



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

March 7, 2020

Location: Seattle Program Center

2:00 p.m.

Unofficial Summary

- Approved the January 16, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
- Approved that Sir Chris Bonington be awarded an Honorary Membership to The Mountaineers
- Approved that Manisha Powar be appointed as an At Large Director
- Approved that the Board of Directors endorses the strategic intent of licensing The Mountaineers website to the Colorado Mountain Club (CMC) per the MOU shared in the board packet

Attendance

Officers:

President – Vik Sahney
Vice President – Gabe Aeschliman
VP of Branches – Peter Hendrickson (phone)
Treasurer – Don Heck (phone)
Secretary – Roger Mellem (phone)

Kara Stone - At Large
Steve Swenson – At Large
Dick Lambe – Foothills
Mark Kerr – Tacoma
*Kaelen Moehs Youth Representative
*Dan Langis UW Board Fellow
*Randall Stacy UW Board Fellow

Directors at Large:

Martina Kozar (phone)
Mark Kroese
Steve McClure (phone)
John Ohlson (phone)
Siana Wong (phone)

Staff:

*Tom Vogl CEO
*Tom Helleberg Publisher and Director of Finance & Operations
*Amber Carrigan Director of Development
*Kristina Ciari Director of Membership & Communications
*Becca Polglase Director of Programs & Operations
*Ken Mullins Development Associate
*Bri Vanderlinden Assistant Director of Development

Branch Directors:

Maura Rendes – Bellingham (phone)
Matt Vadnal – Everett
Jerry Logan – Kitsap (phone)
Greg Lovelady – Olympia (phone)
Alex Cowen – Seattle (phone)

Guests & non-voting members:

*Bill Ashby Seattle Branch Chair (phone)
*Elaina Jorgensen Everett Branch Chair (phone)
*Bob Keranen Olympia Branch Chair (phone)
*Cheryl Talbert Foothills Branch Chair (phone)

Board Members Absent:

Lorna Corrigan – Retiring President
Carry Porter - VP of Outdoor Centers
Brynne Koscianski – At Large
Manisha Powar - At Large

* non-voting attendee



Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 p.m. by The Mountaineers President Vik Sahney at the Seattle Program Center. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and VP of Branches were in attendance. A quorum was established.

Agenda:

It was moved by Peter Hendrickson and seconded by Gabe Aeschliman to approve the agenda. Motion adopted.

Consent Agenda:

It was moved by Matt Vadnal and seconded by John Ohlson to approve the Consent agenda consisting of approval of the January 16, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes and that Sir Chris Bonington be awarded an Honorary Membership to The Mountaineers.

Motion adopted.

Committee and Staff reports:

- Amber Carrigan updated the board on Development and the Gala in response to COVID-19.
- Gabe Aeschliman presented the Governance Committee's recommendation that Manisha Powar be elected an At Large Director.
 - Motion adopted.
- Tom Vogl updated the board on the status of his hiring the Conservation & Advocacy Director.

Executive Session:

- Vik Sahney moved to enter Executive Session at 3:20 p.m., seconded by John Ohlson and adopted. Tom Vogl was invited to stay for the session.
- The board moved out of Executive Session at 3:40 p.m.

New Business:

- Tom Vogl updated the board on the Colorado Mountain Club (CMC) Website Licensing MOU.
 - It was moved by John Ohlson and seconded by Steve McClure that the board endorse the strategic intent of licensing our website to the CMC per the MOU shared in the board packet, delegating to the Executive Committee the authority to negotiate and execute a licensing agreement.
 - Motion adopted.



Good of the order:

- Jerry Logan discussed the decision to continue to have the Gala and that if the two Teaching & Gathering acquisitions that were put on hold in November are still on hold.
- Alex Cowen asked what elements in the Board Packet can be shared with the Branch Council to increase transparency. Decision was made to add this topic as New Business for the May 21, 2020 Board Meeting.
- Tom Vogl discussed that branch council dinners are a great opportunity to meet members at different branches and increase visibility for members of the board.

Announcements:

- Mar 31 | Bellingham Branch Council Dinner
- April 4 | The Mountaineers Gala 2020
- Apr 8 | Steve Swenson: First Ascent of Link Sar Presentation
- Apr 12 | Dee Molenaar Memorial
- May 14 | BeWild with Vik Sahney
- May 21 | Board Meeting
- May 28 | Donor Appreciation Celebration: Mountaineers Books 60th Birthday Party
- June 2 | 50-Year Member Luncheon
- June 5 | Spring Advisory Council

15 of 23 Board Directors were present.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Matt Vadnal, and seconded by Jerry Logan, to adjourn the meeting. Motion adopted. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:09 p.m.

Submitted by
Roger Mellem, Board Secretary
Ken Mullins, Development Associate
Approved by the Board of Directors 5/21/2020