EVERETT MOUNTAINEERS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

 MEETING

April 22, 2008

**ATTENDEES:** Penny Barker, Harlan Brown, Forrest Clark, Doris Hatton, Sandra Ingalls, John Laggart, Bernadette Lamarca, Barbara Mark, Evan Moses, Ralph Sanders, Rob Simonsen, Matt Vadnal

Meeting started at 7:10 PM.

* Attendees introduced themselves and their role in the Mountaineers.
* New venue for the Executive Committee meeting is the Snohomish County Courthouse
* Issue on who can have access to the financial statements discussed but no decision was made
* Past meeting minutes moved, approved, and seconded.

**BRANCH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CLASS – Matt Vadnal**

* Scheduled for May 31, 2008 at the First Congregational Church; an all-day session
* Aimed at future leaders; committee chairs to identify potential leaders; students who are interested in becoming a future instructor or trip leader
* Anybody is welcome to help in putting the class together – meeting dates are: May 5th, 21st and 29th.
* Potential presentations: Search and Rescue, Matt will talk about the history of the Mountaineers, budget presentation, invite people from other branches to do a presentation
* Expect 60 – 70 people; free lunch provided
* Break down in smaller groups, come up with different scenarios and discuss how to solve problems
* Matt to send out a notice to the branch members
* New instructors needed

**LISTING ALL TRIPS ON THE WEBSITE**

* Russell Dills stepped down as webmaster
* Website summit on March 2nd at Rob Simonsen’s house
* Change the Mountaineers logo
* List contact information on each branch website
* Need consistency in all branch website
* Changes on the website
* Scrambling Committee trips and courses are being posted on the main website
* Integration with the main website is not a priority because it is costly to pay an outside company to develop the website
* Need to decide where we see the website is going
* Rich Baringer wants us to post everything – trips, courses, events, announcements on the main website
* Brian Booth has put together a 4-page tutorial on how to post trips, etc on the main website
* Climbing Committee spends one night with the students to show them how to get online and look for climbing opportunities; there is a community site on the main website for basic and intermediate climbing
* Policy that all trips, courses, events (except dine-outs) be posted on the IMIS system was moved, seconded and approved

**INTERPRETING MINIMUM STANDARDS – Rob Simonsen**

* Require Climbing/Scrambling leaders to have MOFA card renewed every 3 years
* Climbing Committee policy gives the right to almost waive every requirement except that the individual be a current Mountaineer member
* Decision to waive requirements is up to the individual committee
* Initial minimum standards came from Seattle and is all hearsay
* It is a burden to require leaders to have a MOFA card

**FUNDING REQUEST TO UPGRADE THE EVERETT WEBSITE – Evan Moses**

* $500 needed to buy web developing software
* Proposition to invest $1000 for web developing moved, seconded and approved

**BUDGET – Penny Barker**

* Cash advances are not encouraged; they are a “red flag” for the auditors
* \*Receipts need to be turned in by September 30
* Receipts received on October 10 will be put in 2009 budget
* There is going to be changes in donation process that the club is going through
* A lot of our activities could be supported by donations that are tax deductible – finance committee is working on this
* Next budget meeting is June 24; 2009 budget should be submitted by June 1st
* We are pushing for a balanced budget
* The club wants the money-making committees support committees that don’t make money plus administrative cost for renting the meeting room
* Penny stepping down as treasurer; nobody has stepped in for the position
* Need procedures to follow on how to make check requests
* Checks are issued twice a month
* Clubhouse is willing to do the work for $200 a month
* Table treasure position
* How should be invest the branch money
* Donations should be in the budget

**BANFF – Forrest Clark**

* Nothing new – venue is at the PUD
* BANFF is in the process of getting us in their schedule
* Proceeds from the BANFF will go to LOTM

**LIVE LOVE LAUGH – Sandra Ingalls**

* Gear grab was a success; Julie Endres donated a lot of gear – proceeds from the sale went to LLL; Pat Cook donated clothing
* Still waiting for 501C-3 status
* Looking for volunteer help to do inventory on the t-shirts
* Putting together flyers that will be circulated to get students to apply for scholarships
* Website [www.livelovelaugh4youth.org](http://www.livelovelaugh4youth.org)
* Pam Dalan to help out

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SCRAMBLING:**

* Wilderness Travel Course to be offered next Fall; open to the public

**HIKING:**

* Hiking Essentials Class held on April 21st geared for novice hikers
* General information about hiking
* How to sign up a hike
* 10 essentials
* Clothing and where to buy them
* Hike leader class scheduled for June 16th
* Not enough people interested in Backpacking

**CLIMBING:**

* Basic Climbing Class (BCC) is very strong; has 33 students; halfway through the course
* Intermediate Climbing Class (ICC) has been the weak point
* Modularization caused a loss in the Ice and the Winter section
* Tony Tsuboi volunteered to be ICC chair; he will bolster the Ice Climbing and the Winter Climbing
* Leading on Rock (LOR) is still very, very strong
* Plan to shrink the committee
* Build up on mentoring program
* Match students with leaders
* Get ICC students to become leaders

**NAVIGATION:**

* 2 classes
* First class oriented to Climbing
* Second class oriented to Scrambling
* Class went very well as far as a joint function
* Try to get away from the “climbing” group and the “scrambling” group
* Considering another class for the hiking group

**SNOWSHOEING:**

* Class went well

**SCRAMBLING:**

* Class is smaller
* Class is excellent with excellent students
* Only 3 leaders lead the majority of scrambling trips
* Trips cancelled due to low sign-ups

**HIKING:**

* Not sure who will be leading hikes
* Reward program will have some variations

**NATIONAL TRAILS DAY:**

* Deadline to sign up is May 15, 2008
* T-shirts will be given out
* No forest pass
* 125 limit which includes leaders and staff
* There will be background checks on leaders
* National Public Lands Day – September 27, 2008
* Cancelled a couple of events due to snow

**SINGLES:**

* Nothing to report

**SOCIAL/MEMBERSHIP:**

* Another cook lined up for NTD

**KAYAK:**

* Great turnout for the open water field trip at Flowing Lake
* 15 students
* It was a good class
* Last year’s class was extremely strong as far as leaders stepping up and helping the committee chair and developing PowerPoint for the class

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm. Next meeting – June 24.