

## Bellingham Mountaineers Branch Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** September 26th, 2023 6:30 PM

**Location:** Brandywine, Bellingham

**Attending:** Nathan Andrus, Tim Schaeffermeyer, Eric Henry, AJ Schuehle

### Welcome/Introductions:

- Reminder that meeting is open and public; be respectful and concise
- Intros
- Agenda review
- Meeting [minutes from last meeting](#) approved (motion to approve Tim S, second by AJ)
- Meeting agenda motion to approve Eric, second by Nathan)

### Updates

- Branch Chair - (Nathan) - Actively working on completion of a newly revised branch charter, anticipating completion prior to transition to new branch/committee leadership. Elections - Noted that not a lot of candidates are stepping forward to fill vacant roles. Cannot hold elections without nominations. Needs: Secretary, Treasurer, Hiking. Reaching out to potential nom's. Rendezvous - awards organized, event seems taken care of by activity committee.
- Secretary - (Dana) - Not present
- Climbing Committee (BMC, IMC, Crag, Scrambling) - (Krissy) - Not present. Tim - Basic Course: schedule in work, hoping to have finalized by end of week. Applications will be put on website after schedule is finalized. AJ to work with Jack to get website updated. IMC - Kyle is stepping down as course coordinator, course design may see some changes. Crag: May need to place on hold for 2024 as Krissy is stepping down as coordinator. We have climbs reserved for the course in May but would need climb leaders in Krissy's absence. **Action Nathan** - follow up to find someone who may be able to lead these. Scrambling: no updates from Clay and Danielle since August. **Action - Nathan** to follow up with them - maybe they can take on the existing Crag course climbs instead?
- Hiking Committee (Hiking, Uphill Training Series) - (Eric) - Hikes have been getting posted on the mountaineers.org site through October. Intends to post through December before transitioning to new chair. Eric working with potential new chair (Ben), with a few alternatives if Ben cannot commit.
- Communications - (AJ) - Cassidy Miley has agreed to take on the committee chair role. Need to set up transition plan with her. Speaker Series is looking good with at least 4 speakers, debating whether to hold first event in December (last year was lightly attended) because Craig Romano requested that month. AJ is going to meet with Jack soon to get control and training on how to update the .com site.
- Safety - (James) - Not Present
- Diversity, Equality, & Inclusion - (Meredith) - Helping Krissy coordinate with Vamos - looking for help with recruitment - Vamos needs at least 3 volunteers on Fridays and 2-3

volunteers on Fridays once a month at Vital. Meredith will be responding to Tim regarding setting up a ladies climb at Vertical World - winter would be a good season to have this!. Still working on getting a DEI position description set up.

- Board of Directors - (Tim Schafermeyer) - Board meeting this month. Confirmed member dues have been raised ~\$10/year.
- Treasurer - (Ryan Monahan) - No update.

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

- [Bellingham Branch Charter](#)
  - Nathan and Tim working hard to get draft finalized and sent out to Exec. Committee for review, approval and submitted to All-Branch Leadership Committee by end of year. Intent is to have the Board approve the charter in January, all other dates should accommodate that target.
  - Next Branch meeting will be Zoom in October and the main focus will be to get a quorum approval of the charter. **AJ to add to newsletter, Nate to announce at rendezvous**

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

- Investigate ways to get members together throughout the year. The summer potluck series was great this year and many attendees mentioned wanting to have something else year round to stay connected socially.
- Future meeting locations and times - Tim votes to move branch leadership meeting back to the 6-7pm slot with Climbing committee following after. **AJ will meet with Varun after transitioning roles and determine schedule**

#### **Action Items:**

- **See above in bold**