



Branch Leadership Committee
Meeting Minutes for August 16, 2023
6:00pm to 7:30pm via Zoom

Meeting Information

Zoom Meeting [Link](#)

Branch Leadership Members

- James H
- Nathan Andrus (BHAM)
- Nick M (EVE)
- Brad P (FH)
- Travis V (FH)
- John M (KIT)
- Mel (KIT)
- Janette Z (OLY)
- Curtis S (TAG)
- Craig K (SEA)
- Cindy H (GA)
- Bill A (Safety)
- Sara R
- Becca P
- Brad N

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions--James
2. Review and approval of the meeting agenda for August 16, 2023
Motion to Approve: Nathan; Second: Brad N: Approved
3. Review and approval of the meeting [minutes](#) from June 21, 2023
Motion to Approve: Brad P; Second: Mell: Approved.
4. Branch Reports—Mountaineer Branch Chairs
 - Open leadership positions
 - Relevant Updates
 - Kitsap: Not too much new. Graduations underway for climbing for those that have completed all the requirements. Next Executive Committee meeting is in September. Looking into ways to get more members to lead climbs. Not enough climb leaders to get all new basic students graduated. Potentially looking at reducing the number of basic students to match the number of instructors and climb leaders. That would reduce students to



11 total, a reduction of 5 students. Decision about the size of the climbing course is still to be finalized.

- Mell will check on the status of the branch charter.
- Foothills: Open Treasurer position. Hope to have a candidate for the fall elections. Trail Running Committee had a large event at Baker Lodge. Intention to have training on technique, strengthening, and partner with Baker Lodge. Plan to put one on next year and will increase the cost due to interest. Trail Running will start a winter conditioning course. Have a new first aid seminar for Mountaineer leaders, “stop the bleed”. Hope to have additional instructors to accommodate all students. Last branch meeting in July was sparsely attended. Foothills Urban Walks no longer a subcommittee- now it’s own committee. Ongoing effort to train and recruit new leaders
 - Charter is not on track. Hope to have a draft in September.
- Bellingham: Basic course finishing up. Actively doing outreach to get climb leaders to lead climbs and get students to graduate. Meetups underway to discuss roles and responsibilities for leaders. Holding branch meetings in person and have had good attendance. New people showed up and said it was less intimidating to attend in person than via zoom. Leadership positions will come open this fall. Co-secretary for branch and climbing committee roles will step down. Treasurer is looking to step down and the leader is looking to step down. Actively trying to get recruits for the open positions. Climbing is the core of the branch, thus necessary to get climb leaders to support the branch.
 - Branch charter will be the main agenda item for Aug branch meeting. On track for approval in September.
- Tacoma: DEI presentation about resources and activities. Leadership positions: no real change in openings–Need a chair, chair-elect and treasurer. Have a new chair for kayaking. Hiking/backpacking will have a transition in leadership in the fall. Activity committees haven’t been meeting. Branch elections will not be in sync with the board elections. Will try to align elections in September 2024.
 - Branch charter–draft was distributed to activity committees with comments through August. No significant comments and still on track for approval this fall.
- Seattle: Have found a basic climb course chair. Still have openings for chair elect, secretary, scrambling chair, and first aid chair. Lot of time being spent on first aid and great support from Becca. Received information from Sara around the Seattle branch celebration. Last meeting to discuss volunteers, celebration, and engaging key leaders. Most effective and desired appreciation is just direct thanks from key individuals.



5. Committee & Organizational Reports

- Safety–Bill
- Global Adventures—Cindy
- Operations - Sara & Becca
 - Please send Branch Celebration dates to Sara!
 - Send dates and events to Sara to get staff leadership RSVPd.
 - Foothills celebration is Dec. 9
 - Reminder to submit receipts by September 15 for any reimbursements this fiscal year.
 - Fiscal year ends Sept. 30. Please get receipts turned in by 9/15. Reminders will go out to chairs and treasurers.
 - Leadership Conference [registration](#) opens September 14
 - Seattle LC will be held on Dec. 2.
 - Tacoma LC will be held on March 23, 2024.
 - Leadership Conference registration opens in a month. Plan to do two conferences in 2023-24. Will do two smaller conferences rather than one large one. Both will be on Saturday.
 - Registration will open on the same date for both-mid Sept.
 - Free conference for members.
 - Mt Rainier timed entry: Next update will probably be fall. Most likely will take effect in summer 2024.

6. Activity Charters & Standards

- Branch Leadership Committee Charter
 - Update and Next Steps (estimated 1st reading in September)
- Updated Activity Council & Standards [Spreadsheet](#)
 - Continued great progress for 2023!

7. Information & Discussion Items

- Branch Leadership Committee Proposed Retreat
 - Proposal to move to February 2024 to accommodate new branch chairs.
 - Ok, to move to the proposed date.

9. Adjourn

- Next meeting BLC Meeting: September 20, 2023