

**Everett Mountaineers Executive Business Meeting Notes  
January 18, 2003, Snohomish PUD**

**Agenda**

Old Business:

- Request for budget variance by Climbing to purchase digital projector(Ernie Zeller)
- Request for donation by Mount Baker Lodge

New Business:

- Branch Calendar
- Update the Website
- Branch and Committee Openings
  - Secretary (Hal Watrous: need to have approved by membership)
  - Vice Chair
  - Social
  - Program Director

**Meeting Attendees**

Connie Anderton, Mike Bueler, Sherri Chisarik, Louis Coglas, George Chambers, Brian Hench, Bernadette Hollister, Cathi MacDonald, Phil Prins, Craig Yaple and Ernie Zeller.

**Trustees Report – Phil Prins**

Glenn Eades will attend our March Meeting.

**Committee Reports**

Alpine Scrambling – Sherri Chisarik – The annual Christmas Party was held in December and was well attended. The Committee is getting ready for the 2003 Alpine Scrambles Course. The purpose is to begin the course with a clear understanding of what's involved in scrambling and what the expectations are for everyone. The evening will include student introductions and a slide show. The orientation is also open to those not enrolled in the course if they would like to come and find out what scrambling is all about. The Scramble Course Orientation will last about one to one and one-half hours. The Scramble Course Instructor/New leader Orientation will be on Wednesday, March 12.

First Aid – No Report

Climbing – Mike Bueler – The Basic Course is not full yet, however there is an unusually high interest in the Intermediate Course this year. About 15 to 20 people are expected to enroll. The Basic Course Instructor's Review is on February 1<sup>st</sup> at Stevens Pass and is being coordinated by Ernie Zeller. The first lecture of the 2003 Basic Course is on

Tuesday, Feb. 4 at Cascade Crags. It will feature slide shows by Ernie Zeller and Paul Spitalny.

Conservation – Louis Coglas - Louis would like to give a program at the monthly meeting on Low Impact wilderness use.

Folk Dance – About 30 people have been attending regularly. Of these, about 1 or 2 have been Mountaineers, the remainder are community members. Ages range from 8 to 85. Revenues for year were \$270 in donations at the door. Forest Park dance hall is undergoing renovation. We need a new site for the Jan 24 and Feb 14 dances. Must have a wood floor. An application is pending with Everett Schools. Cost of their facility is \$40 per hour. Dances last three hours typically, so this is very expensive.

Hiking - George Chambers – Hike leaders seminars. Intro to hiking and 10 essentials class this month.

Lookout and Trail Maintenance – Craig Yaple –The next meeting will be January 15 at Alfi's in North Everett. Items to be discussed include a new lookout restoration project. North Mountain Lookout in Darrington will commence in 2004. Committee is looking for a project manager. National Trails Day is June 7. There will be a cap on the maximum number of volunteers at 100 people per Dawn Erickson, USFS head ranger.

Membership – Bernadette Hollister – There will be a New Member Orientation meeting on Friday, Feb. 7 at Ann Rafter's house at 7 pm.

Singles – Cathi MacDonald – Connie Campbell is organizing a new Kayak group with the eventual goal of offering classes through the Everett Branch. Singles meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Alfi's in North Everett (Silverlake). Lots of new members come through Singles.

Skiing – Connie Anderton – Nordic Class first lecture was last Thursday with 28 people. First field trip is at Lake Wenatchee. The Ski Mountaineering and Backcountry programs have 16 people between them. Mike Palmer is running both the Avalanche Course and the Backcountry Course.

Social Committee – No Report

### **Old Business**

- Ernie Zeller was appointed by the Climbing Committee to do research on the purchase of a digital projector for use by Climbing in the various courses it offers. The projector is needed for PowerPoint and other computer based display methods. Ernie presented costs of projectors ranging from \$2000 to over \$4000. A discussion followed which included the idea of renting a projector for the Jan-Jun class season at a cost of \$150/mo. The disadvantage of this would be no availability for meetings the rest of the year and its greater cost in the long term.

Phil Prins made a motion to allocate a maximum of \$3,500 for purchase of a projector. One-half would come from the budget of the Climbing Committee and one-half from the administrative budget. Connie Anderton seconded the motion.

Discussion: The projector will have high resolution and high lumens because of its use in displaying digital photographs and its use in large rooms with potentially high ambient background light. A laptop computer for use with the projector will not be purchased but will be provided by Ernie and others as needed.

The motion to purchase the projector was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

- Brian announced that the proposed donation to Baker Lodge is on hold pending development of a master plan by the Lodge committee.

### **New Business**

**Master Calendar.** Brian presented a concept for an Excel spreadsheet, which could be used for planning purposes. The spreadsheet had 48 rows, one row for each of the first four weeks of each month of the year. There was a column for each committee of the Branch and sub-columns for individual classes. Classes or events were identified by the name of the event and the day of the week on which it falls.

It was pointed out that the website already has posted in various places all the events and classes that exist, although not all in one place. Connie Anderton volunteered to call Russell Dills and ask whether he or Loretta Matson could put it all together.

**Family Activities.** Sherri Chisarik commented on the lack of events suitable for families with children. She offered to schedule one event each month, such as short hikes at city parks and car camping trips. Prior to listing the activities Sherri will research with the club any requirements necessary to initiate family activities. Sherri may eventually petition the branch for funds for a direct mailing if enough interest arises.

**Committee Opening.** Matt Vadnal expressed interest in the Program Director position. Thus far, no interest in Vice Chair, or Social Committee positions.

**Newsletter.** The next newsletter is due and should feature information on the new Kayak and Family Activity Committees and should comment on the new meeting format.

Next Meeting April 1, 2003

Respectfully submitted, Brian Hench, filling in for Secretary Hal Watrous

## **Addendum**

The funds for the projector were not in the budget and the question arose whether to handle it as a variance, in which case it would have to go to the BOT, or if it could come out of surplus funds. Don Heck indicated by e-mail that there were unspent funds (thus far) sufficient to handle it in this way. We decided to go the latter route, i.e. handle it under the existing budget. Phil Prins provided additional clarification. (see e-mail below)  
--Brian

From e-mail by Phil Prins:  
Tue, 21 Jan 2003 08:24:36 -0800

Don,

Sorry that I forgot to send you an email on that. I made the motion to amend the budget to give the climbing committee the additional funds to purchase half of a digital projector with the cost not to exceed \$3500. The balance of the funds to be taken from the general Branch budget. I know that it is a pain (and pretty much meaningless) money transfer but the reasons I did it that way are:

- 1) The climbing committee demonstrated that they would use it for many of their classes.
- 2) Connie Anderton, who is also closely associated with climbing, said that she wanted to use one in the skiing classes (and, in fact, borrowed mine for her class the next day.
- 3) The climbing committee will then have part-ownership and will provide for the maintenance of the machine.
- 4) The climbing committee already has a camcorder that is stored in a special, secure place (in the office area rather than in the storage room)at Cascade Crags and this could be stored along with it.
- 5) Because the Branch also contributed funds, it is more of a secure claim for anyone in the Branch to use the projector.

The climbing committee did a good job in making their case in regards to use, storage, maintenance, and cost effectiveness versus renting.