**Action Notes: Branch Leadership Committee 19 May 2021**

BLC Zoom May 19, 2021.  Present: voting members (OLY N Kirby, FTH A Davey, KIT D Lynn, SEA J Pearce, TAC C Stock, EVT E Jorgensen, VP branches P Hendrickson) plus staff (S Ramsay, B Polglase), past chair (OLY B Keranen) & BOD Rep (FTH J Henderson).  Guests: Alan Vogt and Jon Minnick (Night Sky Activity advocates), BOD VP G Aeschliman. Not present: BHM J Duffy, SFT B Ashby, GADV C Hoover. Approved minutes 21 April (Motion Debbee, Curtis) Convened 6:06pm, adjourned 8:02 pm.

**Branch Rounds**. KIT-reviewing new leader candidates, FTH seek XC Ski chair; OLY safety, CHS chairs open, courses running well; TAC many chairs rolling off; SEA seek Branch Chair Elect and (soon) Treasurer; BHM chair elect open; EVT budget process underway.  Succession remains a priority.

**VP Branches.** FR10 deadlines near, Urban Walks leader training development underway.

**VP BOD.** Noted officer nominations process open, limited to BOD positions. Ageism issue aired with Equity & Inclusion Committee. No change BOD 2021 elections process or timing.

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

>> Chairs guide Volunteer Training, Recognition & Gear one-time PrgCtr grants, deadline 30 Sept. Sara will provide ongoing support to branches. Promo codes are available. Noted window for funding volunteer development has mostly passed.

>> New Covid pandemic guidelines are posted and return more autonomy to volunteers.

>> Nick Block leaving end of May; new Assoc Volunteer Development Mngr Michelle Song.

**Safety.**No report. VP noted quarterly safety summaries posted.

**Global Adventures.**  No report. VP noted Iceland summer BPack is enrolling.

**Activity Standards.** Actions:

>>**Activity Councils & Summits Guidance** with evolving Activity Council Charter Template approved. (Motion Neal, Debbee)

>> **Night Sky** (astronomy) second reading, Approved (Motion Jared, Alan). Staff will develop roll-out plan, committee by committee.

>> **Snowshoe** 18 April Summit did not revised standards. No action.

**Harmonizing Election Cycles.** TAC, EVT & FTH will run elections with staff support concurrent with BOD election fall 2021 (3 weeks starting 30 Oct). Other branches chose to conduct on traditional cycles without staff support.

**Peak Pins.**Branches continue to control pins associated with their geography. Staff will post pins to member profiles as branches certify completion. Physical pins will ship to branches for award at annual banquets unless otherwise directed.  
**Branch Reserves**. Legacy branch reserves remain in unrestricted cash reserve accounting. Annual balances are posted with *12 Month Essentials Calendar* BLC document.

**BOD Rep Engagement.** Discussed engagement of BOD Representatives with branch leadership. No clear guidelines or expectations exist. Some branches expect BOD Reps to attend all regular branch council meetings.

**Next Meetings.**BLC 2021 Regular meetings 16 Jun, 18 Aug, 19 Sep (retreat), 20 Oct, 18 Nov, 12-14 Nov BOD retreat, 15 Dec, Jan retreat date TBD

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