

Bellingham Mountaineers Branch Meeting Minutes - January

Date/Time: January 25, 2022 6:30 pm

Location: Zoom

Attending: Brian McNitt, Eric Henry, Jack and Breanna Duffy, Audrey Gleser, Ingrid Enschede, Minda Paul, Krissy Fagan, James Pierson, Nathan Reed, AJ Schuehle, Galen, Tim S. & Angela M.

Welcome/Introductions

Updates:

- Branch Chair (Brian) - no update
- Secretary (TBD) - Need to find a new secretary, Audrey has been posting vacant roles in newsletter (no responses), try to reach out directly to people especially from recent graduates, request to post meeting minutes Mountaineers website/basecamp, discussion re: how to recruit more volunteers for different roles (specific request to a specific person is best), ask new secretary to help maintain position descriptions with list of responsibilities
- Treasurer (Ryan) - No Update
- Safety (James) - Discussion re: adding scrambling technique to BMC curriculum. Safety committee working on annual report of incidents from the past year. James submitted a few things, Committee waiting on other submissions from other branches
- Board of Directors (Maura) - No update
- Communications (Audrey/Jimmy/Clint) - Audrey is compiling a list of open positions. AJ will take over communications chair position (Audrey motion, Krissy second, vote) .

Action Items:

- Need to assign new calendar editor to manage (carry over Feb. meeting action items)
- Brian will ask Ryan for updated spreadsheet.
- Minda working on optional off-trail travel field trip
- Minda needs help with lining up instructors. She'll send out a reminder after she looks through the main list of new instructors for the year.
- AJ will send an updated branch description for Mountaineers magazine

Club Activities:

Gear Swap (Minda) - Discussion on Covid options and venue. Decision March 15 at Lost Giants, rent is \$100

Winter Speaker Series (Ingrid & AJ) - Confirmed that due to Covid - no attempt to have in person events this year. AJ reported back from meeting with Garrett, Mountaineers associate director of events and facilities. He is a resource to ask for help as needed. Discussion and agreement to look for revenue-generating events (2023 goal). Consider film festivals and working with the Pickford.

Action Items:

- Minda will schedule Gear Swap with Lost Giants then confirm for newsletter promotion

- Ingrid will email Chris G. at BCE re no in person speaker series this winter/spring
- AJ will follow up with Garrett on ideas for future events and review options forwarded from James and Email from the Pickford at the end of these past meeting minutes.
- AJ will follow up with possible virtual speaker. Ingrid help as needed.

Conservation and Stewardship (Breanna) - Chair position is open. Public Lands 101 course doesn't exist on the website anymore. There's an old link that doesn't have a functional badge.

Action Items:

- Breanna is working on options to verify and get information from Beca then let BMC students know.

Hiking Committee (Eric Henry) - Hikes going every Wednesday until uphill training series starts; usually about 4 people attending. Eric is trying to recruit more hike leaders. Audrey can help with email lists as needed. Uphill training series starts in March. Discussion re: conditioning/hiking series badge confusion because Bellingham Branch series is different than what other branches require for this badge. Discussion re: how to make this series welcoming to slower hikers. Ideas: all paces welcome, have a fast and slow leader for each hike

Action Items:

- Eric will follow up on getting a new badge for "Uphill Training Series" Bellingham as needed; call Seattle program center for help. maybe this badge will be a good fit <https://www.mountaineers.org/membership/badges/course-badges/advanced-conditioning-hiking-series>

Diversity, Equality, & Inclusion sub committee development

Land acknowledgement - Audrey and Bre are working with volunteers on land acknowledgment document. Need to coordinate with other branches working on similar.

Personal Pronouns discussion - Best practice to add pronouns on zoom meetings. Be aware that BMC students have specific pronoun requests she/they. Idea to add an article about personal pronoun awareness in the newsletter.

Action Items:

- Need to set a deadline to complete and get ready for climbing season.
- Once complete, Bre will send email to leaders to encourage them to start using land acknowledgments and provide resources
- Bre will follow up with AJ/communications chair to share info on training opportunities
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