



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

October 20, 2022, 6 p.m.
Location: Seattle Program Center

Unofficial Summary

- Approved August 2022 Board of Director meeting minutes
- Approved the FY 2023 budget
- Allocated \$50,000 from unrestricted reserves to a board-designated Net Zero Fund

Attendance

Officers

Gabe Aeschliman President
Vik Sahney Past President
Manisha Powar Vice President
Paul Stevenson Treasurer
Carry Porter Secretary
James Henderson VP of Branches
Matt Simerson VP of Outdoor Centers

Directors at Large

Serene Chen
Rich Johnston
Brynne Koscianski
Maya Magarati
Roger Mellem
John Ohlson
Anita Wilkins
Siana Wong

Branch Directors

Mike Kretzler Olympia Branch Director
Jerry Logan Kitsap Branch Director
Brad Near Seattle Branch Director
Tim Schafermeyer Bellingham Branch Director
Matt Vadnal Everett Branch Director

Non-Voting Board Members*

Serophina Ouyoumjian Youth Representative
Katie Strauz-Clark Youth Representative

Board Members Absent

Alex Pratt Director at Large
Takeo Kuraishi Director at Large
Steve McClure Director at Large
Foothills Branch Director - vacant

Staff*

Tom Vogl CEO
Tom Helleberg Publisher
Mckenzie Campbell Davies Annual Giving Manager
Kristina Ciari Director of Communications and Membership
Rich Heine Director of Finance & Administration
Casey Kuglar Development Associate
Betsy Robblee Conservation & Advocacy Director
Barbara Sprecher Controller
Brienne Vanderlinden Director of Development

Guests*

Amanda Piro
Maura Rendes

*non-voting attendees

Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Board President Gabe Aeschliman.

President, Past President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, VP of Branches, and VP of Outdoor Centers were in attendance. 20 of 23 voting Board members were present. A quorum was established and was maintained throughout the meeting.

Agenda

Gabe Aeschliman shared the proposed agenda.

- ★ Brynne Koscianski moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and passed without objection.

Consent Agenda

Gabe Aeschliman shared the consent agenda.

- ★ Manisha Powar moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded and passed without objection.

Committee and Staff Reports

Finance: Rich Heine presented on preliminary FY 22 financial performance.

Books: Tom Helleberg presented on Mountaineers Books FY 22 financial performance.

Baker Lodge Capital Project: Tom Vogl presented on the status of the Baker Lodge improvements and budget variance approved by the Executive Committee.

Equity & Inclusion Committee: Serene Chen presented on the work accomplished by the E&I Committee and staff supporting E&I initiatives.

Development: Bri Vanderlinden presented on FY 22 development results, donor appreciation activities, and 2023 gala.

Governance: Manisha Powar presented on elections, annual meeting, and other governance issues.

Old Business

Strategic Plan Status: Tom Vogl presented on the status of the strategic plan refresh.

FY23 Budget: Tom Vogl presented on the proposed FY 2023 budget.

- ★ Paul Stevenson moved to approve the FY 2023 budget. The motion was seconded and passed without objection.

New Business

Net Zero Fund: Tom Vogl presented on the idea to create/fund a new board designated Net Zero Fund.

- ★ Matt Simerson moved to allocate \$50,000 from unrestricted reserves to a board-designated Net Zero Fund. The motion was seconded and passed without objection.

Executive Session:

- ★ At 8:01 pm, Carry Porter moved that the Board enter executive session. Tom Vogl and Tom Helleberg were invited to participate in the executive session. The motion was seconded and passed without objection. The Board moved out of executive session at 8:13 pm.

Announcements

10/28/22: Advisory Council Meeting

10/31/22: Annual Election Results Announced

10/31/22: Urban Hike with Bri and Conor (costumes optional)

11/11/22-11/13/22: Fall Board Retreat

12/07/22: Seattle Banff Opening Night & Peak Society Reception

04/01/23: Annual Gala

Good of the Order

Board members are encouraged to volunteer with Mountain Workshops.
Brief discussion of safety reporting ticketing system.

Adjournment

Without objection, Gabe Aeschliman adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Submitted by Carry Porter, Board Secretary

Approved by The Mountaineers Board of Directors <TBD>