

## Bellingham Mountaineers Branch Committee Meeting Agenda

April 26, 2022 6:30 PM (log in early at 6:15)

Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83406059779?pwd=dHcrNjQyaXdKM0lZRhd6RkhMUzFtQT09>

**Invited:** All branch members, interested public

**House Rules:** Zoom (mute, raise hand, camera on), listen carefully, respect all, be concise

| Time | Topic (desired outcome)   | Lead  |
|------|---|---|
| 6:15 | <b>Social Time</b>  |   |
| 6:30 | <b>Welcome/Introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● House rules, attendance (welcome new members)</li><li>● Agenda review</li><li>● Approve minutes from last meeting</li></ul>  | Brian<br>Brian<br>Ingrid  |
| 6:35 | <b>Updates</b> (<2 minutes; information sharing, action item report back) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Branch Chair</li><li>● Secretary</li><li>● Climbing Committee (BMC, IMC, Crag, Scrambling)</li><li>● Hiking Committee (Hiking, Uphill Training Series)</li><li>● Communications</li><li>● Safety</li><li>● Conservation/Stewardship</li><li>● Diversity, Equality, &amp; Inclusion subcommittee</li><li>● Board of Directors</li><li>● Treasurer</li></ul>  | Brian<br>Ingrid<br>Krissy/Chairs<br>Eric/Chairs<br>AJ<br>James<br>Breanna<br>Breanna<br>Maura<br>Ryan |
| 6:50 | <b>Old Business</b> (next steps/follow up) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Create new hiking subcommittee (task someone to do this)</li></ul>   |   |
| 7:00 | <b>New Business</b> (action/decision needed?) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Upcoming tasks from <a href="#">Yearly Planning Guide</a> (check status and assign follow up as needed)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Annual donations (Jan. task)</li><li>○ Potluck plan (Feb. task)</li><li>○ Equipment needs (April task)</li><li>○ Review budget (April task)</li><li>○ Officer recruitment (April task)</li><li>○ (November elections? Asks Brian M.)</li></ul></li><li>● Encourage Branch and Climbing committee members to complete Mountaineers <a href="#">Branch/Committee Chair Training</a> &amp; <a href="#">Becoming a Mountaineers Leader</a> eLearning modules</li></ul> | Ingrid<br><br>Brian M.  |
| 7:20 | <b>Action Items Review</b><br>Next meeting agenda items   | Ingrid  |

|      |         |  |
|------|---------|--|
| 7:25 | Adjourn |  |
|------|---------|--|

**Bellingham Mountaineers Branch Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date/Time:** April 26, 2022 6:30 PM

**Location:** Zoom

**Attending:** Brian McNitt, Ingrid Enschede, Krissy Fagan, Minda Paul, Breanna Duffy, Bradley, Jack Duffy, AJ Schuehle, James Pierson, Ryan Monahan, Nathan Reed

**Welcome/Introductions** - Approved March meeting minutes. Welcomed Bradley who is originally from Bellingham, joined the Seattle Mountaineers, can help with skills practice

**Updates**

- Branch Chair (Brian) - Attending branch leadership committee meetings which is focusing on approving activity charters for organization-wide activities (e.g., pack rafting)
- Secretary (Ingrid) - New meeting procedures are mostly figured out, thanks to all for adapting to the new system
- Climbing Committee (Krissy) - Dates and locations for next year’s course dates and locations for field trips have been submitted. Need to send a reminder about Crag course leading sport routes.
- Hiking Committee (Eric) - no update
- Communications (AJ) - Working on figuring out who to contact for newsletter content and updates; Look for trip leaders on the main mountaineers site to contact. Send AJ newsletter feedback and anything that may be a good fit for the newsletter including events/updates from other organizations/sites. AJ will work on updating .org site including posting meeting agendas/minutes.
- Safety (James) - One tripping accident at Rock 2 but no other accidents. The April safety meeting was postponed so no update available.
- Conservation/Stewardship (Beanna) - No update
- Diversity, Equality, & Inclusion (Breanna) - Need to talk to instructors about inclusive language, specifically provide education about not using the abbreviated term for carabiner because it’s the same as a racial slur. Need better methods to train instructors because sending emails doesn’t work. Suggestion to foster a culture where it’s okay to call attention to the use of an offensive term in the moment. Suggestion to let students know it’s okay to let instructors know if an offensive term is used. Decision to facilitate a meeting.
- Board of Directors (Maura) - no update
- Treasurer (Ryan) - Recently completed a budget review with Mountaineers staff. Current year budget: about \$19,000 in revenue and \$10,000 in expenses. Major expenses for 2022 include: \$1,200 for storage unit, \$4,500 for first aid class, and other miscellaneous reimbursements for course expenses. Pending reimbursement requests: ~\$1,600 for

Rock 2 and ~\$1,000 from Minda. New 2023 budget due early June. Usually submit the same budget request annually. Fiscal year starts in October.

#### Action Items:

- Krissy -send AJ newsletter content for leading trad Crag course
- Breanna - send leaders an invitation for a zoom meeting to discuss inclusive language (specifically carabiner)
- Ryan - set up subcommittee to review the 2023 budget proposal before June ( Ryan, Minda, Krissy, Brian, Ingrid)

#### **Old Business**

- Create new hiking subcommittee (table to May meeting)

#### **New Business**

- Tasks from [Yearly Planning Guide](#)
  - Annual donations (Jan. task) - Discuss at budget review subcommittee meeting. Suggestion to send money to the organization that monitors the Skaha parking lot.
  - Potluck plan (Feb. task) - Krissy will ask Audrey to see if there are any basic student(s) willing to organize the potlucks this summer. Krissy will rent the shelter. Ryan has \$30 gift cards left over from last year. Potluck supplies are in the storage unit.
  - Equipment needs (April task)- James and Nick will inventory gear in the storage unit and see if anything needs to be replaced and James to report back. Check radios. Discussion about beacons - table to climbing committee.
  - Review budget (April task) - table to budget review subcommittee meeting
  - Officer recruitment (April task) - need to recruit chair elect, secretary, board of directors. Suggestion to set up annual election and terms for positions, see duration of roles in branch charter - Ingrid, AJ, Brian bring proposal back.
- Encourage Branch and Climbing committee members to complete Mountaineers [Branch/Committee Chair Training](#) & [Becoming a Mountaineers Leader](#) eLearning modules - Suggestion from Brian. If Bellingham Branch positions become better aligned with The Mountaineers standard positions there are more resources available like this. Can discuss more at a future meeting. Trainings available include: how organization works, language, safety, etc..

#### Action Items:

- Donations: Ryan - include donation plan with 2023 budget review discussion
- Potlucks: Krissy and Audrey, Krissy contact Audrey about recruiting a basic student, rent shelter
- Equipment: James and Nick, James report back any needs
- Officer recruitment: Ingrid, AJ, Brian discuss annual election and terms and develop proposal