

## **Bellingham Mountaineers Branch Committee Meeting Minutes DRAFT**

**Date/Time:** April 25, 2023 6:30 PM

**Location:** Zoom

**Attending:** Nathan Andrus, Dana Ringler, Tim Schaeffermeyer, James Pierson, Eric Henry, Meredith Lafrance, Minda Paul

### **Welcome/Introductions:**

- Reminder that meeting is open and public; be respectful and concise
- Intros
- Agenda review
- March meeting minutes approved (Motion by Tim, seconded by James.)

### **Updates**

- Branch Chair - (Nathan) - Sending out program center field trip info for upcoming trip on Saturday, April 29, 2023. Looking for volunteers to coordinate. Benefits of the trip include outdoor basalt columns to climb, drytooling cave in basement, foam wall to practice climbing with crampons, space to practice taking falls, building anchors, etc etc etc.
- Secretary - (Dana) - No update.
- Climbing Committee (BMC, IMC, Crag, Scrambling) - (Krissy) - Not present.
- Hiking Committee (Hiking, Uphill Training Series) - (Eric) - UTC has a couple weeks left, 2 hikes per week, up to 30% weight pack.
- Communications - (AJ) - Not present.
- Safety - (James) - No update.
- Stewardship (Amy) - Not present.
- Diversity, Equality, & Inclusion - (Meredith/Breanna) - Great turnout on meeting on April 10, 2023. Participants shared experiences and brainstormed action items: outreach to Michelle from HQ for anti-oppression training for leaders, and how to enhance activities for folks beyond the BMC and IMC to get more folks into the outdoors. Nathan added that Becca from HQ wants to have a DEI representative present at our branch meetings (all branch meetings?). Eric asked about working on this with the Hiking Committee, Meredith voiced group interest on scheduling crag days, Nathan A. mentioned Krissy was looking at how to incorporate more folks into frontcountry climbing leadership to make cragging an option. **Nathan A. will connect with Meredith regarding scheduling with HQ.** Minda suggested a monthly casual, social event to get folks together to coordinate getting leadership requirements completed to make climb/hike leadership more accessible (**may need to confirm IMC manual and Mountaineers website are in alignment for requirements**).
- Board of Directors - (Tim Schafermeyer) - Mountaineers Gala set a record on fundraising, yahoo! The Bellingham Branch Charter needs to be completed by the end of the year, and the

- Treasurer - (Ryan Monahan) - No update.

### **Old Business** (next steps/follow up)

- Branch Charter
- More non-course based activities
  - Social Chair?
  - Informal Vital/Y/Erie invites?
- Yearly planning guide: April tasks are...
  - Discuss equipment needs for current and next year - already discussed this in November/December postseason (this also can be climbing committee)
  - Review budget to send to The Mountaineers HQ??
  - Officer recruitment - can be into summer once people have completed BMC instruction?
    - Filling AJ's role as Communications chair
    - Filling the treasurer role for more regular attendance?
  - Review crag applications (if running a spring course)
  - 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)

- Jack and Breanna had their baby!
- Coordinating potlucks? Who is going to spearhead this? - Audrey and Olivia worked on this last year and may have notes/ experience on how to coordinate. Potlucks will take place the 2nd Tuesday of the month for May-Sept (5 months). Minda can make the reservations).

### **Action Items:**

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