



Branch Leadership Committee
Meeting Minutes for March 15, 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)
- John M (KIT)
- Janette Z (OLY)
- Curtis S (TAG)
- Craig K (SEA)
- Tess Wendel (SEA)
- Cindy H (GA)
- Bill A (Safety)
- Sara R
- Becca P

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions--James
2. Review and approval of the meeting agenda for March 15, 2023
Motion to approve the agenda for March 15, 2023: Brad; Second: Nick: Approved
3. Review and approval of the meeting [minutes](#) from February 15, 2023
Motion to approve the minutes from February 15, 2023: Nathan; Second: Nick: Approved
4. Branch Reports—Mountaineer Branch Chairs
 - Open leadership positions
 - Relevant Updates
 - BHAM: Not too many updates. Gear swap this weekend. Charter: Next monthly meeting in 2 weeks. Putting comments together for the charter ahead of the meeting. More of a concrete update April/May.
 - EVE: Not too many updates. Still looking for a hiking/backpacking chair. Lookout and trail maintenance committee going strong. Focus on Mt Pilchuck and three fingers lookout. State parks is doing more work on Pilchuk. Also doing more trail maintenance. Working with Darrington Ranger for National Trail days.



- FH: Branch council meeting last week. Most of the meeting was to discuss the budget process. Received commitment to review the charter and provide feedback. First in-person social for council and guests on May 4, 6:30pm with optional hike at 4:30pm. Still looking for a chair-elect.
- SEA: Urban hike committee was approved! Chapter meeting focused on reviewing budget and committee work. Budget mid-flight request and turnaround time was pretty quick and hard to accommodate. Request for three-year plan. Updated job descriptions for secretary and currently looking for chair elect. Cross branch discussion (Tacoma-Olympia) for a base medical course which is a good way to keep things standardized. Meeting on April 17 for the first aid summit which includes a medical component.
- TAC: Branch council met last week. No change in open leadership positions. Discussion about budget and mid-flights. Have most mid-flights in but some committees are still developing their projections. Extensive conversation about charter. There is an internal meeting in May to review the draft charter. Climbing social on April 3 at Tacoma program center.

5. Committee & Organizational Reports

- Safety
 - Safety Updates & Lessons Learned
 - 2022 Annual Safety [Report](#)
 - Brad Near: Great report and will share with Seattle Mountain Rescue. Relevant and helpful document. Helps to back into training and whether it's reflected in the general community. Most rescues are rolled ankles or hypothermia,
- Global Adventures—Cindy
 - No update.
- Operations - Sara & Becca
 - Equity & Inclusion Committee Roadshow with Mountaineer Branches
 - Committee is going to do a road show this spring with Branches to discuss equity and inclusion. Meetings in April/May are better for the equity and inclusion calendar. Sara will follow up with other branches.
 - [Emotional Safety in the Outdoors](#) course
 - Link to the course/blog to share information about the course, Well received. Please share with leadership teams.
 - Branch Charter Approval Process: Seattle & Everett Charters to be considered by the Mountaineers Board on March 11, 2023.
 - Sara will talk with Becca to get charters on the website and determine where they need to be placed. Sara can help get charters in with other branch governance documents.
 - Reminder about 2024 Internal Lottery prioritization
 - Email last week of an internal lottery for high use teaching spaces. Course leaders have submitted field trip requests. Need input from



branches on their high priorities. Helps to prioritize courses. What field trips are the hardest to reschedule? Please let Sara know if you have questions. Lottery will run in two weeks.

- FH: talked about the lottery at the branch council. Request from climbing and backcountry skiing that don't conflict. Needs to be prioritized by location and not field trip.
- SEA: Has there been discussion at climbing summit to prioritize multi pitch and leading at Leavenworth as not to conflict with Basic Climbing? We end up competing with other branches for these types of courses.
 - FH: Happy to discuss to make sure there isn't a conflict with Foothills and Seattle. There could be other locations that are a better fit for FH basic climbing.
 - Sara: Will flag issue with Becca.

6. Activity Charters & Standards

- Backpacking [Standards](#)
 - 2nd Reading (Updated and Revised Standards)
 - Motion to Approve: Nick; Second: Tess: Approved
- Trail Running [Standards](#)
 - 2nd Reading & Discussion (Revisit Revised Standards)
 - Motion to Approve: Tess; Second: Nick: Approved
- Sea Kayaking Activity [Standards](#)
 - 1st Reading & Discussion
 - Primary change is how the standards in the basic course has changed. Moved to outcomes based in terms of skills and competency. Branches can accomplish in their own way.
 - Motion to Approve: Brad Near; Second: Brad P. : Approved.
 - *Proposed 2nd approval via Basecamp in April*
- First Aid Council [Charter](#) (Pending Confirmation)
 - 1st Reading & Discussion
 - Pulled from BLC consideration.
- Updated Activity Council & Standards [Spreadsheet](#)
 - Continued great progress for 2023!

7. Information & Discussion Items

- Everett & Seattle Branch Charters approved at March 11, 2023 Board meeting
- Two-year Extension for Branch reserves—Approved at March 11, 2023 Board meeting.
- Strategic Plan presentation by Tom Vogl at May BLC meeting

9. Adjourn

- Next meeting BLC Meeting: May 17, 2023



- *Becca and Sara are available for any issues/discussions to support the branches either 1:1 or group.*
- Motion to Adjourn: Nick; Second: Nathan: Approved