

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
EVERETT MOUNTAINEERS
APRIL 1, 2003**

Call to Order: 7:05pm by Brian Hench, Committee Chair
Reading of January Meeting Minutes by Hal Watrous, Secretary; Minutes approved by Motion.

Attendance: Connie Anderton, Phil Prins, George Chambers, Bernadette Hollister, Don Heck, Cathy MacDonald, Craig Yaple, Dan Fye, Brian Hench, Hal Watrous, Connie Campbell.

Guests: Mike Kelley, Seattle Scramble and Snowshoe Committee member; Dale Kisker, Ad Hoc Lodge Improvement Committee of Baker Lodge Committee;

PROPOSALS FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

1) Recreation Access: Mike Kelley presented a proposal letter, including a Motion, that the Seattle Scramble and Snowshoe Committees has made to the Club Board of Trustees. His purpose in visiting tonight was to inform the Everett Branch, and ask that we consider what action we might take in support of the proposal. No further action was requested or taken by the Exec.Committee. Below is the written Motion included in the letter:

“Motion: Move that the charter of the Recreation Access Committee be amended to add to its functions the following: - Evaluate the impact of access issues on Mountaineers activities and consult with affected activity committees before proposing policy positions.”(proposal letter on file with the Secretary)

Discussion: Don Heck described the Resource Access Committee and its Hot List of issues it is working on. Don further stated that he supported fixing the process, so that policies made represent the Club views, and not just those of the Resource Access Committee alone; that we as a Club should be pro-active on issues; and that perhaps the language of the above Motion could be made simpler or more easy to deal with, which would facilitate its passage and implementation.

2) Mt. Baker Lodge Improvements: Dale Kisker presented a proposal letter entitled Request for Financial Assistance detailing their request(letter on file with the Secretary) The proposal asked for \$20,000 from the Branch as a Capital Improvement “fund”. Speaking for the entire Mt. Baker Lodge Committee, Dale proposed that any \$ contribution from Everett would be appreciated. The final allocation of the fund would be by future detailed plans which Everett Exec. Committee would vote on. The following are some key points of discussion:

Don Heck: A Lodge Masterplan would still need approval by the Club Board prior to construction improvements. Figures of \$15-20,000 have been discussed before. Don also advised that the Everett Branch has a long history of association with the Mt. Baker Lodge.

Connie Anderton: How and where would the Common's Room be expanded?(answer: under the dining area where bare ground is available)

Hal Watrous and others: Do you have a detailed Construction Plan for us to see what the total need is? Dale answered: No, the Mt. Baker Lodge Committee is seeking financial backing before they go to expense and effort of getting architectural and engineering drawings.

Motion Made: Phil Prins made the motion, seconded by George Chambers:

Motion: that the Everett Branch give the Mt. Baker Lodge Committee \$10,000 For Lodge Capital Improvements. Motion passed unanimously. 11-0.

Once the Motion was made, Brian Hench opened the floor to further discussion. From this the Exec Committee resolved that 1) the \$10,000 would be used for whatever capital improvements was approved by the Club Board; 2) that the monies not be used for covering operating expenses for the Lodge; 3) that the monies could also be used for whatever architectural, engineering, or environmental impact studies the Lodge Committee needed to do; and 4), that it was not necessary that the Mt. Baker Lodge Committee provide detailed plans to the Everett Branch for their approval.(although it would be nice to be kept informed at the discretion of the Branch Chair.)

3) Folkdance Need for another Facility: Dan Nye described the Folkdance Committee's urgent need for another dance location. He asked for any ideas or referrals on finding another location.

4) Seakayaking Committee Need for \$ and Planning: Connie Campbell summarized what progress had been made, then asked: What do they do now to get the Activity going? Several members gave advice on planning and Brian Hench will provide a Procedures Manual to get started. Brian noted that at his discretion, he has approved Connie C. as an Activity Committee Chair. Hal W. suggested she hold a planning meeting for all those expressing an interest, from which a Committee could be established, and tasks could be delegated.

Motion Made: Don Heck made a motion, seconded by Connie Anderton:

The Everett Branch recognize and allocate \$100 to the the Seakayaking Committee for expenses in the remaining Quarter of the 2003 Budget. Motion passed unanimously 11-0.

5) Northwest Avalanche Center: Many members expressed experience using the service of the Center. Connie Anderton and Don Heck discussed 2003 budgeted \$ for the

Center(Climbing Committee - \$250; Ski Committee - \$200). A discussion was held of the distinction between the Center and the Friends of the Center.

Motion Made: Connie Anderton made a motion, seconded by Phil Prins:

The Everett Branch Exec. Committee recognize the importance to our members of the Northwest Avalanche Center by allocating an additional \$200 from Club funds to be given to the Friends of Northwest Avalanche Center.

SUMMARY OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS TAKEN

Spend \$10,000 for Mt. Baker Lodge Capital Improvements
Spend \$100 for the new Seakayaking Committee
Spend \$200 for the Friends of the Northwest Avalanche Center
Consider Proposed Seattle Scramble/Snowshoe Committee Policy Motion on
Recreational Access
Consider New Sites for Folkdance Committee dance location
Announcement: Matt Vadnal is the new Branch Program Chair
Requests: candidates to fill Vice-Chair and Social Committee positions.

Treasurer's Report

Don Heck discussed the 2003 Budget progress, and possible shortfalls. He emailed current financial reports to committee members. He indicated that several outstanding expenses have not been reported yet in various committees that do impact his reports. He offered that timely expense reporting would be appreciated. And, to please keep on schedule for the upcoming 2004 Committee Budget submittals.

Trustee's Report

Phil Prins reported that 1) Moss Adams Accountants had reviewed the Club financials; 2) A new Kitsap Branch has been added and is up and running; and, 3) Saturday, April 5, is the Annual Board Retreat to be held at the Clubhouse.

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Climbing

Made by Connie Anderton for Mike Bueler

Basic Climbing Course: Class signups down considerably from previous years: 36 students for 2003. The Rock Field Trip #1 was just held. Otherwise, course schedule on target and proceeding well.

Intermediate Climbing Course : enrollment is up considerably from previous years(est. 17 students). There appears a growing demand for the Course.

New Digital Projector approved by the Exec. Committee in January has been used alot and is working great. Mike Palmer keeps it under lock and key in his office for the Committee and Branch.(if needed ask Mike only, not the front desk att Cascade Crags)

Scrambling

Made by Hal Watrous for Sherri Chisarik

Review of Snowshoe and Scramble Courses, and Instructor/Trip Leader Orientation, was made:

Scramble Course: Is on target, in its 5th week, with Navigation Field Trip just completed. Enrollment at about 39. New this year is an Orientation on first night of class: purpose is to give an overview and introduction of course not only for enrolled students, but also provide presentation to those wanting to know more about scrambling and the course. This orientation worked well with Andy Boos providing the slide show on scrambling, and Sherri facilitating.

Snowshoe Course: the following facets were reviewed: the Scramble committee's decision and strategy for holding the 2003 course; past results for the course; the Seattle branch's strategy of holding two different courses, and the way they run their programs; Results of this year's course.(the written results developed by Larry I. and Hal W. are on file with the Secretary). The low signup results were discussed, along with the solid program of volunteer leaders and lecturers. Hal indicated we were close to break-even on expenses, but recognized that in past years the course made a positive \$ contribution to the Branch.

Hal asked for the Exec Committee's suggestions on the future direction a Snowshoe course should take(members please email Larry I. or Hal W.) Don Heck indicated he liked the analysis provided for the Committee, our target marketing efforts, and strategy of using the course to promote the Mountaineers in the community. Connie A. indicated low turnout appears consistent with low Mountaineering course signups overall.

Instructor/Trip Leader Orientation: The annual Orientation for Field Trip instructors, and those applying for Scramble, Winter Scramble, and Snowshoe Trip Leader Status was held on the same night, Wednesday, March 12. Roughly 35 attended the first part for Instructors, with about 30 remaining for the second part on Leadership. Both parts were well received.

Hiking

Made by George Chambers

George announced the following upcoming courses scheduled:

April 17, Thursday: New Hiker, 10 Essentials Class

April 22, Tuesday: Hike Leader Class

April 29, Thursday: Bacxpacking Class

George reiterated the need for more involvement in the Hiking Committee.

First Aid

Made by Connie Anderton for Duane Sandrin

Three fully enrolled CPR classes have been completed

Annual MOFA class is scheduled for April 3, 5, and 6th at Sno SAR

Joellyn Jackson is struggling to find instructors for the class.

Volunteers needed for moulage to be victims.

Hal noted that plans for a Fall MOFAR (refresher course) are being made by Joellyn Jackson.

Folk Dance

Dan Fye described the activity, and the activity signups. His major need is help in finding a new facility that is both affordable and convenient for people to use. It was noted that Dan is running the activity largely by himself, and a suggestion was made that he seek out help within the activity, including a successor in case he should ever step down.

SeaKayaking

Connie Campbell, new head of this committee, described the current status of getting things started. She has Cascade Crags offering to assist with classes. Brian has approved Connie as new Committee chair. Her proposed need for financial help through this Budget year is previously described under Proposals section.

Lookout and Trail Maintenance

Made by Craig Yaple

Highlights:

Crew leader training was held March 15 with 13 attendees.

Masonic Park is location for this years National Trails Day gathering. June 7.

Signups will be limited this year to 100, largely because Forest Service requests we keep to an average yearly amount that they can work with.

Scramble Course students can signup now, and have priority through distribution of the May Go-Guide.

LTM Committee planning some type of party for the Heybrook Lookout exchange to the Forest Service. Volunteers have stepped forward to help with security issues at the Lookout.

Skiing

Made by Connie Anderton

Connie described this year's makeup of Nordic, Telemark, and Ski Mountaineering courses Nordic class was completed in January. Telemark class was cancelled due to low signups. And Ski Mountaineering course enrollment was up noticeably with 16 signups.

Singles

Made by Cathi MacDonald

Cathy spoke on the upcoming July Annual Trail Maintenance Event to be held at Baker Lake. She also requested volunteers to help out.

Membership

Made by Bernadette Hollister

Next New Member meeting held in Snohomish(location TBA) will be Friday 5/16

Program Committee

No report on upcoming Branch Programs made

Conservation

No report and no committee chair

Other

The Agenda included a planned discussion of “ Grants available for Non-motorized Winter Recreational Funds” but this item was not discussed due to time constraints. This may be a source of funds , for example, for Avalanche Training for Everett Branch members . Contact Brian Hench for more info, or Colleen.Maguire@parks.wa.gov (360) 586-6646. The deadline is May 1, 2003 for applications.

Discussion of holding more frequent Exec Committee meetings was briefly held, mainly to sound out members positions. The reaction was mixed and favored slightly NOT having more frequent meetings.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 1 at PUD.

Respectfully Submitted, April 16, 2003 by Hal Watrous, Secretary.