The Mountaineers

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
June 5, 2008

Board Members Present:
Officers
President - Eric Linxweiler
Secretary - Steve Sears
VP Recreational Properties - Dave Claar
Past President - Bill Deters

At Large Trustees
Ed Henderson
Patti Polinsky
Don Schaechtel
Dave Shema
Dale Flynn
Eva Schoenleitner
Mona West

Branch Trustees
Mike Maude – Seattle
Gerry Haugen – Foothills
Jimmy James – Kitsap
Tom Shimko – Tacoma

Board Members Absent
President Elect - Tab Wilkins
Treasurer - Jordon Roderick
VP Publishing - Don Heck
Trustee - Sabrina Oesterle
Branch Trustee - Steven Glenn – Bellingham
Branch Trustee - Rob Simonson – Everett
Branch Trustee - John Flanagan – Olympia

Others Present
Executive Director - Steve Costie
Books Associate Publisher - Hally Swift
Foundation President - Jamie Gordon
Conservation Chair - Michael Shurgot
Controller - Brian Horstman

Guests Present: Harry Romberg, Fran Troje

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm in the Summit Room. The President and Secretary were in attendance. A quorum was established.

Approve Agenda

It was moved by Patti Polinsky and seconded to approve the agenda. The Motion passed.

Approve Minutes of April 2008 Meeting

It was moved by Bill Deters and seconded to approve the Minutes of the May 2008 meeting of the Board of Trustees. The Motion passed.

Consent Agenda

- Approve the appointment of Dave Shema as a member of the NFCC.
- Approve the renewal of the Publishing Division's lease at Harbor Island.
  It was moved by Ed Henderson and seconded to approve the consent agenda. The Motion passed.

Officer/Staff Reports

President Eric Linxweiler from written report:
General Activities for May
- Cascade Land Conservancy Breakfast (May 1).
- Board Retreat (May 10).

Committee Updates

Snoqualmie Land Use Committee
- In discussion with two firms, who potentially may provide the Mountaineers with a joint bid.

Executive Committee
- Met on May 27th.
- Next meeting on July 22nd.

Miscellaneous

New meeting rules:

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- All reports are completed by presenter(s) before comments or questions.
- Agenda items run through Ex Comm for inclusion in Board meetings.
- Keep our collective compass on the strategic plan. We are executing, but more is needed. Better reporting of progress forthcoming.
- No Board of Trustees Meeting in July. Next Board meeting is August 7th.
- Sabrina Oesterle submitted her resignation as Trustee, effective 5 June 2008.

President Elect Tab Wilkins from written report:
Board-related:

- Participated in Board development day on May 10.
- Held the Managing Committee meeting on May 22 focused on discussion of branch finances, travel policy and youth policy.
- Participated in Ex Com meeting on May 27.

For fun:

- Assisted with Leadership Training Seminar in Seattle on May 3.
- Participated in planning session for Adventures in Reading Book Club on May 14 working with Mountaineers Book store.
- Skied with Foothills Branch trip on May 18.
- Taught at Tacoma Basic Climbing Class on May 24 – 25.

Executive Director Steve Costie reported that:

- The Seattle channel is airing a film about the clubs building at Magnuson Park, Steve will get a copy for the Boards review. The Seattle Channel is also working on another segment about the rationale for our move to Magnuson Park.
- There are many phone calls expressing interest in the clubs Magnuson Park Headquarters project, daily inquiries are increasing.
- The Seattle Times recently ran a front page story about our move to Magnuson.
- American Alpine Club Executive Director Phil Powers shared a meeting with Steve to discuss our clubs work on Club-wide Standards. Phil is expecting that the AAC may be the Standards certifying organization for the United States.
- The Magnuson work is coming along very nicely. The ceilings are done, the floor is done and the windows are filled. See Magnuson project brief #10 attached.
- The Program Development associate Ken Hahn has created a Junior Naturalist program. See attachment.
- The Program Development program is developing quickly. See attached report.

Secretary Steve Sears reported that:

- The Board of Trustee will not hold a meeting in July.
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 7th, at 7pm in the Summit room.
- Material to be included in the August board packet must be submitted before August 1st.

Reporting for Treasurer Jordon Roderick, Controller Brian Horstmann reported that:

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- The Club continues to do well financially for both April and YTD.
- The positive position is due to our later move to Magnuson noting that Building and Book Store sales were expected to be reduced due to an April move. .
- Dues are down $9400 for the month but noted that YTD we are close to budget.
- The YTD membership drop rate is still higher than budget but noted it is the lowest it has been in some time at 3.29 %.

Reporting for Vice-President of Publishing Don Heck, Associate Publisher Hally Swift reported:

- That April sales were slightly less than plan but YTD sales are well ahead of plan and substantially higher than last year, showing a sales growth rate of 13.9 percent.
- The division experienced higher than expected returns from major distributors.
- YTD Net Income is better than plan due to higher sales.
- Confidential Publishing details are available from the Executive Director.

Vice-President Recreational Properties Dave Claar reported:

- The Lodges are now wishing that the snow will go away.
- There is still 10 feet of snow at the Baker Lodge and 4 feet at Meany.
- Recreational Properties Division meeting is next week.
- Recreational Properties budget process is well under way.
- The women's bathroom at Meany Lodge is scheduled for remodeling.

Other Reports

The Board held a brief celebration of the creation of the Wild Sky Wilderness.

- Appreciation was expressed to our special guest Harry Romberg and to Norm Winn for the efforts they made in pursuit of the creation of the Wild Sky Wilderness area.
- Toasts to Harry and Norm were given by club President Eric Linxweiler and Cake and beverages were enjoyed.
- Harry gave a history of the creation of Wilderness areas in Washington
- Harry also gave highlights of the process in creating the Wild Sky Wilderness area, 9 years in the making, the first new wilderness area in 24 years, noting that the next target is the addition to the Alpine Lakes Wilderness area.
- Congratulations and thanks were also given to our Conservation Division.

New Business

It was Moved by Dave Claar and seconded to approve a Meany Lodge capital budget adjustment request of $50,000 to purchase a snow cat. The motion passed.

It was Moved by Dave Claar and seconded to approve a Kitsap Lodge capital budget adjustment request of $32,000 to rebuild the pump house at the Kitsap property. A maximum of $11,000

will come from the Lodge reserve fund and the remainder will be provided by the Mountaineers Foundation. The motion passed. Trustee Ed Henderson abstained from voting.

It was Moved by Don Schaechtel and seconded to rescind board policies 301 and 303 and replace them with a new "Committees" policy as included in the board packet. The motion passed.

It was Moved by Don Schaechtel and seconded to rescind board policy 302 and replace it with a new "Divisions" policy as included in the board packet and revised as shown at the board meeting. The motion passed.

It was Moved by Ed Henderson and seconded to approve the Brunhilde Wislicenus resolution. The motion passed. Include resolution in minutes.

Program Reports

Conservation Division Mike Shurgot: see written report attached.

Recreational Access Division Ed Henderson reported:

- That Both the Recreation Resources Division and the Conservation Division will become involved with the Mt. St. Helens Citizens Advisory Committee. This is an issue that affects both conservation and recreation. That Dan Crouse and Ed are working together in synergy. Debate is on the areas National Park status, noting that this is the only National Monument that is managed by the Forest Service instead of the Dept of the Interior.
- He will attend the June 24th Science hearing in Chehalis.
- That the Recreational Resources committee members will perform trail maintenance on National Trails Day on June 7th.

Bellingham Branch: Steven Glenn - absent

Everett Branch: Rob Simonsen - absent

Foothills Branch: Gerry Haugen reported:

- That all are invited to come out for the National Trails Day June 7th with the Foothills Branch at the Ira Spring Memorial Trail. Exit 45, bbq to follow with free T shirts. See the Foothills website for more info.
- The Digital Photography Course is starting June 10th See the website for signup. Signup is open to members and non-members.
- That Photographer Alan Bauer will give a presentation on day hiking Mt Rainier at the Foothills Branch general meeting on 6/16, 7pm at the King County Library Administration building in Issaquah.
- The winter activity planning is well underway. Foothills and Seattle Branch Nordic skiers

are collaborating to insure continuance of a full slate of Nordic classes and activities.

Kitsap Branch: Jimmy James reported:

- The Kitsap branch has adopted the Old Mill Trail in Silverdale.
- 25 signed up

Seattle Branch: Mike Maude- no report

Tacoma Branch: Tom Shimko reported:

- That the Branch Courses are doing well.
- The Tacoma Clubhouse is also doing well.
- The annual summer picnic will be on 6/26 at Stan and Helen Engels home. All are invited.

Olympia Branch: John Flannigan- absent

Foundation President Jamie Gordon reported:

- The Foundation recognized Club President Linxweiler for his precise attention to the Wislicenus bequest.
- That the services agreement between The Club and the Foundation has been delivered.
- The Foundation will cooperate with The Club in funding and guiding a staff supported Development Associate to enhance our planned giving and fund raising program.
- The relationship between The Mountaineers Club and The Mountaineers Foundation is being reviewed toward improving the opportunity to collaborate on projects.

Good of the Order

Don Schaechtel noted that a field trip he hosted in Leavenworth was modestly attended, remarking that strong structure is a desired component of events.

Dale Flynn noted that the Natural World Class is a poster child event for what the club is looking for in its strategy.

Ed Henderson reported:

- That he spent a week in Helena Montana representing the Mountaineers at the Northwest Energy Coalition.
- That he enjoyed a room at Yellowstone's Old Faithful Inn and saw and heard the wolves, expressing concern with the delisting of them from the Endangered Species list.
- That he will be the "Chief Cat Herder" i.e. coordinator, for the Volunteer Activity Committees moving from the current club house to Magnuson Park, Building 67**.** The Volunteer Activity Committees will be responsible for providing volunteer labor for carrying out the move.

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Jamie Gordon informed us that the Players production of "Beauty and the Beast" is playing the next two weekends at the Kitsap Forest Theatre.

Patti Polinsky reported:

- That she commends Eric for getting complete information into the Board packets.
- That the Family Hiking Weekend is the first weekend in August, the 1st to 3rd.
- The Meany Lodge has a new website, the URL is www.meanylodge.org
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Gerry Haugen reminds us of the potential to have bi monthly Board of Trustee meetings as discussed at the Board retreat.
Brian Horstmann commended Steve Costie on his ability to hire and guide our new Program Development, and Public Policy Associates while also delivering on the Foundation service agreement and managing the Magnuson building project in addition to his usual duties.

Adjournment
It was moved by Ed Henderson and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm. The Motion passed.

Attachments:

1. BoT Magnuson Project Management Brief #10.
2. Junior Naturalist Program report.
3. Program Development Report May 2008.
4. Conservation Executive Committee Summary for June.
5. Conservation Executive Committee Summary for May.
6. Conservation Executive Committee Summary for April.