

## **Bellingham Mountaineers Branch Committee Meeting Minutes - Unapproved**

**Date/Time:** January 15, 2023 7:00 PM

**Location:** Zoom

**Attending:** AJ Schuele, Dana Ringler, Ben H., Krista, Tim Schafermeyer, Justin Blackburn, Krista Sutton, James Pierson, Nathan Reed, Meredith, Ben, Tom Unger, Alanna Steele

### **Welcome/Introductions:**

- Reminder that meeting is open and public; be respectful and concise
- Intros
- Agenda review
- Meeting [minutes](#) from last meeting approved
- Meeting agenda motion to approve Nathan motioned, Justin Second

### **Updates**

- Branch Chair (AJ Schuehle) - BLC meeting coming up this month, AJ review charter and policies, time earmarked to discuss Emotional/Phys Safety sub-committee, discuss branch charter (needs to be finalized) - going to send out an email to the Branch Committee to get thoughts on final push
- Secretary (Dana) - not present
- Climbing Committee (Varun) - (Tim) things kick off tomorrow with Intro Meeting. Had Instructor Gathering last week. Intermed Water Ice headed to Canmore this weekend. 13 new Intermediates for this year. Eric is taking over the Crag course, but looking for someone to help him since this is his first year. Nate says that we need to pass along the reserved dates that we already have to Eric so that we can get those locked in.
- Hiking Committee (Hiking, Uphill Training Series) - (Ben) Wed hikes been getting good turnout. Ben proposing bumping the start time to 6pm to help encourage more participation (had a large number of folks at the Instructor Gathering say that they haven't been able to make the 5:30 start time). Going to chat with leaders to confirm. Also going to talk to Will Hill about the Uphill Training Series.
- Communications (Cassidy) - (AJ) Speaker series with Alan was really good turn out. Next month is Scarlet and Mitch presenting.
- Safety - (James) - nothing new, next meeting next monday
- Diversity, Equality, & Inclusion (Meredith) - looking for folks to volunteer at Vamos at the Y. Going to send a link to AJ and Cassidy so folks can sign up. Pausing the DEI committee meetings for now. Will let AJ know when to turn them back on.
- Board of Directors (Tim Schafermeyer) - Meeting next week, so will have more info. Had impromptu meeting regarding timeline on C.org petition, more info on committee status (will discuss more later). Tix on sale for annual Gala - Reinhold Messner - April 6.
- Treasurer (Krista) - (AJ) Struggling to get some info from Ryan to get Krista into the system. Going to connect Krista with someone at Program Center

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

- Open positions (All of the positions were listed in the Instructor Gathering Survey, and Tim thinks there's at least 1 person mentioned they had interest in C.E.)
  - Chair Elect
  - Stewardship - Tim said Ryan Robie might be interested, AJ will reach out to him.
- Branch Charter
  - Been really close for a while now
    - Branch Council composition
    - At large Members
  - AJ to reach out for 1 more meeting to get it finalized
- Trail Running (Alanna)
  - Going well, people are consistent. Had to cancel last one due to weather
  - Doing big epic run on the 21st
    - Defining expectations for those big runs
  - Going to meet with FH runners this month to see how they operate and understand leadership requirements (need 2 official leaders - herself and also Clint)

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

- Code of Conduct Committee -
  - Added one bullet point to Committee Responsibilities (encapsulating thoughts on creating a better culture)
  - Charter approved with all present voting Yea, except for Tom who abstained.

### **Action Items:**

- AJ to reach out Ryan Robie about Stewardship Committee
- AJ to send out email to Branch Committee to gather for a final meeting to approve the Charter.
- Ben to chat with hike leaders about adjusting start times for Wed hikes, and talk to Will about getting Uphill Series started again.