



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

May 18, 2023

Location: Seattle Program Center

Unofficial Summary

- Approved March 2023 Board of Director meeting minutes
- Updated the following policies: board policy re committees, prohibited behavior policy and youth and family policy
- Allocated \$122,000 to Baker Lodge capital projects and \$49,000 to Meany Lodge capital projects

Attendance

Officers

Gabe Aeschliman President
Manisha Powar Vice President
Paul Stevenson Treasurer
Carry Porter Secretary
James Henderson VP of Branches
Roger Mellem VP of Governance
Matt Simerson VP of Outdoor Centers

Directors at Large

Serene Chen
Rich Johnston
Takeo Kuraishi
Maya Magarati
Amanda Piro
Sam Sanders
Vanessa Wheeler
Anita Wilkins
Siana Wong

Branch Directors

Mark Goodro Kitsap Branch Director
Mark Kerr Tacoma Branch Director
Mike Kretzler Olympia Branch Director
Liz McNett Crowl Foothills Branch Director

Brad Near Seattle Branch Director
Ramki Pitchuiyer Everett Branch Director
Tim Schafermeyer Bellingham Branch Director

Board Members Absent

Brynne Koscianski Director at Large
Alex Pratt Director at Large
Serophina Ouyoumjian Youth Representative
Katie Strauz-Clark Youth Representative

Staff*

Tom Vogl CEO
Tom Helleberg Publisher
Rich Heine Director of Finance & Administration
Becca Polglase Director of Programs & Operations
Betsy Roblee Conservation & Advocacy Director
Brienne Vanderlinden Director of Development
Alfe Wood Associate Director of Development

Guests*

Nick Mayo Everett Branch Chair
Melanie Rudquist Auditor

*non-voting attendees

Minutes

Call to Order

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

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, VP of Branches, VP of Governance, and VP of Outdoor Centers were in attendance. 23 of 25 voting Board members were present. A quorum was established and was maintained throughout the meeting.

Consent Agenda

Gabe Aeschliman shared the consent agenda:

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

Staff and Committee Updates

Audit: Melanie Rudquist presented on the outcome of the financial audit. Rich Heine provided a mid-flight budget update.

Books: Tom Helleberg presented regarding a publishing update.

Development: Bri Vanderlinden presented regarding the gala fundraising results and pass-through fundraising.

New Business

Board Policies: Tom Vogl presented regarding updated board policy re committees

- ★ Roger Mellem moved to approve the updated policy as included in the board packet and to charge the affected committees to update their charters in accordance with the new policy. The motion was seconded and passed without objection.

Executive Session:

- ★ At 7:11 pm, Manisha moved that the Board enter executive session with Tom Vogl, Tom Helleberg, and Becca Polglase to remain as guests. The Board moved out of executive session at 7:58 pm.

Board Policies: Becca Polglase presented regarding updated board policy re prohibited behavior policy and youth and family policy.

- ★ Takeo Kuraishi moved to approve the updated prohibited behavior policy as included in the board packet and to charge the affected committees to update their charters in accordance with the new policy. The motion was seconded and passed.
- ★ Amanda Piro moved to approve the updated youth and family policy as included in the board packet. The motion was seconded and passed without objection.

Lodges: Matt Simerson presented re Baker Lodge capital projects.

- ★ Brad Near moved to approve spending \$122k from Snoqualmie Fund towards Baker Lodge capital projects and \$49k (\$29k from Snoqualmie Fund and \$20k from Net Zero Fund) for Meany Lodge capital projects. The motion was seconded and passed without objection.

Announcements

- 5/19: Board nominations open for at-large director positions
- 6/6: We are Puget Sound opening party
- 6/7: Donor block party
- 6/15: 50-year member luncheon, Outdoor Alliance reception
- 7/9: Tom Hornbein Celebration of Life
- 8/17: August Board Meeting

Adjournment

Without objection, Gabe Aeschliman adjourned the meeting at 8:54 pm.

Submitted by Carry Porter, Board Secretary

Approved by The Mountaineers Board of Directors <TBD>