

**EVERETT MOUNTAINEERS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2002  
SNOHOMISH PUD**

Meeting opened : 7pm

Attendance: Brian Hench, Don Heck, Sherri Chisarik, George Chambers, Phil Prins, Hal Watrous (Branch Secretary nominee)

Topics Discussed (See also chairman s Meeting Agenda) and detailed separately.

- 1) New Secretary Nomination for Vacancy
- 2) Call for Vice-Chair Nominations for Vacancy
- 3) Trustee s Report
- 4) Treasurer s Report
- 5) Report on Results of Salmon Bake/Equipment Storage Need
- 6) Presentation by Baker Lodge Committee on Proposed Improvements
- 7) Branch Surplus funds decision: discussion of various options
- 8) Review of Club and Branch budgeting/deficit projections
- 9) Discussion of Branch Meeting Format and need to change
- 10) Proposed/Draft New Branch Meeting Format
- 11) Proposal to Purchase: Digital Projector
- 12) Discussion of Heybrook Lookout project completion

**1) New Secretary Nomination for Vacancy**

Hal Watrous accepted the nomination for Branch Secretary made by Brian H. to fill position left unfilled at elections. Brian raised question on how to install Hal within Club By-laws. Don H. read from the by-laws the requirements, whereas it was decided nomination would be made from the floor at November Branch meeting, with a vote taken by those attending at the January Branch meeting. This would complete installation of new secretary in time for January Exec. Meeting. Don H. did offer possibility that Robert s Rules could shorten this process if needed.

**2) Call for Vice-Chair Nominations for Vacancy**

Brian H. asked for names and nominations for replacement of Chris Davidson (relocating to the East Coast) which revealed several names as possible candidates. Brian thought that, whereas Scrambling has provided many branch officers in recent years, Climbing has not. Ernie Zeller (Climbing Education Subcommittee Chair) was suggested as a possibility. Brian will follow-up on this.

### 3) Trustee s Report

Phil Prins reviewed topics from last Club Board Meeting, including Snoqualmie Lodge rope-tow decommissioning, budget approval, and strategic planning.

### 4) Treasurer s Report

Don H. gave brief report, and indicated books have been closed for fiscal 2002 just ended. He provided some net income and asset figures, and plans to provide report packet to members at next meeting.

### 5) Report on Results of Salmon Bake/Equipment Storage Need

Brian H. gave **wrap-up** on the annual Salmon Bake held at Masonic Park in Granite Falls 10/6. Approx. 80 people attended, which was the largest since 1997. Tony Tsuboi coordinated the event, and his efforts were well received. A band was hired for first time, and it was well received (\$300 cost). Exact cost figures for this event were not known, but Brian estimated it would be in neighborhood of \$500-600. Masonic Park reservation fee/cost is only \$25 for the event, with \$2/person admission fee (paid by visitors).

Brian proposed that the Branch consider **charging an attendance fee** for next years event. George C. raised the question of why there is a need to charge, which led to questions about what services we provide members, and how we might budget for them. Brian plans to discuss further at next Exec. Committee meeting.

Brian then asked for help with **equipment storage**, since Lisa Hutchinson wants to give up that responsibility. Bill Burthold will continue storing some of equipment at his home/workbarn (mainly benches, tables and racks) on Whidbey Island. It appears a central location for storage would be best, and Gary Yonaka s name was mentioned as a possibility (Gary stores Scramble equipment at his residence in Machias). The discussion led to two decisions: 1) Phil Prins will store the equipment at his residence and 2) Any leftover white gas will be donated or given away rather than incurring the safety problems of storage.

Tony Tsuboi offered to coordinate **next year s event**, with the stipulation that liquor/beer be allowed. As this is not allowed, Brian H. will explain Club policy to Tony.

### 6) Presentation by Baker Lodge Committee on Proposed Improvements

Representatives from Baker Lodge, Jim Flaherty and Dale Kisker presented their architectural proposals for structural changes to Baker Lodge. These included replacement of windows with double panes and addition of indoor showers on the first floor. Jim s hope was that Everett Branch would consider donating funds for material costs. Lodge personnel would provide labor. There was no decision on the direction to

take on this proposal. Discussion of this proposal became sidelined as committee moved to discuss the strategy for using Branch surplus funds.

### **7) Branch Surplus funds decision: discussion of various options**

Brian H. handed out a copy of the ideas developed at the special meeting on 9/17/02. The basic decision is how to allocate the \$73,000, by either spending it, or setting up special activity reserve funds e.g. lodges, program development. Don H. reviewed how the surplus got to where it is today. Brian asked the group for help, and that he needed **direction** as to where to go from here. Following a lot of discussion, no decisions on direction were made, and the discussion moved from ways we could fund program development to the need to change Branch meeting format.

### **8) Review of Club and Branch budgeting/deficit projections**

Don H. gave a thorough review of Branch budgeting and cost accounting, including methods the Club/branches have used in past years. This was done as a basis for decisions on allocating the approx. \$88,000 available in surplus funds (\$73,000 + \$15,000 to be held in reserve)

### **9) Discussion of Branch Meeting Format and need to change**

The need to change formats was discussed, with consensus clear that some type of change should be made. The focus then turned toward a discussion of various ways we could improve attendance and better meet our member needs. A letter from George C. sent out in advance to Committee members was reviewed, which covered various ideas he had for improving meetings. The result was the proposed draft format shown below (Topic 10), which will await further discussion at January meeting. The next probable step is to decide how this can best be implemented/introduced to the members, i.e. how best to introduce a changed meeting format.

### **10) Proposed/Draft New Branch Meeting Format**

6:45PM	Doors Open Social/ New Member Orientation
7:10PM	Trustee s Report/Financial
7:15PM	Announcements
7:20PM	Program
8:30PM	Program Ends/Booths/Social
9:15PM	Doors Closed

### **11) Proposal to Purchase: Digital Projector**

Brian H. brought forth proposal he has received to purchase a digital projector for the Branch. The discussion included changes toward digital photography, which would allow more member photos to be displayed at Branch meetings; and, access to recruiting more presenters who use digital photography at Branch meetings.

Both Sherri C. and Phil P. volunteered the use of available digital projectors from their employers. It was decided to use this option, and both Sherri and Phil reiterated need to give them sufficient notice prior to events and they will gladly bring the equipment.(J)

**12)Discussion of Heybrook Lookout project completion**

Brian H. reported that Forrest Clack has notified him Heybrook project is completed, and ready to turnover to USFS. At issue is a formal letter to be written to the FS. Brian indicated making several calls to Chair, Craig Yapple, without response to determine how this turnover can be accomplished. Sherri mentioned that e-mail is best way to reach him. Discussion moved to looking into reported problems with LOTM communications, and how that might also be improved.

Meeting Adjourned 9:30PM,

Respectfully submitted,  
by Hal Watrous, acting Secretary  
October 16, 2002