

## Bellingham Mountaineers Branch Committee Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2023 6:30 PM

Present: Tim S. Brian M. AJ S., Dana R., Angela M.

Topic (desired outcome)
<p><b>Welcome/Introductions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• House rules, attendance (welcome new members)</li><li>• Agenda review</li><li>• <b>Approved</b></li></ul>
<p><b>Updates</b> (&lt;2 minutes; information sharing, action item report back)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Branch Chair</b> - (Nathan) - not present, AJ shared that the potluck was a huge success, great participation included 2 new folks who heard about the meeting from the newsletter.</li><li>• <b>Secretary</b> - (Dana/Laura) - no report.</li><li>• <b>Climbing Committee</b> (BMC, IMC, Crag, Scrambling) - Rock 1 was very successful (according to Nick), everyone was safe. "Very spirited" according to Brian. Snow 2 was a success according to both sides of the mountain. Need more volunteers because Minda is currently struggling to get team members on board, usually Krissy and Jason assist but they are unavailable due to the scheduling shifts. Committee needs to work on recruitment.</li><li>• <b>Scrambling Committee</b> - (Clay/Danielle) - no update.</li><li>• <b>Hiking Committee</b> - (Eric) - Training series is complete, no badge. Will there be summer hikes? Committee needs to look for leaders, this is a good opportunity for basic student early leadership.</li><li>• <b>Communications</b> - (AJ) - Winter Speaker series already has several speakers. Cheryl has worked with the speakers directly, AJ is working with Backcountry Essentials. Will wait until January to start the series because December is a busy month for members. Suggestion for Mitch and Holly to present on their year sabbatical. AJ will talk to Cheryl about scheduling with them. Potential opportunity with Ines Papert - need to follow up.</li><li>• <b>Safety</b> - James - not present.</li><li>• <b>Diversity, Equality, &amp; Inclusion</b> (Meredith) - not present.</li><li>• <b>Board of Directors</b> (Tim) - Mountaineers want to host youth camps (managed by the headquarters) at all 3 lodges, AJ will consider adding to the branch newsletter. Brief discussion of the ongoing "Mountaineers" lawsuit (does not impact BMC)..</li><li>• <b>Treasurer</b> - (Ryan) - not present, no updates.</li></ul>
<p><b>Old Business</b> (next steps/follow up)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Bellingham Branch Charter</a> - No updates - action is to review current draft and solicit other leaders for improvement suggestions.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ HQ has asked each branch to complete their charter by the end of the year. Our charter needs to be completed and approved by end of November 2023. Action - Branch Chair (Tim offered to help)</li></ul></li><li>• More non-course-based activities</li></ul>

- “A social club who climbs rather than a climbing club who socializes”
- Social Chair - look at communications chair job description and communications committee, having a “chair” implies a committee, perhaps Social Coordinator?
- Informal Vital/Y/Erie invites? To have a sanctioned event you have to have a certified lead. Suggested to need to create Whatsapp group or other informal group. Not all members use FB.

**New Business** (action/decision needed?)

- Group agreed to try in person again next month despite a low turnout this month, likely due to long snow 2 weekend prior. Thanks to all who could make it!
- **Leadership & Volunteer Positions**
  - How can we do recruitment?
  - How do we solve the membership attrition issues? Potlucks are a great opportunity to announce this! How do we balance burnout for leadership positions?
  - Leader roles can be broken down into tasks, which can be delegated. But still need someone to coordinate.
  - Leader/member highlights should go on instagram for shareability.

**Action Items Review**

- Next meeting July 25th, 6:30 PM - in person? If so, again at Brandywine? They were not expecting the low turnout.

**Adjourned - at 8:00pm**