

-Bellingham Mountaineers Branch Committee Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Feb 17, 2024

Location: Zoom,

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Attending: Tim, Jonah, Michael, Meredith, James, AJ,

Welcome/Introductions:

- Reminder that meeting is open and public; be respectful and concise
- Intros
- Agenda review
- Approve of December and January meeting minutes - Michael moved to approve Dec, Jonah moved to approve Jan.

Updates

- Branch Chair (AJ Schuehle) - Branch charter put to council for review and vote. Moved and approved to submit to BLC.
- Secretary (Dana) - AJ working with Dana to pass the torch.
- Climbing Committee (Tim) -
 - Basic course: Intro, equipment lecture, WFA weekend completed. Weather lecture tomorrow night. Avalanche awareness coming up.
 - Intermediate course: 16 new students in 2025, more than typical in an effort to get more trip leaders and experience within the branch helping with basic course. Minda working on new sign up format and process.
- Hiking Committee (Hiking, Uphill Training Series) (Ben) -
- Communications (Cassidy) - Google calendar management. Need to clean up the calendar names and properly synchronize with the Bellingham Mountaineers website. Need to find out where the Basic Course calendar lives and add it to the Bellingham Branch google calendar. The Branch Primary Calendar should be non-course related events. Climbing committee to delegate management of the course specific calendars to course coordinator(s) as needed.
- Safety (James) - Tess Wendel is the new org chair. Moving primary committee meeting to every other month meeting schedule, allowing new sub-committees time to pursue various new initiatives.
- Diversity, Equality, & Inclusion (Meredith) - BIPOC climb nights continue with good participation. AJ still pursuing information about getting Mountaineers to collaborate formally with Vital.
- Board of Directors (Jonah): AJ to work with Jonah to figure out how to cover the expense of participating in the Gala.

- Treasurer (Krista) - not present
- Stewardship (Ryan R.) - not present
- Code of Conduct Committee (James/Dana) - CCC meeting held early Feb to plan for bystander intervention training. Bystander Intervention training itself held with great participation (~25 ppl), including many newer faces. Would be good to find a way to get some of our more tenured members to participate in the next one. There is opportunity to do this with/for other branches or org wide. Got on the mountaineers calendar late as a seminar. AJ to ask Dana if there was any participant feedback.

Old Business (next steps/follow up)

- [Branch Charter](#) review meeting
- [Yearly Planning Guide](#) Review
- [2025 Mountaineers Calendar review](#)
- Vital/Mountaineers BIPOC climb night collab update

New Business (action/decision needed)

- Speaker Series Feb update and March speaker
- 2025 Gear Swap schedule and location

Action Items:

- Branch charter submission to BLC for review - DONE
- Google Calendar management -
- Update yearly planning guide to list when the various course coordinators need to update their respective google calendar
- AJ to ask Dana for feedback received on the bystander intervention training -
- AJ to ask the BLC for an update on the Leadership Development Committee - with Andy Bassett leaving what is going to come of this group?