



Branch Leadership Committee
Meeting Agenda for November 15, 2023
6:00pm to 7:30pm via Zoom

Meeting Information

Zoom Meeting [Link](#)

Branch Leadership Members

- James H,
- Nathan Andrus (BHAM),
- Mel (KIT)
- Nick M (EVE),
- Brad P (FH),
- Travis (FH)
- John M (KIT),
- Janette Z (OLY),
- Bob (OLY)
- Curtis S (TAG),
- Craig K (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 November 15, 2023
Craig/Mel: Approved
3. Review and approval of the meeting [minutes](#) from October 18, 2023
Cindy/Curtis: Approved
4. Activity Charters & Standards
 - Tacoma Branch [Charter](#)
 - 1st Reading & Discussion
 - Mel/Craig: Approved
 - Cross Country Ski [Standards](#)
 - 1st Reading & Discussion
 - Cindy/Curtis: Approved
 - Updated Activity Council & Standards [Spreadsheet](#)
 - Continued great progress for 2023!



5. Committee & Organizational Reports

- Safety
- Global Adventures—Cindy
 - Training a whole new group of 23 new leaders from multiple branches
 - Trail running, bike packing, day hiking
- Operations - Sara & Becca
 - Check-in on Branch Celebrations
 - OLY - banquet & open house; both successful
 - TAC - on target for Dec 1; let people know they're being recognized so they should show up!
 - FTH - one more year virtual Dec 8; felt too hard to organize in person
 - KIT - just getting started on the planning Dec 3 pot luck with slides
 - SEA - Jan 21. Core planning group. Planning for 125; 75 are registered
 - **Leadership Conference.**
 - Note that we removed the Foundations of Leadership/Instructor badge prereq. Please encourage your committees to attend!
 - Leadership Conference at the Seattle Program Center - December 2, 2023: [Registration Link](#)
 - Leadership Conference at the Tacoma Program Center - March 23, 2024: [Registration Link](#)
 - **Leadership Development Series.** This year's series began in October 2023 and runs through April 2024. Check out our [upcoming events!](#)

6. Branch Reports—Mountaineer Branch Chairs

- Tacoma
 - Elections in October
 - New Branch Chair - Natalia Martinez-Paz
 - Branch Chair Elect - Owen Gabrielson
 - A few new at large members for the council
 - Still no treasurer (Curtis will fill the role as immediate past chair until they find someone)
 - A lot of committees have held graduations at the Tacoma PC this fall
- Olympia
 - WRMC Bob Keranen and Donna Krueger went; very informative
 - Donna Krueger is the service award winner for the OLY branch and club overall
- Kitsap
 - Open positions: chair elect; a few committees need co-chairs
 - Biggest focus: how to get more people into leadership roles
 - Full Basic climbing course; scrambling opens soon



- Kitsap now has an (Avalanche awareness certified instructor, so they can do their own in house avalanche awareness
- Foothills
 - Current governing documents contemplate up to 5 council members; we only have 1; looking to fill the other 4
 - Safety officer rolled off but Danielle Graham will do it in the interim
 - Brad Peacock interim first aid chair
 - Trying to get executive committee back up and running again
 - Recruiting an event chair for next year
 - Winter trail running just kicked off with 50 participants!
 - Danielle Graham running a women's scrambling course
 - Looking to host WFA on the east side this year
 - In talks with SMR about sharing their new facility in North Bend
- Seattle
 - Potential leadership candidates for secretary & chair elect
 - Craig has offered to stay on as chair for this year, especially if they can get a chair elect in place
 - Hiking/Backpacking - chairs who are past term but willing to continue on
 - Lots of course planning, posting, etc...

7. Information & Discussion Items

- BLC retreat scheduled for Sunday, January 28 at the Tacoma Program Center. Exact timing to be confirmed, but please plan on an all-day in-person event. All members of branch leadership (Branch Chair, Chair Elect, Past Chair) are invited to attend. If none of those positions from your branch is available, please try to arrange an alternate proxy (ex: Treasurer, Secretary, Branch Director) to represent your branch. [RSVP for the retreat.](#)

8. Adjourn

- Next meeting BLC Meeting: December 20, 2023