

Bellingham Mountaineers Branch Committee Meeting Agenda

September 27, 2022 6:30 PM

Zoom:

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Invited: All branch members, interested public

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

Updates are 2 minutes or less; if longer add to New Business.

Time	Topic (desired outcome)	Lead
6:30	Welcome/Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• House rules, attendance (welcome new members)• Agenda review• Approve minutes from last meeting	Brian Brian Ingrid
6:35	Updates (<2 minutes; information sharing, action item report back) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Branch Chair• Secretary• Climbing Committee (BMC, IMC, Crag, Scrambling)• Hiking Committee (Hiking, Uphill Training Series)• Communications• Safety• Conservation/Stewardship• Diversity, Equality, & Inclusion• Board of Directors• Treasurer	Brian Ingrid Krissy/Chairs Eric/Chairs AJ James Breanna Breanna Maura Ryan
6:50	Old Business (next steps/follow up) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Branch Officer elections survey results and next steps• Vacant positions status and next steps• Rendezvous Planning Update • Doctober Pasang showing - Branch participation decision needed	Ingrid Ingrid Heather, Dana, Minda, Ingrid AJ

7:10	<p>New Business (action/decision needed?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Winter Speaker Series - Discuss potential speakers ● Maintaining Branch Committee google group list <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assign lead to maintain, add current year BMC students? ● Upcoming tasks from Yearly Planning Guide (check status and assign follow up as needed, flag edits needed to guide) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All Climbing Committee tasks? Need to update planning guide to note Branch/Climbing Committee ○ Review branch schedule and designate someone to revise and print. ● Storage unit discussion ● JD update - Nav & Fundamentals 	<p>AJ</p> <p>Ingrid</p> <p>Krissy</p>
7:20	<p>Action Items Review Next meeting agenda items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 	Ingrid
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Bellingham Mountaineers Branch Committee Meeting Minutes

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Attending: Brian McNitt, Ingrid Enschede, Eric Henry, James Pierson, Nathan Andrus, Olivia Gleser, Jack Duffy, Breanna Duffy, AJ Scheuhle, Meredith LaFrance, Minda Paul, Laura Plaut, Krissy Fagan, Maddie M., Justin Blackburn, Tim S., Dana Ringler

Welcome/Introductions:

- Agenda - communication topics moved first in the meeting
- August meeting minutes approved

Updates

- Branch Chair (Brian) - The Branch Leadership Committee annual retreat is October 16 at the Program Center. Brian M. and James P. will likely attend.
- Secretary (Ingrid) - This is Ingrid's last meeting as interim secretary. Three members have expressed interest in filing this role (see below). Recommendation to use individual, free survey monkey accounts as needed for Branch business so that the person managing the survey can access it. Ingrid will work on creating an admin tasks list and help train new secretary(s).
- Climbing Committee (BMC, IMC, Crag, Scrambling) - (Krissy) - This month has a full agenda BMC student graduation, a new leader application, and more.
- Hiking Committee (Hiking, Uphill Training Series) - (Eric) Wednesday evening hikes will continue through February then transition to the uphill training series March - June. One new hike leader.
- Communications - (AJ) AJ has been cleaning out the Bellingham Branch gmail account, archiving as needed and deleting emails that are clearly not needed.
- Safety - (James) The safety committee met last night. This year has a higher incident of accidents than last year. Maybe this is just because of increased activity post Covid. The committee is reaching out with UW stats department to see if they can help analyze and look for trends.
- Conservation/Stewardship - (Breanna) Breanna is compiling BMC student stewardship information for graduation. Sent a final email to students regarding stewardship requirements. Amy Arnold volunteered to take over this role. Confirmed Bre will finish the process with this year's class then Amy will take over for next year's class.
- Diversity, Equality, & Inclusion - (Breanna) Meredith has volunteered to take this role over. She has met with Bre to discuss this role and just volunteered to speak at the Pickford Doctober event.
- Board of Directors - no update
- Treasurer - no update

Old Business

- Branch Officer elections survey results and next steps - All officer nominees were confirmed via survey monkey by Branch members. Current officers will work with incoming officers to train them and help with the transition.
 - Chair: Nathan Andrus
 - Chair-elect: AJ Schuehle
 - DEI Chair: Meredith LaFrance
 - Board of Directors: Tim Schäfermeyer
- Vacant positions status and next steps - Scramble Chair is now officially vacant. The Climbing Committee will discuss recruitment. People interested in Secretary are: Laura Plaut, Dana Ringler, and Courtney Schick. Dana and Laura are considering their interest in being co-Secretaries. Ingrid suggested Courtney consider the new social coordinator position. Ingrid will follow up with all after this meeting. Proposed process to confirm is a special survey email confirmation. Talk to AJ about recruiting communications chair for next year.
- Rendezvous Planning Update - The planning team is Heather, Dana, Minda, Audrey, and Ingrid. An invitation email with details was sent on 9/24. The planning team decided to hold the event inside at the American Legion. Basic plan is: taco bar, desert potluck, program with graduation, and trivia game fun with prizes. A modest effort to solicit some donations for prizes is the alternative to the raffle.
- October Pasang showing - The Bellingham Branch will be a co-host with the 10/28 and 10/31 showing of Pasang documentary. Discussed options on how to participate and decided on having volunteers staff a table with a little information on the Mountaineers and having a speaker speak to the importance of DEI in climbing. Suggestion to speak before the film for a short period of time. AJ will send an email to the Branch Committee and bmli groups out asking for volunteers to help and coordinate with the Pickford. The Pickford has tables. Ask for one. Meredith volunteered to speak at the event(s). Past table events have promoted classes but don't need that now because of more interest than capacity. Could give away t-shirts and hats as give-aways. Follow up at Rendezvous to take a few hats as give aways.

New Business

- Winter Speaker Series - The first event on December 13 is planned with Lowell Skoog promoting his book, *Written in the Snows: Across Time on Skis in the Pacific Northwest*. Cheryl and AJ are pursuing other leads for speakers. Discussion on additional dates and the need to reserve those dates at Backcountry Essentials. In the past the schedule was set as the second Tuesday of the month from December to March/April. Follow up needed to set dates and reserve them for both the Speaker Series and BMC lectures. AJ will send an email with a link to potential speakers and a request to add ideas.
- Maintaining Branch Committee google group list - Identified a need to assign someone to maintain this google group list because it's the primary means to sent meeting invitations and updates to Branch members. Ingrid will add this to the admin tasks list for

follow up soon.

- Upcoming tasks from [Yearly Planning Guide](#) - all September tasks are for the Climbing Committee except this one, which needs clarification: Review branch schedule and designate someone to revise and print. Discussed and it's not clear what exactly this is referring to. The important calendar task is to make sure all class dates and meetings are entered into the google calendar. Ingrid will revise the planning guide.
- Storage unit discussion - Current unit is \$114/month, discount with full year. Discussed alternative options including: storage at CAZ pros/cons. Decision to keep the current storage unit and do a better job of training leaders how to access the unit and keep gear organized. Justin has been cleaning out and organizing. Justin has proposed items no longer needed and buying bins to better organize gear. Decision to approve expenditures for Justin to buy supplies as needed to improve organization. Justin will bring items to get rid of to the Rendezvous to give away as prizes or to people who want them. Justin inventoried gear and started a list of new gear needed. Discussion on the need to buy new incrementally on an established schedule. James will look for the old schedule.
- Update on BMC Navigation and Fundamentals - Jack needs someone to take over planning/leading this part of the BMC ASAP. Minda volunteered to help mentor a new leader. Jack will send AJ an email to put this in the newsletter. Minda will include in Rendezvous announcements.

Action Items:

- Vacant Officer Positions - Ingrid will follow up with Secretary volunteers
- Pasng Doctober event - AJ will send email asking for volunteers and coordinate with the Pickford
- Speaker Series - AJ will send email asking for speaker ideas
- Backcountry Essentials rental - AJ and BMC coordinators figure out dates and reserving space with Chris
- Branch Committee google group - Ingrid will add need to assign management to admin tasks list and follow up
- Yearly Planning Guide - Ingrid revise the calendar task for September
- Storage Unit/gear - Justin will buy supplies needed to organize and bring gear to get rid of to the Rendezvous
- Storage Unit/gear - James will look for old gear replacement schedule
- Navigation/Fundamentals - Jack email re: newsletter announcement; Minda Rendezvous announcement