#4 November 11, 2021

Thanks to all our Veterans who served our country on this Veterans Day.

Note to clubs that have not completed their financials for AVA yet: Please complete as soon as possible. If your club did not have a change in officers, please go to the officer page in your my.ava account for your club, scroll to the bottom and click the verify button. This will close the yearly requirement for your club.

I omitted 2 new YREs on the list I sent earlier in the month so have included a revised page here to aide you in planning your group walk calendar or travel schedule.

We are receiving more request for Traditional Event dates and will include those when we send the December Future Event List.

AVA Board had their quarterly web meeting last evening. Here are some notes that may interest clubs:

Executive Director Report:

- Walker Tracker special program will be discontinued after this year. The program cost and goal of
 attracting more walkers to AVA are the reason for discontinuation. We may be looking to other virtual
 walking programs in the future that are not as costly as this one. NW Region can still win the challenge
 for the most steps this year. Keep on walking!
- AVA is welcoming a new club and 6 clubs will be deactivating this year (includes 3 NW Regional clubs: Yachats, closed 4/19/2021, Third Planet Volkstours, closing 12/31/2021 and All Weather Walkers, closing 12/31/2021). YR Walks from all 3 clubs have been continued under the leadership of neighboring clubs. Thanks to clubs in supporting this effort.
- The 2022 Liability Insurance renewal is being signed now so clubs will be able to obtain the additional
 insurance, if needed, for events in 2022 very shortly. The cost of the plan has increased a few thousand
 dollars since last year. Due to software changes when clubs apply for the additional insurance a screen
 will pop up for you to fill out and will go directly to the Insurance Company. The AVA Staff will no
 longer need to process the paperwork.

The AVA Board Chair, Nancy Wittenberg, let us know that 2 board members have resigned. One is Dr Kathleen Connell, member-at-large and the second is Tom Alyea, SC RD. Theresa Arnold has stepped into that position and there is now a DRD for that region, but I missed the name.

Nancy added that about \$96,000 has been reached with the Big Give.

The 2023 Olympiad Committee reported on their status. Soon there will be a website and the online registration form is 80% complete. Watch for more information soon! Be sure to add the dates to your planning for 2023 (Feb 19-23, 2023). The webpage and Facebook group are now available! https://ivvolympiad2023.org/ https://www.facebook.com/2023IVVOlympiadUSA

Finance Committee:

 The 2022 Proposed budget was introduced and approved. Walk income is still questionable as many clubs are not able to host walks yet and some are not walking in groups yet. The numbers in the NW Region are good even though we have not been able to host as many Traditional Events and the number of multi-Day events was down due to COVID. Next year looks to be better for this region.

The IT Team has been working on a lot of things. One that is immediately visible to users is the addition of a web link from the event page that you can copy and paste to share.



Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! Hope you can *Opt-Outside* the whole long weekend with the typical November weather upon us.



Sharon Moats NW RD

Ed Hainline NW DRD

YR#	Club #	Club Name	Event Location	State	Event Name	YRW	YRSW	YRB
Y2996	148	Capitol Volkssport Club	Aberdeen	WA	Waterfront, Town and Hilltop	Х	33	
Y3027	148	Capitol Volkssport Club	Hoquiam	WA	Town and Waterfront	Х	333	
Y2877	242	Columbia River Volkssport	Redmond	OR	Tour 'd Art	Х		
Y2879	242	Columbia River Volkssport	Sunriver	OR	Trails and Loops	Х		
Y3037	318	Emerald City Wanderers	Seattle	WA	Historic Capitol Hill	X	- ii	
Y3036	318	Emerald City Wanderers	Seattle	WA	South Park Historical Walk	Х	7	ĺ
Y2942	326	Lilac City Volkssport Assn	Spokane	WA	Fish Lake Trail Walk	Х	- 23	
Y2941	326	Lilac City Volkssport Assn	Spokane	WA	Fish Lake Trail Bike			Х
Y2962	360	Central WA Sun Striders	Cle Elum	WA	South CleElum	Х	- 33	
Y2963	360	Central WA Sun Striders	Cle Elum	WA	Town, Trail and Cemetery	Х	333	
Y3041	384	Interlaken Trailblazers	Renton	WA	Coulon Park (split from town)	Х		
Y3039	384	Interlaken Trailblazers	Sultan	WA	Town and Trails		Х	
Y0033	446	Rose City Roamers	Portland	OR	NE - Hollywood-Rose City Park V	X	Ĭ	
Y2970	474	Albany Fitwalkers	Newport	OR	Nature	Х	77	ĺ
Y2978	482	NW Tulip Trekkers	Oak Harbor	WA	Town and Waterfront	Х	- 23	
Y2978	517	Olympic Peninsula Explorers	Forks	WA	Forks Revisited	Х		- 8
Y2979	517	Olympic Peninsula Explorers	Silverdale	WA	Newberry Hill	Х	- 33	_
Y2985	534	Four Plus Foolhardy Folks	Pt Ludlow	WA	Beach and Trail	Х	33	
Y2898	534	Four Plus Foolhardy Folks	Tukwila	WA	Allentown and Duwamish River	Х		
Y2964	534	Four Plus Foolhardy Folks	North Bend	WA	Bike Palouse to Cascade Trail	Х		Х
Y2940	549	Cedar Milers	Moro/Wasco	OR	Moro and Wasco Towns	Х		
Y2888	766	Treasure Valley	Idaho Falls	ID	River Walk	Х	75	ĺ
Y2897	925	Sound Steppers	Everett	WA	Silver Firs	Х	- 8	