

Bellingham Mountaineers Branch Committee Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Date/Time: Feb 21, 2023 6:30 PM

Location: Zoom

Attending: Nathan Andrus, Dana Ringler, Tim Schaeffermeyer, Tara Salisbury, Meredith LaFrance, Eric Henry, Minda Paul

Welcome/Introductions:

- Reminder that meeting is open and public; be respectful and concise
- Intros
- Agenda review
- January meeting minutes approved.

Updates

- Branch Chair - (Nathan) - Reminder that the Gear Swap is March 16, 2023 at The Goods. Area may not be blocked off, but there is plenty of space for the group to spread out. Soliciting rope lead/ climb lead volunteers for Seattle Program Center visit with Basic Mountaineering Course on April 29, 2023.
- Secretary - (Dana) - No update.
- Climbing Committee (BMC, IMC, Crag, Scrambling) - (Krissy) - Not present.
- Hiking Committee (Hiking, Uphill Training Series) - (Eric) - UTC is about to start, there is still availability for participants.
- Communications - (AJ) - Not present. March 14, 2023 is the final speaker series event. Soliciting updates for March newsletter (in addition to Crag Course and UTC). Still working to connect with Jack about the website. At 84% capacity on Google Drive storage, but Krissy did a sweep of archived materials as housekeeping.
- Safety - (James) - Not present.
- Stewardship (Amy) - Not present.
- Diversity, Equality, & Inclusion - (Meredith/Breanna) - Attended webinar on emotional safety, would love to see the team participate in the self-paced, online Emotional Safety course offered by the Mountaineers. Again, looking for a bigger group for the DEI Committee meetings, discussed cultural sensitivity during the meeting on Feb 13, 2023.
- Board of Directors - (Tim Schafermeyer) - Going to check in with AJ to advertise the Gala on April 1, 2023. Ticketed at \$250 a seat, catered event for fundraising, will give out a lifetime achievement award for Steve Henson, and Phillip Henderson will be speaking. Also there will be an auction. Tim will be attending the Spring retreat at the program center.
- Treasurer - (Ryan Monahan) - Not present.

Old Business (next steps/follow up)

- Google group management administration - Nathan Q's
- T Shirt order - Dana will take over the numbers, quote, and Amjay contacts. Will see if we can get an order complete by the gear swap. Will draft some designs.
- Financial projections vs actuals (Ryan M?)
- Did AJ and Jack D. meet to work on Webmaster for website contributions
 - Not yet
- Yearly planning guide: February tasks are potluck coordination and reviewing the website.
 - Website is already on the docket for Eric, Dana, Jack, and AJ.
 - Ingrid had previously commented that February is early for potluck coordination, perhaps could reschedule to April. Only factor may just be reserving park locations.

New Business (action/decision needed)

- Meredith and AJ - Connect on post-trip/post-course surveys to gauge emotional safety, reaching out to James also as Safety Chair.
- Note: WFA course was a success, is a 2 year certification compared to a 3 year certification, but this can be extended by a few free videos. Folks could also select an add-on to be qualified to administer epipens. Could look into scheduling another course for leaders that need to recertify.

Action Items:

- Next meeting will be ...
- Ryan M. - Financial projections vs actuals - what is our club's current balance?
- AJ and Jack D. - Meet to work on Webmaster for website contributions
- Eric and Audrey - Uphill training series badge application?
- Dana and Eric - meet to coordinate updating the Hiking Committee webpage