

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
EVERETT MOUNTAINEERS
OCTOBER 7, 2003**

SNOHOMISH COUNTY PUD, ROOM TC-2A

Call to order: 7 pm by Brian Hench, Committee and Branch Chair

Attendance: Brian Hench, George Chambers, Matt Vadnal(new Vice Chair) Cathi McDonald, Mike Bueler, Connie Campbell, Sherri Chisarik, Hal Watrous, Don Heck, Dan Fye, Bernadette Hollister

Guests: Don Preston – Lodge Chair, Steven's Pass Lodge; Bob Becton, Lodge Committee Member, Steven's Pass Lodge; Buzz Pintler.

PROPOSALS FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

- 1) Steven's Pass Lodge Improvements:** Don Preston and Bob Becton made presentation of some of the ongoing capital improvements and repairs needed at the Lodge (single page summary document passed out and on file). Basically, there are needed improvements that are not covered under the Club Lodge budget where help is needed. Maintenance is being deferred indefinitely in some cases. They both answered questions about the overall structural soundness of the facility, and both believe it is basically sound and can accept general improvements within. Brian asked question about use of volunteers and volunteered himself for floor work. Discussions ensued about the need for professional help in this area; however, Brian's help was readily accepted in some capacity. Hal acknowledged that Pam Dalan (not present) had agreed to act as a Volunteer Coordinator to try to pull together whatever member resources and subcontracting she could find. Pam has already pursued several subs, and it appears very likely some volunteer help will be gathered.
- 2) Disbanding Folkdance Committee:** Dan Fye, Committee Chair, reported the group has no meeting place to dance at present time. Following renovations, Forrest Park plans to charge \$91/hour? For the use of their facility. The new cost is far higher than that paid before, and beyond the Committee's budget. Matt Vadnal asked about the makeup of the Folkdance group. Dan responded that it is mainly all non-members. Following a short discussion, Dan moved to disband the Committee. The topic of how to help this committee had been raised at previous Exec Committee Mtgs., with the result that no other options seem feasible.
- 3) Family Activities:** Sherri Chisarik reported on the situation and progress made in this area. Sherri took on the responsibility of testing the program the last several months on her own with other parents with youth children. She reported that while it has had its challenges getting the word out, there is increased interest and many phone calls received about the activities. Sherri basically set up the program for her 9 year old to do hikes together and broadened this to include anyone else in same family way that wished to participate. There is a lot of energy and enthusiasm going into this new area, and it appears it will be a positive addition to the Everett branch, and the Mountaineers as a club.

SUMMARY OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS TAKEN

Spend up to \$10,000 from the branch reserve account for Capital Improvements and study/design work on Steven's Pass Lodge. Sherri Chisarik made the motion and it was seconded by George Chambers. The vote was unanimous for the measure. Disband the Folkdance Committee due to high cost of finding a new dance facility.

The motion was made by acting Committee Chair Dan Nye and seconded by George Chambers. The vote was unanimous.

Formally recognize and create the Family Activities Committee for the Everett Branch. Cathi McDonald moved and George Chambers seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous. No budget was proposed at this time.

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Climbing

Made by Mike Bueller

Mike reported 10 new climb leaders, and the new Crag Course was approved in concept by the Climbing Committee. The details have yet to be worked out for this new course, but there already is a lot of interest on the part of both the Climbing Committee and potential signups. One emphasis of this course is on leading on rock climbs.

Seakayaking

Made by Connie Campbell

Kayaking held its Navigation classes for instructors. 9 students attended. This is a refresher course.

Scramble

Made by Sherri Chisarik

The Scramble course dates have been set and the November Go-Guide will include the announcement. The Snowshoe course is now in the planning process for January/February 2004. With the Ski Committee offering the popular Nordic course during this same frame, Hal and Matt agreed to coordinate dates for lectures and field trips in order that students be allowed to take both courses. Last year there was a schedule conflict that if we had had better coordination, 5 Nordic students would have signed up for the Snowshoe course. (update: see the November Go-Guide for dates that as of 11/03 have been coordinated between the two courses)

Singles

Made by Cathi McDonald

Penny Barker has agreed to become the new Chair for Singles, and Pat Commiso will be the Co-Chair. The Everett group held a combined hike with Seattle and had a good turnout.

Folkdancing

Made by Dan Fye

Report shown previously under Proposals for Committee Consideration

Social

Made by Brian Hench

Still need a Chair for Committee. The Banquet plans are now in the works, and it will be the last year for Metzgers, who have retired and moved to Anacortes. Sheila Mitchell will coordinate the names of award recipients listed in the program. The Salmon Bake was reported successful, and having a Pony keg of beer added to its success without problems.

Hiking

Made by George Chambers

George reported four new hike leaders added to the list. Hike listings occurred every weekend all summer. George announced he has finally found a replacement chair.

George is stepping down for new chair Robin Hageman.

Lookout and Trail Maintenance

Brian announced a re-vegetation project at ?

Miscellaneous

George Swan Memorial – Buzz Pintler asked if plans had been made to recognize George's contribution to the Everett branch. George passed away recently. It was recommended that the responsibility be placed under the Lookout and Trail maintenance Committee's venue. However, it was acknowledged that both Phyllis Nelson and Carrie Strandell have been working toward some type of memorial. Ideas of a memorial bench placed at one of George's trails (like the Iron Goat trail) were made and Brian agreed to follow up on this.

Annual Branch Banquet – Buzz expressed concern that the banquet cost had grown to level that kept many members from attending (\$30 per ticket). Buzz's idea and suggestion was that the Exec Committee consider subsidizing the cost down to around \$15 per ticket for those who could not afford it. Brian pointed out that there were several ways where members could basically ear or reduce their ticket cost by helping out with the branch.

Meeting Adjourned – 9:15pm;

Next meeting: Tuesday, 7 pm, January 6, 2004 at the Snohomish County PUD.

Submitted by: Hal Watrous, Secretary.