



Branch Leadership Committee
Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2026
6:00pm to 7:30pm via Zoom

Meeting Information

Zoom Meeting [Link](#)

Branch Leadership Members

- Michael Abernathy (BHAM)
- Nick Mayo (EVE)
- Scott Braswell (EVE)
- Travis Vermeer (FH)
- Mel White (KIT)
- Katja Hurt (OLY)
- Danny Casady (TAC)
- Amy Stafford (TAC – Elect)
- Kelsey Hoffman (SEA)
- Chelsea Mullins (SEA – Elect)
- Cindy Hoover (GA)
- Tess Wendel (Safety)
- Michelle Song (Staff)
- Becca Polgase (Staff)
- Amanda Piro (VP of Branches)

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions – Amanda
2. Review and approval of the meeting agenda for February 18, 2025
Motion to Approve: Katja; Second: Nick; Approved
3. Review and approval of the meeting [minutes](#) for January 21, 2026
Motion to Approve: Travis; Second: Mel; Approved
4. Activity Charters & Standards
 - [Stewardship Charter](#), Second Reading / Discussion - Motion to Approve: Nick;
Second: Amy; Second Reading Approved
 - Updated to 75% consensus in response to BLC comments
 - [Urban Walks Standards](#) First Reading / Discussion - Motion to Approve: Chelsea;
Second: Nick; First Reading Approved
 - [Backpacking Standards](#) First Reading / Discussion - Motion to Approve: Nick;
Second: Mel; First Reading Approved



- BLC comments made directly in Google doc for review
 - [Backpacking Council Charter](#) First Reading / Discussion - Motion to Approve: Travis; Second: Scott; First Reading Approved
 - Updated Activity Council & Standards [Spreadsheet](#)
5. [Branch Reports](#) – Mountaineer Branch Chairs:
Please fill out your Branch Report ahead of the meeting in the [BLC Branch Reports](#) google doc.
- Open leadership positions
 - Relevant Updates
 - Status of Branch Charters

Key Notes

- Foothills has effectively filled most open roles, but chair-elect is still open (working with Michelle on comms plan to recruit); most courses are fully subscribed
 - Olympia has no roles currently open, but several openings coming up (Chair, Secretary, Social Chair, Board Rep); charter is in progress; extended Banff film festival upcoming; issue to work with staff on - course briefly listed as free (working with Becca on email language); open question re: cost for equivalency (other branches do charge currently)
 - Everett has seen struggles in Nordic skiing given snow conditions; new safety officer and comms director needed; successful meeting with Rich re: budgeting
 - Kitsap is still looking for a chair elect and anticipating need for climbing chair; some conflict with Kitsap & Tacoma sea kayaking (heads up for staff – Becca is involved; Becca will also attend summit) - for posterity, future BLC t-shirt design: “Can’t we just all get along”
6. Committee & Organizational Reports
- Safety – Tess
 - Global Adventures – Cindy
 - Operations – Becca / Michelle
 - Spring Board Retreat (March 28th) open to BLC - RSVP link forthcoming
 - If your treasurers need support with mid flights, reach out to Michelle or Rich
7. Adjourn
- Motion to Adjourn: Nick, Second: Mel - Adjourned
 - Next BLC Meeting: March 25, 2026 (moved from March 18, 2026)