

Bellingham Mountaineers Branch Committee Meeting Minutes approved

Date/Time: June 28, 2022 6:30 PM

Location: Zoom

Attending: Ingrid Enschede, Brian McNitt, Eric Henry, Nathan Reed, Ryan Monahan, Minda Paul; notified can't attend: Breanna and Maura

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

Welcome/Introductions: approved May meeting minutes

Updates

- Branch Chair (Brian) Need to find a chair elect soon; need new chair starting in September; Requires attending monthly branch leadership committee meeting.
- Secretary (Ingrid) - Ingrid is gone in July, need a volunteer to take meeting notes. Need a new secretary soon, Ingrid will continue through the September meeting.
- Climbing Committee (BMC, IMC, Crag, Scrambling) - no update
- Hiking Committee (Hiking, Uphill Training Series) - (Eric) Wednesday hikes are happening. Sasha is interested in becoming a hike leader; needs to complete the requirements. Eric will contact info@mountaineers.org to ask for help getting an appropriate badge for the uphill training series. See if there is a badge that fits or get help creating a new one.
- Communications - no update
- Safety - no update
- Conservation/Stewardship - no update
- Diversity, Equality, & Inclusion subcommittee (Breanna) - email update: Nothing new for E&I, just some recommended reading. Ask AJ to put a request in the next newsletter for more to join the DEI group. Breanna would like to have another leader DEI discussion soon.
- Board of Directors - No update; no board meeting since last branch meeting.
- Treasurer - (Ryan) - Reviewed proposed budget at the May meeting and made adjustments based on input from the meeting. Estimated expenses ~\$17,000. Estimated revenue ~ \$29,000 with ~\$12,000 surplus. Ryan will reach out to Krissy to confirm Crag course cost and estimated revenue then send budget proposal in.

Old Business

- Potlucks update - first potluck happened last week with many of this year's students attending. Olivia and Audrey are organizing. Ryan increased the budget to \$40/potluck.
- Position descriptions update - Discussed the list of current positions and decided which are elected and which are not. See this updated [list](#).
 - Changed Conservation Chair to BMC Conservation Coordinator (no committee to

chair, main task is helping BMC students fulfill conservation requirements)

- No one knows who is checking the Bellingham Mountaineers gmail account
- Update officer elections process - Discussed [proposed election process update](#). Suggested vote by survey monkey to try to get more engagement than just those who attend a branch meeting. Discussed the need for terms to stagger to avoid all positions turning over at once. Decided since people will have the opportunity to continue to serve for multiple years that will reduce the chance of too much turn over at once. Brian, AJ, and Ingrid will finalize a proposal and needed updates to the planning guide and policies - report back to branch committee.

New Business

- Rendezvous raffle (Brian) - Staff notified Brian as a non-profit the organization can't sell raffle tickets. There are complicated donation rules. More detail from staff is expected in a few months. Suggestions: stop doing a raffle, lots of work for about \$800; give away tickets and raffle is just for fun; replace it with a different fun activity like trivia game. Discuss Rendezvous at August meeting - need volunteers to organize, revisit raffle alternatives.
- Upcoming tasks from [Yearly Planning Guide](#) (check status and assign follow up as needed) - table
- Plan to recruit volunteers for open positions - need small subcommittee to review open positions (Brian, Ingrid, Eric, ask Audrey and Jason)
- Basecamp - table
- Other - Add the zoom meeting link in the meeting email reminder. It's also in the attached agendas.

Action Items:

- Eric contact staff about uphill training series badge
- Ingrid pass on newsletter request to AJ
- Ryan confirm Craig # and cost with Krissy then submit budget
- Brian, AJ, Ingrid finalize election process proposal
- Brian, Ingrid, Eric, Audrey (Jason?) - Ingrid will email, review open positions and make recruitment plan
- Ingrid - add zoom link to meeting email reminders

August Meeting Agenda: Rendezvous volunteer and raffle decision