

## **Navigation Summit Meeting 2019**

April 26, 2020

9am-12pm

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Attendees: Jim Heber, Jerrick Linde, Michael Hutchins, Joel Heidal, Brian Starlin, Alan Davey, Mike Kretzler, Patricia McDonald, Steve McClure, Brian Booth, Rick Finkle, Becca Polgalse, Nick Block

### **Agenda**

Welcome and around the room (9am)

- Intros
- Branch updates
  - Foothills (Alan Davey & Jim Heber) - committee was defunct 2 years ago, so they restarted it.
    - 3 courses, 1 seminar
    - Wilderness Navigation - all but 24 students finished
      - 2 online (GPS & Map & Compass); 2 in person field trips
      - Use Raging River property for field trip
    - Digital Trip Planning (Travis Prescott) - 130 students
      - All online
    - Staying Found - 2 sessions typically in May
      - This year rescheduled for September
      - 30 students per sessions
      - Held at Tiger Mountain (tradition plateau)
    - Winter Navigation (Jim Heber)
      - Avalanche avoidance

- Tacoma (Jerrick Linde) co-chairing with Kevin DeFields
  - Had to cancel 2 courses due to COVID
  - Irish Cabin property blocked due to Carbon River road washout (this is where field trips happen)
  - Another nav program scheduled for September
- Olympia (Mike Kretzler)
  - Normally run one session of basic navigation, usually in April
  - Rescheduled for september
  - 40 students - most are hanging on for rescheduled course
  - Going to use online resources for the first time
- Everett (Joel Heidal)
  - Typically 2 courses in March (this year one was moved to April)
  - Use Camp Edwards
  - Almost made it, but state shut down just before courses happened; so had to cancel them
  - Interested in learning how to move more of the course online
- Seattle (Brian Starlin, Patricia McDonald, Michael Hutchins, Steve McClure)
  - New curriculum aligned with Freedom 9; full implementation in 2019
    - Online workshop
    - In-person workshop
    - In-person field trip
  - Working on leader/instructor training
  - 250 students got left without a field trip due to COVID - trying to figure out how to get them out on a field trip in the fall
  - Intro to GPS & Trip Planning - got a makeover
    - GPS, caltopo
    - Now can be credited so students in the Wilderness Nav course can skip that section
  - Intro to Map & Compass all online for the foreseeable future

#### COVID-19 and The Mountaineers (9:30am)

- Overview of our response - working operational assumption: no groups over 50 until September 2021
- Virtual Education Center
- Google Classrooms
- Virtual vs. in-person
  - Online Learning - 6 of the many lessons learned by the Seattle Branch over the past 3 years - Michael Hutchins. Available to read in detail in [Navigation Northwest](#).
    - In-person is a very important component
    - 75%-80% of students wait until the last minute to do the work
    - Student feedback for online has been very positive. Self-paced, no commuting

- Instructor needs are reduced
  - Some students don't do well online. Most do, but some struggle.
  - Don't underestimate the number of technology issues you'll encounter. Using multiple apps, multiple systems (iOS, android, gaia, caltopo, etc...). Try to build up your technical foundation.
- Getting creative/Being flexible
  - Could we set up a self-service in-person nav course and have students individually go through it and either record it on their phone or somehow document their outcomes

BREAK (5 minutes)

The Future of Navigation (10:35am)

- Freedom 9 Navigation: Background and Key Areas (Steve McClure - present 15 minutes plus Q&A)
- GPS
- Digital Trip Planning

Standards Review (11:00am)

- Aligning the Navigation badge to match the standards - Wilderness Navigation instead of Basic navigation
- Could we split into a map and compass standard and a gps standard? Does this present complications?
- Standards should not micromanage our branch programs - lets take time to fine tune as branches to get agreement - Rick Finkle

Other topics

- Can volunteers create grassroots efforts to support those in need during this time?
- Leader training and retention - how can we work on this? (Alan D)

Action Items and Next Steps (11:45)

- Get basecamp threads going to work on standards (Nick, Becca)
- Discuss standards items online (all)

Adjourn (12pm)

