

**Everett Mountaineers
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2002, Everett PUD**

Committee Members attending: Doug Donaldson, Don Heck, Penny Barker, Larry Ingalls, Brian Hench, Don Heirman, Connie Arnott, Roy Metzgar, and Duane Sandrin. Minutes taken by Larry Ingalls, and typed by Brian Hench.

Absent: Mike Buhler, Conny Anderton, Beckey Morgan.

Branch Chair Brian Hench called the Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. There were no minutes from the last meeting as there was no quorum at the October 1st meeting.

Trustee's Report: Roy Metzgar

There is a new financial arrangement being considered by the Board, which will affect the branches (see under New Business).

Treasurer's report by Don Heck

The balance sheet from 1/1/02 was distributed. Profit and loss: spent \$4,000 more than was received. Sheets for finances by Committee and by Transaction were also distributed.

Committee Reports

Social: Connie Arnott

The Social Chair needs help. Connie is handling both the refreshments for the monthly business meetings as well as the programs. She would prefer to concentrate on the programs that those attending agreed have been very good this year. Brian and Roy volunteered to go over the Branch roster and come up with names to call to solicit help for Connie. Connie had a question regarding the \$50 budgeted for honorariums for the speakers at each of 9 meetings. Can more than \$50 be spent per meeting? Don Heck answered that yes, as long as the overall budget of \$450 is not exceeded for the year. Connie also wanted to know if Branch members could be given an honorarium; yes they can.

Alpine Scrambling: Larry Ingalls

Snowshoe Course starts tomorrow night in Everett. The Committee still needs more members, although it picked up one new member at the November meeting. The Scrambling Course planning is going well.

Climbing: (Mike Buhler)

Brian stated that the Winter Bivouac lecture is Tuesday and that the Bivouac Field trip is this coming Saturday in Icicle Canyon near Leavenworth.

Conservation: No representative

Don Heirman suggested that perhaps Carrie Strandell might be interested in chairing a committee to do a revegetation project.

First Aid: (Duane Sandrin)

The MOFA course is planned for Feb 21, Mar 3 & 4. The class will be at the Snohomish County Fire District #4 bldg in Snohomish.

Folkdance: (Dan Fye) No Report

Hiking: George

There is a new trip report form for hiking. The finishing touches are being put on the new hike leader guide. A new award is being developed called the Lakes Award. The Hike leader seminar will be held on the last Tuesday in March (3/26). The Ten Essentials and Hiking Orientation are in April. Backpacking class is in May-June.

Lookout and Trails Maintenance: Don Heirman

Ruth Ittner was trying to get a crew from Everett on National Trails Day to work on a segment of the Iron Goat Trail, but the Committee was against it instead choosing to concentrate on local trails that have not been getting any attention, such as the Canyon Forks Trail. Seattle will be trying to have their own National Trails Day event and Everett LOTM has offered advice and support. Crew Leader Training will be held in the first week of March. National Trails Day will be on June First. In addition to Canyon Forks, the Bedal/ Elliot Creek Connector, now dubbed the Chocwich Trail, will be groomed. This was the new hike/bike trail opened by the Mountaineers in 2000.

Membership: Penny

The Everett Branch now has 1035 members. There were 20-25 persons who attended the last New Member Meeting. The next one is on January 28th. The plan is to hold one of these meetings every other month. Penny and others commented that Club Staff have been making mistakes with regard to Branch Affiliation. On several occasions, those who checked the Everett box on their membership applications were nonetheless placed on the Seattle roster. Brian asked Penny to draft a letter documenting specific instances where this problem has occurred. Brian will attach a cover letter and forward it to Ed Henderson, cc to Steve Costie.

Ski Committee: (Connie Anderton)

Brian reported that the Telemark Course first field trip was last Friday night at Stevens Pass Ski Area and went very well. The instructors were very qualified.

Old Business

Website/ Communications: It was clarified to Russell Dills that his request for a hard drive and zip disks was approved at the last business meeting. Brian suggested to Russell that Tony Tsuboi may like to help with the website.

A discussion was joined concerning the direction and purpose of the Everett Mountaineers website. Russell suggested that its primary function should be as place in which to record the history of the Branch. Other ideas: Banquet summary, List of Award winners, Pin Peaks award descriptions, Trip Reports, Annual Committee Reports, Lists of graduates from the various classes, courses taught and enrollment, trips scheduled and those that are successful.

Russell described the difficulty of troubleshooting the website, given that he has only a Macintosh at home. Since most visitors to the site will use PC's he needs a PC for troubleshooting. A motion was made by Don Heck to recommend to the Membership to allocate \$3,000 for purchase of a laptop PC and software to facilitate development of the Branch Website. Duane Sandrin seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously by the Committee.

New Business

Proposed changes to the budget process were discussed. The schedule must be moved up by a month or two. We need to develop a Branch Program Plan. Don would like to chair revising of the Branch Operating Plan to reflect the proposed changes.

It was mentioned how many members avoid the August meeting because they don't want to listen to the budget discussion. A motion was made by Roy Metzgar to revise our budgeting procedure to eliminate membership approval of the budget at the August meeting. Instead, the Executive Committee would develop the budget at the July Executive Committee meeting and submit the proposed budget to the Board of Trustees by mid-July for Approval. The motion was seconded by Doug Donaldson and passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be at the PUD on, April 1, 2002 at 7:00PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 10pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Larry Ingalls, Scribe
Brian Hench , Acting Secretary