

Bellingham Mountaineers Branch Committee Meeting Minutes

March 28th, 2023 6:30 PM

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.

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

Present: Nathan A., Tim S. , Minda P., AJ S., Cheryl P., Nathan R. Eric H., Laura P.

Time	Topic (desired outcome)	Lead
6:30	<p>Welcome/Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> House rules, attendance (welcome new members) Agenda review Approve minutes from last meeting 	Nathan
6:35	<p>Updates (<2 minutes; information sharing, action item report back)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Branch Chair Secretary Climbing Committee (BMC, IMC, Crag, Scrambling) Hiking Committee (Hiking, Uphill Training Series) It's going! Next hike is tomorrow. Some hiking (and everything) pics would be most appreciated! Communications - big thanks to Cheryl for making the Speaker Series happen! It's done for the year... There are recordings - worth watching! Cheryl is hoping to do Jan-Apr for next year (December was tough) Cheryl already has a couple of folks lined up - big wall climbing, kayaking, backpacking with kids, Craig Romano is happy to return AJ notes that he'd love to get a new communications chair lined up Safety - no updates Diversity, Equality, & Inclusion - good DEI meeting a couple of weeks ago... it'd be nice to have the DEI meeting better align with the newsletter going out. There's an emotional safety course. Nathan wonders about more leaders/volunteers taking it. Tara and Meredith are working on updates to post-field trip surveys to include emotional safety input Board of Directors - Tim attended the retreat in Tacoma and met a bunch of folks from other branches. Some money has been approved to improve how things get added to the website, since it seemed like most branches had complaints about that. The gala is coming up this coming Saturday. Everett is trying to get a youth program started, 	<p>Nathan</p> <p>Eric/Chairs</p> <p>AJ</p> <p>Nathan</p> <p>Tim</p>

	<p>and wondered if there was interest in the Bellingham branch - Tim wonders about the best way to survey for interest. Everett has paid staff running youth programs - might be worth us piggy backing on Everett's efforts. Tim will learn more and bring additional information to the next meeting. Tim also talked to several branches that have trail running programs (Kitsap is happy to chat about what they're doing, Alanna was excited about getting something going here in Bellingham. Nathan's recommendation was to start with an informal trail running group, and only jump through the hoops of making it legit if it seemed like there was enough interest) It would be great to see if there are folks interested in leading runs informally - this wouldn't formally be a club activity (so not at this time covered by insurance)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer - no updates 	
6:50	<p>Old Business (next steps/follow up)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bellingham Branch Charter - Will be soliciting some questions to other leaders on some items - Nathan compared ours to Everett and Kitsap (Tim also has Tacoma and Seattle's) Minda recommends that we leave the charter more open, and make sure we're not committing to anything we don't have capacity to fulfill 	Nathan
7:10	<p>New Business (action/decision needed?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More non-course based activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Social Chair? ○ Informal Vital/Y/Erie invites? <p>Nathan observes that most of the activities within the club are course based (with exception of speaker series, potlucks, hiking), and wonders about a social chair.... What about informal vital/y activities? How do we communicate informal hangouts? Eric observes that this would meet a need of folks signing up for hikes People who showed at speaker series were a different demographic and didn't know how to get involved Nathan R. reports that way back when, there was a social chair - trivia nights, etc. What about using the facebook page for folks to post things like "hey, come climb on Thursdays at the Y!" Bellingham Mountaineer Members would be the place to post</p>	Nathan

	things? Nathan notes that there's a "come try climbing" in Seattle branch	
7:20	<p>Action Items Review</p> <p>Next meeting April 25th, 6:30 PM</p> <p>Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim will bring more information about Everett's youth program back to next meeting • Call for next communications chair? • Nathan will have a draft branch charter updates for folks to review (by next meeting?) • AJ will encourage folks to post informal social activities in the next newsletter (facebook and whatsapp) 	
7:25	Adjourn Minda motioned	