

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
EVERETT MOUNTAINEERS
JULY 1, 2003
Snohomish County PUD, Room TC-2A**

Call to order: 7:10 pm by Brian Hench, Committee and Branch Chair
Reading of April Meeting Minutes by Hal Watrous, Secretary; Minutes approved without additions or changes.

Attendance: Brian Hench, George Chambers, Hal Watrous, Cathi McDonald, Phil Prins, Mike Bueler, Connie Campbell, Connie Anderton, Matt Vadnal, and Pam Kepford. Matt Vadnal is the new Program Chair; and Pam Kepford, new Assistant-Chair of the new Sea Kayaking Committee and former Executive Committee member.

Guests: Joellyn Jackson, First Aid Committee and former Committee Chair; and, Tony Tsuboi, 2003 Salmon Bake Coordinator.

PROPOSALS FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION (1)

- 1) **Annual Salmon Bake:** Tony Tsuboi, Coordinator of last year's Salmon Bake described last year's event, and plans to encourage and build overnight attendance through scheduling of climbs, scrambles and hikes for members on the Saturday before the Sunday event. Overnight camping is a low member cost opportunity provided at the Masonic Campground, yet few people are staying overnight in recent years. Tony presented two requests for consideration: 1) Have entertainment for the Salmon Bake like that of last year (a small country band performed at cost of \$300). 2) Have a small pony keg of beer available to attendees, which when carefully dispensed, would be a recognition for the work various members have done throughout the year. Prior consensus was the 2002 Salmon Bake was a success.

Tony reviewed discussions he had with Steve Costi, Club Exec Director, regarding rules and precedence for having alcohol at events. According to Steve, there are no Club rules that forbid this. While there were a number of questions brought up for discussion by those attending, it was the general consensus that the addition of carefully dispensed alcohol (beer only) would work this year on a trial basis.

Tony also is putting out a request for Climbs, Scrambles, and Hikes for the Saturday before the event, and is targeting more activity (such as volleyball, horseshoes, croquet, etc) for this year. (Hal W. volunteered to request this from Scramble committee).

SUMMARY OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS TAKEN

Spend up to \$300 for Salmon Bake Entertainment for 2003.
Spend up to \$75 for Pony Keg for Salmon Bake for 2003.

Spend up to a TOTAL of \$900 for Salmon Bake for 2003. (two earlier motions above were rescinded as this figure includes entertainment and the pony keg.)

Hold a separate Executive Committee meeting OR communicate to vote via email on the 2004 Budget.

Consider dropping the Folkdance Committee from the Everett Branch per suggestion by Chair Dan Fye.

Consider candidates for nomination from the Everett Branch for the Club Board of Trustees – deadline is prior to August board meeting or the September 10th Annual membership meeting (anyone can nominate another member or themselves)(see Phil Prins)

Collect basic information on Course Modularization from the Clubhouse for future decision making by the Everett Branch (Brian Hench).

Consider methods the Branch might implement to improve marketing and member retention.

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Social

Made by Brian Hench

Tony Tsuboi will coordinate 2003 Salmon Bake, Sunday, October 5 (his report shown above)

Roy and Ruthanna Metzger will coordinate this year's Annual Banquet

Alpine Scrambling

Made by Brian Hench for Sherri Chisarik
(See Brian for copy)

Climbing

Made by Mike Bueler

Mike reported results from Basic and Intermediate Climbing classes:

Basic Enrolled passing Final Exam: 31 students

With a 1:2 teacher/student ratio

Intermediate Enrolled: 16 students

With a 1:1 teacher/student ratio

Enrollment in the Basic course is down considerably, while Intermediate is up and continuing to receive a lot of interest in the Branch now, compared to the past. Field Trip participation by instructors and past graduates is up reflecting high level of interest and camaraderie in this activity. It was noted that like other Branch committees, recruitment for the Climbing committee continues to be a problem: members for committee work are hard to find: they would rather climb.

Brian H. brought up idea of a Crag Course, which would add another class somewhere between the Basic and Intermediate Course. Mike mentioned that Climbing enrollment is tied to Scrambling Course enrollment (which was also down this year).

****** Mt. Rainier Basic Climb Incident June 21, 2003 ******

Mike reported that the recent incident is under review by the Climbing Committee and a special meeting will be held 7/7 to evaluate positive ways the Branch can learn from the incident. Monday morning quarterbacking will be held to a minimum, as when it comes to risk and exposure, all members “live in glass houses”. Key points will be whether Mt. Rainier should be allowed as a Basic Climb; fact that the Branch doesn’t have very many climb leaders who have experience or understanding of the “big ones”; and, that there is pressure to summit due to the cash paid up front for permits, etc. Brian H. noted the permit can be used for future attempts (good for one year) should party members not summit on their previous attempts; and, that permit cost is up to \$30 this year.

Conservation

No Report

First Aid

Joellyn Jackson gave report for Duane Sandrin. The MOFA enrollment of 82 shows continued high interest in this annual class offering. Our continued cooperative relationship with Snohomish Search and Rescue (SAR) is positive, with the Branch using SAR facilities and storage, and SAR getting 10 scholarships annually (5 MOFA and 5 MOFAR). Rick Furman is considering coordinating the MOFAR course this fall (MOFA review course for card members and graduates within last 6 years). Joellyn has identified at least 12 people interested in signing up for the course. The option is to travel to Seattle branch, which is not viable for most members.

Duane Sandrin’s new job as detective means he has less time to devote to the committee. A request was made for anyone interested in becoming a Red Cross instructor (qualified to teach MOFA, CPR, and other courses as decided by Red Cross). The Branch will pay the cost of \$150 for those interested.

Hal W. noted that the First Aid Committee needs help with MOFAR and committee work, including instructors, if it is able to survive. First Aid is not a “sporting” activity like other Branch activities. The sole reason that a First Aid Committee and classes were formed to begin with was at the request of the Climbing and Scrambling groups, who saw

a need for modularization. NOTE: Should Joellyn and Ron vacate their role administering the First Aid program, then MOFA, CPR, and MOFAR classes would essentially be put on hold for quite some time.

Folk Dance

No Report

Hiking

Made by George Chambers

The Backpacking Class was completed with enrollment at 12 this year, up from previous years. Nine attended the Milk Creek overnighter. There is more interest this year. George reiterated his call for a replacement chair for next year.

Lookout and Trail Maintenance

Made by Brian Hench from notes provided by Penny Barker

National Trails Day drew 82 attendees this year, which is down about 40% from last year. The National Forest Service's request that we keep the attendance to 100 is typical for government work: more is not better (yet its hard to argue with last year's 137 attendees and results). This limit also made its way around on word of mouth, so we ended up with even less that the 100 max. 1315 volunteer hours were spent on 4 trail projects: Heather Lake, Evans/Boardman Lakes, Canyon Creek, and Martin Creek. REI was credited with doing a super job of helping with this year's event.

Membership

No Report

Singles

Made by Cathi MacDonald

Lots of hikes have been scheduled, and the Committee's Maintenance and Trail project is the Shuksan Lake trail. Some backpacking overnighters have been added. There is a need and call for easy hikes, up to 5 miles, and less than 1000' elevation gain.

Skiing

Made by Connie Anderton

The Backcountry and Ski Mountaineering trips are still on going this summer subject to snow levels.

Sea Kayaking

Made by Connie Campbell and Pam Kepford

Connie reported that a plan for classes has been established (to attend a sea kayak trip listed in Go-guide, you must have passed the basic class). A refresher course will be established next spring, in an effort to build the number of trip leaders. Also, a possible equivalency program is being examined. Cascade Crags has been instrumental in helping with the Committee's efforts. An application has been made to the new Jorgenson Inheritance Trust for Program Development Funds. A draft budget for the Kayaking program was presented, which would provide for a slight positive income.

Trustee's Report

Made by Phil Prins

Phil was on his Denali Trip during last Board meeting, so had limited info to share. The Club continues to need marketing activities to build membership and retention . The 2004 Budget needs to reflect a 10% margin to cover insurance.
Repeat of call for Nominations for Board of Trustees.

Old Business

Brian reported on activities at the Schurman Rock Rededication held recently at Camp Long.

Matt Vadnal volunteered to be this year's Program Chair, and reported we have Branch monthly program basically filled through October of this year.

New Business

Modularization of Branch Courses: Brian H. led discussion of need to modularize the common course needs, namely for Scrambling, Climbing and Skiing Committees. The MOFA course is a prime example of successful modularization offered by our Branch. The Navigation Course taught by Seattle and Tacoma branches, are other examples pointed to.

This topic has come up several times over the years. The idea is to have topics like navigation, weather, avalanche awareness taught as a separate "module" that students taking any or all of several courses(Scramble, Basic Climb, Cross Country Skiing, Ski Mountaineering, among others) would only have to take ONCE instead of each time they enroll. No equivalency program now exists. For example, the extensive navigation classes taught by the Scramble course are not recognized by the Climbing committee.

Connie Anderton advised that scheduleing problems appear a major obstacle in the way of implementing such an ambitious plan. Mike Bueler noted that the branch now has

sufficient Level II certifications in Avalanche Safety to teach modules should we decide in that direction.

There was quite a diverse level of opinions discussed pointing to little consensus without further information. While no proposals or motions were made, Brian H. volunteered to research information from other chapters on the results they are getting.

Mt. Rainier Incident June 21 Basic Climb – detailed under Climbing report.

Salmon Bake Request – detailed under Social report.

2004 Budget Approval – Detailed financial reports were handed out and briefly discussed. In Don Heck's absence, there appeared a need for clarification as to what we were voting on. Mike Bueler pointed out the absence of Climbing budget, which he reported to have submitted. Since so much of the 2004 proposed Budget was missing, and unfortunately not submitted to Don on time, the Committee agreed to await Don's return to discuss an appropriate method for voting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 7, PUD

DRAFT Minutes Respectively submitted, July 18, 2003, by Hal Watrous, Secretary