



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

May 20, 2021

Location: Virtual

6:00 p.m.

Unofficial Summary

- Approved the March 13, 2021 Board meeting minutes
- Approved, as presented, the updated Board Policy: At-Large Elections
- Approved, as presented, the capital budget request for lodges for summer 2021

Attendance

Officers:

President – Vik Sahney (Zoom)
Vice President – Gabe Aeschliman (Zoom)
Treasurer – Don Heck (Zoom)
Secretary – Roger Mellem (Zoom)
VP of Branches – Peter Hendrickson (Zoom)
VP of Outdoor Centers – Carry Porter (Zoom)

Mike Kretzler – Olympia (Zoom)
Jerry Logan – Kitsap (Zoom)
Matt Vadnal – Everett (Zoom)

Board Members Absent:

Maura Rendes – Bellingham

Directors at Large:

Rich Johnston (Zoom)
Brynne Koscianski (Zoom)
Mark Kroese (Zoom)
Maya Magarati (Zoom)
Steve McClure (Zoom)
John Ohlson (Zoom)
Manisha Powar (Zoom)
Paul Stevenson (Zoom)
Steve Swenson (Zoom)
Siana Wong (Zoom)

Staff:

*Tom Vogl CEO (Zoom)
*Tom Helleberg Publisher & Director of Finance & Operations (Zoom)
*Amber Carrigan Director of Development (Zoom)
*Ken Mullins Development Associate (Zoom)
*Becca Polglase Director of Programs & Operations (Zoom)
*Betsy Robblee Director of Conservation and Advocacy (Zoom)
*Barbara Sprecher Controller (Zoom)
*Brienne Vanderlinden Associate Director of Development (Zoom)

Branch Directors:

Alex Cowen – Seattle (Zoom)
James Henderson – Foothills (Zoom)
Mark Kerr – Tacoma (Zoom)

Guests & non-voting members:

*Bill Ashby Safety Chair (Zoom)
*Mark Goodro Intermediate Climbing Co-Chair (Zoom)
*Jared Pearce Seattle Branch Chair (Zoom)

* non-voting attendee



Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Board President Vik Sahney via a remote Zoom call. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, VP of Branches, and VP of Outdoor Centers were in attendance. A quorum was established and was maintained throughout the meeting.

Agenda:

Vik Sahney shared the proposed agenda, which was adopted by the Board without objection.

Consent Agenda:

Vik Sahney shared the consent agenda:

- Approve the Meeting Minutes from March 13, 2021 Board meeting
- Approve the updated Board Policy: At-Large Elections

The amended consent agenda was approved without objection.

Committee and Staff reports:

- Amber Carrigan provided a recap of The Mountaineers Virtual Fundraising Gala and an update on the Spring Appeal fundraising campaign.
- Barbara Sprecher shared The Mountaineers FY21 first quarter financial results. She shared that the loan forgiveness for the first draw of the PPP loan has been approved by Live Oak Bank.
- Tom Helleberg updated the Board on the FY21 first quarter financial results of Mountaineers Books.
- Siana Wong updated the Board on The Mountaineers Equity and Inclusion strategic priorities.
- Betsy Robblee updated the Board on work to create an Outdoor Alliance Washington network and probable grant funding to expand The Mountaineers conservation staff capacity.
- Becca Polglase provided an overview of The Mountaineers COVID-19 reopening updates, including the updated guidance and changes to allow volunteers the flexibility to design their trips in accordance with their preferences and risk tolerances.

Old Business

- Gabe Aeschliman shared updates from the Governance Committee, including the new nominations process, candidate scoring rubric, and proposed bylaws updates.
- At 7:22 p.m., Don Heck moved that the Board enter executive session for a Litigation Committee update and Carry Porter seconded. The motion was adopted without objection. Tom Vogl was invited to stay for the session.
 - The Board moved out of executive session at 7:53 p.m.



New Business

- Tom Vogl presented the capital budget request for the lodges for summer 2021. Carry Porter moved to approve the budget and Mark Kerr seconded. Some discussion ensued regarding the specifics of the request. Motion passed.

Announcements:

- May 28 | Spring Advisory Council Meeting
- June 1 | Last day to donate and get your name in Written in the Snows by Lowell Skoog
- August 19 | Board of Directors Meeting
- Sept TBA | Fall Conservation Fundraiser
- Oct 21 | Board of Directors Meeting
- April 2, 2022 | The Mountaineers Gala

Good of the order:

- No topics were presented.

22 of 23 Board members were present.

Adjournment:

Don Heck moved to adjourn the meeting. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Submitted by
Roger Mellem, Board Secretary
Betsy Robblee, Conservation and Advocacy Director
Approved by The Mountaineers Board of Directors 8/19/2021