**Minutes Branch Leadership Committee**

**August 19, 2020. Business meeting Zoomed 6:30 to ~ 8:25 pm.** Informal leadership conversation preceded meeting.

**Present:** Chairs (voting members) -- Krissy Fagen (BHM), Bill Ashby (SEA), Cheryl Talbert (FTH), Curtis Stock (TAC), Bob Keranen (OLY), Peter Hendrickson (VP Branches). Also: Chairs elect Jared Pearce (SEA), Jack Duffy (BHM), and Neal Kirby (OLY) Staff: Sara Ramsay, Becca Polglase

Approved agenda. Motion Cheryl, Curtis

Approved minutes May 20, 2020.

Start 6:32

**Reports**

Branch chairs reported during pre meeting.

Much of branch chair discussion centered on volunteer recognition and costs, with concerns over expenses. Consensus was to zero out costs for recognition of volunteers in these times of financial stress and provide appreciation in other ways. Staff will work with chairs on volunteer budgets.

Other topic of branch chairs was Covid 19 responses and shift to online classes. Also discussed were open positions.

BLC chair report: Saturday Sept 26, 8 – 12 retreat ahead --topics leadership development standards, succession planning, and summit / activity standards. Annual Leadership conference is cancelled. Working on succession issues.

Global Adventures: Current year events have been postponed to next year. Coivd considerations big issue in development of future adventures.

Tsuboi not present. Peter shared ongoing work with Tony.

Program Center update: Sara to continue work on volunteer recognition expenses after discussion on proposed budget, with most opposed to expenditures on just leadership.

**Old Business**

Higher risk standards, tabled, Peter will work on these going forward for next meeting.

Sea Kayaking, First reading, activity standards revisions, tabled to next meeting, Bob moved, Bill second, passed

Climbing standards, Awaiting final approval from one branch (Bob volunteered the branch was Olympia)

Snowshoe standards, Second reading, approved, moved by Cheryl, second by Curtis, passed

Navigation, No activity standards changes

Cycling/Backpacking Standards proposal, second reading, concerns raised about multiple levels of difficulty, moved by Curtis, second by Bob, approved

Standards process will be reviewed at Sept retreat

**Good of the order**

Adjourned approximate 8:25 by chair.

Next Meetings. Sept 16, 6:30 to 7:30. Retreat Sept 26, 8 to 12