.
- See Attachment 5 for CVA Annual Comparisons
- Beverly Bales reported that we have a healthy CD balance. Chris Zegelin posted question about why the CD is sitting there and not drawing interest. We should have six months of cash on hand and use that money to turn things around such as Meet-Up for all clubs. Chris recommended that the SEC talk about the CD.

- Bruce McDevitt suggested we put sanction fees at \$10 for at least 1 year to build up the treasury.
- Barbara Nuss said her club, Sacramento Walking Sticks, could handle the increase but it could be a struggle for some clubs. She doesn't want to see clubs struggle.
- Chris Zegelin said the CD would cover operating costs for 4 years.
- Shirley Hightower asked if we need to increase the cost of the *Compass*.
- Ty Fredriks recommended going from 4 publications per year to 3 publications. Betsy McDevitt said it would be a hardship to cut back to 3 publications.
- Chris Zegelin said we need to keep the *Compass* as it is.
- Brenda Harris said the Las Vegas Rollers would like to buy ad space in the *Compass*. Prices quoted are \$50 for ¼ page; \$100 for full page.
- Chris Zegelin said the *Compass* should be more regionalized.

#### **11. Secretary's Report – Cathy Pauley**

- See Attachment 6 for Secretary report.

#### **12. Compass Report – Suzi Glass**

- See Attachment 7 for Suzi Glass's 2019 Check-Off List for *Compass* articles.
- Suzi Glass reported that clubs are submitting articles prior to the deadline and she appreciates the change.
- Suzi is asking for *Compass* Cover Photos to have people with forward views and walking. For the YRE section, she wants a photo that highlights the walk – something unusual about the walk to attract attendees (no people in these photos). She currently is "stealing" photos from club Websites and Facebook.
- Suzi said the PARD submits calendar events for their clubs for the AVA calendar. She asked that clubs do this for Carl Cordes like they did for her. She believes the deadline is Oct. 1. If they renew the calendar it will be \$12 plus shipping.

#### **13. Webmaster Report – Chris Zegelin**

- Chris Zegelin thanked CVA for a "place to play" and the online boxes.
- Chris said the CVA Website will go away and needs of CVA will be met with a new site
- Chris showed off new design – "My AVA"; will be phone friendly. You can use legacy sign-in and change your walk stamps. He suggested that clubs have fun with designing new stamps.
- Judy Gregory, new Webmaster, will work on a new CVA Website. The new site will be targeted towards event.
- Carl Cordes brought up the administrator for the AVA Website.
- Joan Sykes discussed adding members to the *Checkpoint*.

#### **14. Unfinished business.**

- None to report.

#### **15. New Business - motions.**

- Motions submitted for approval
  - a. Betsy McDevitt made a motion that the CVA donated \$250 to the 2020 Big Give in March 2020. Seconded by Chris Zegelin. Discussion: Holly Pelking explained that the Big Give is in March because the San Antonio-based organization that oversees the Big Give moved it to March, which is prior to our CVA convention. Debbie Thomas asked if we make donation during matching time and the answer is "yes." Holly wants to increase

the CVA donation to \$500. Betsy McDevitt was concerned about donating more than \$250, but said an amendment must be made to increase to \$500. Holly Pelking made a motion to amend the Big Give to \$500. She did not get a second so the amended motion failed. Bruce McDevitt gives on the actual “Big Give” day so the amount is matched and then submits a receipt to his club for reimbursement. Vote was called for the original motion of \$250. Motion Approved. (Attachment No. 8)

**b.** Betsy McDevitt made a motion for New Club Support, bylaw amendment. Seconded by Barbara Nuss. Discussion: Chris Zegelin said if the motion passes it should be part of the CVA manual. The question was asked where the \$300 for the motion came from. Suzi Glass said it was based on quick figures of what a club would need. Holly Pelking asked Ty Fredriks if \$300 was enough for his club to start up. He said it was. Beverly Bales asked if we should strike \$300 and leave it open for SEC to determine amount. Bruce McDevitt made a motion to amend the original motion to waive 30-day requirement to change by-laws in order to continue forward with motion on the floor. Amended motion seconded by Don Ratliff. Amendment carried. Chris Zegelin made motion to add “or at the discretion of SEC”. Seconded by Don Ratliff. Vote called. Motion carried. (Attachment No. 9)

**c.** Debbie Thomas, Treasurer, Shasta Sundial Strollers made a motion for Existing Club Support. Seconded by Heidi Foster. Discussion. Ty Fredriks has concerns about existing clubs treasury handling funds. Debbie Thomas said her club has a current balance of \$725 and the accounts are dwindling. She is concerned about being able to host the 2020 CVA convention with a dwindling treasury. Beverly Bales was surprised that SSS have no registration fees. There was discussion about charging fees for the convention. Bob Gebo said it’s a business meeting and we should not charge to attend. Debbie Thomas added that she would be concerned participants would not attend if a convention fee was charged. Chris Zegelin said his club had to increase walks to \$5 to cover extra expenses when they hosted the CVA convention. Bruce McDevitt said when his club hosted the convention, they had to make a \$1000 deposit with the hotel. CVA gave the club \$1000 and then his club reimbursed CVA after the room commitment was made. Debbie Thomas said she and her president Cynthia use personal credit cards to keep club afloat. She is concerned they won’t be able to host the 2020 convention. Chris Zegelin said they asked for a grant from the CVA SEC that did not require a vote. Don Ratliff said when his club hosted the AVA convention, they charged \$4 to cover park fees. Jill Simmons said if this motion passes, the existing club would need to spell out what the money is for. Kathy Bundy asked if the Carr Fires affected the SSS income. Bruce McDevitt said because CVA is a 501(c)(3) it is illegal to give money to a person. This was mentioned because Debbie Thomas said they helped club members who lost homes in the Carr Fires. Bruce McDevitt made a motion to amend the original motion to read “request up to \$1000 grant”. Amendment seconded by Holly Pelking. Vote called. Motion carried. (Attachment No. 10)

**d.** Debbie Thomas, Treasurer, Shasta Sundial Strollers made a motion for the Shasta Sundial Strollers to host the 2020 CVA Convention to be held in Shasta, Calif. Seconded by Barbara Nuss. Motion carried. (Attachment No. 11)

## **16. New Business – programs.**

- a. Barbara Nuss shared a California-specific walk program called “Walking With Woody & the Sacramento Walking Sticks”. This program will cost \$10 and if you complete, you will receive a patch. Participants will receive a booklet spelling out

- “SACRAMENTO WALKING STICKS”. In order to complete the program, participants have to go on 23 walks – one walk per letter of SWS. For example Ione for one of the I’s; Knights Ferry for one of the K’s. There is no end or start date yet but Barbara will send out the information once they are ready to launch the program.
- b. Ty Fredriks introduced a Regional Special Program idea. He wants to create a regional walk based on Higher Education. Walkers must go on a walk that passes by a four-year university in California, Nevada and/or Hawaii. His initial thought was to make it a 12-month program. Holly Pelking was concerned that one year is not long enough. She also said we should include Traditional Walks, not just Year Round walks. She said 5 years is enough for a special program. Her advice was not to go over 5 years. She recommended Jan 2020 to Dec 2025 to complete the program. Joan Sykes said there was a higher education national walk about 10 years ago. Suzi Glass said permission would be needed from the previous club to “reactivate” the program. She said she would contact that club and get permission. Carl Cordes said CVA does not need permission from the PARD to start a regional special program – only national special programs. Joan Sykes said it would be fun to have milestones where the participant earns an AA, BA, MA and finally Ph.d. at completion of program.
- c. Cathy Pauley, President Delta Tule Trekkers showcased her club’s new Website, which is visually pleasing and easy to maneuver and said if other clubs wanted information on the program used, to reach out to her and she would hook them up with Diane Gomes, who created DTT’s new Website.

**17. Adjournment.** The 2019 CVA Annual Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

/s/ Cathy Pauley

Cathy Pauley, Secretary, California Volkssport Association

Attachments:

- 1 – CVA Regional Awards
- 2 – AVA Motions for biennial convention
- 3 – CVA President’s Report
- 4 – 2018/2019 CVA Profit and Loss Statement
- 5 – CVA Annual Comparisons
- 6 – CVA Secretary Report
- 7 – *Compass* Report
- 8 – Motion 2020 Big Give
- 9 – Motion New Club Support/By-Law Amendment
- 10 – Motion Existing Club Support
- 11 – Motion 2020 CVA Convention