

## Action Notes: Branch Leadership Committee 18 August 2021

BLC Zoom August 18, 2021. Present: voting members (OLY N Kirby, FTH Ben Morse, SEA J Pearce, KIT G Ta, TAC C Stock, SFT B Ashby, VP branches P Hendrickson) plus staff (S Ramsay, B Polglase), past chair (OLY B Keranen) & BOD Rep (FTH J Henderson). Not present: BHM J Duffy, FTH A Davey, GADV C Hoover, EVT E Jorgensen. Approved minutes 16 June (Motion Curtis, Gretchen) Convened 6:20pm, adjourned 7:43 pm.

**Branch Rounds.** KIT, seeking leader candidates, activities strong; FTH seek chair elect; OLY activities strong; TAC, seeking chairs candidates; SEA seeking candidates; BHM chair elect open; EVT no report. Succession remains a priority.

**VP Branches.** FR10 with staff editor, Urban Walks leader training trial near, retreat 18 September in person Tacoma, Vax/Mask, 8 – 2pm, zoom option. Focus: Onboarding new leaders, Summits/Councils, Stewardship. Chairs elect (even if candidates) invited/expected.

**Program Ctr.** Budget development FY2022 underway. Actions:

- >>Revised Covid guidelines now match Governor's 23 August indoor mandate.
- >>Leadership Conference (new model) 20 Nov Tacoma (n=75), 4 Dec Seattle (n=150).
- >>Leadership Development Series to be virtual starting January 2022.
- >>Staff back to office 2 weeks post service area counties stable, lower Covid status.
- >>\*Migration to eLearning Coassemble.com platform on track.
- >>\*Branch FY2022 budgets as appear in XLS are substantially correct and actionable.

**Safety.** Current YTD accidents/incidents on track for normal year. Slips, trips, fall and capsizes lead the way. Early melt out produced icy conditions.

**Global Adventures.** Full report of upcoming GAs contained in BOD packet.

**Activity Standards.** Actions:

- >>**Activity Councils & Summits** staff support assigned. See updated calendar.
- >>**Activity Council Board Policy** seeks approval at October 21 BOD meeting.
- >>**Urban Walks** is the newest club activity as approved in the recent Hiking/Urban Walks/Backpacking standards updates. (Motion: Bill/Curtis, approved unanimous)
- >>**Urban Adventures** activities lack standards. Data show use across branches (146+ over 3 years) and variable mileage (42@0, 21@ <2miles, 59@ <5 miles, 21@ <12 miles, longest 11.6 miles). Action: Peter and Sara will query recent users

**Branch Pins.** OLY continues to manage their branch pins. Excepting climbing standards, 3 participants is minimum for club activities. Note: Climbers' Code no longer in climbing standards.

**Next Meetings.** BLC 2021 Regular meetings 19 Sep (retreat), 20 Oct, 18 Nov, 12-14 Nov BOD retreat, 15 Dec || 2022--22 Jan retreat (followed by volunteer appreciation dinner), 17 Feb

*\*Indicates information gathered offline.*

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