

Everett Mountaineers Executive Committee Meeting September 9th, 2017

Attendees:

Bruce Wolverton
Jodi Stebbins
Nic Tormohlen
Elaina Jorgensen
Bernadette Lamarc
Matt Vadnal
Doris Hatton

Dennis Miller
Louie Coglas
Ian Williams
Sara Ramsay
Carrie Strandell
Tamber Sylvestal

Matt motioned to approve the May 18th minutes, Jodi seconded. Previous minutes were approved.

Introduction of Sara Ramsay, new Educational Manager at the Mountaineers (Kayaking, Hiking, Backpacking and Skiing)

Committee Updates:

Lookout and Trail Maintenance (Louie)

- 42 people participated on National Trails Day
 - Over 500 stewardship hours completed
- Pilchuck Lookout, 4 work trips, 37 participates
 - 400 hours volunteer hours completed
 - Work party to close up the lookout for the winter on October 3rd
- Louie did outreach at beginning of the climbing course, will continue next year as it was effective
- Heybrook will be taken by FFLA
- 5 new crew leaders added

Hiking (Nic)

- Question raised by Elaina about possibly adding backpacking, will address with the committee
- Held two New Hiker Leader Seminars
- 15% increase in new hike leaders this year

Climbing (Ian)

- Ian is the new climb committee chair
- Self-rescue course is in progress
- Basic climb grads getting their applications in

Sea Kayaking (Tamber)

- 13 students have graduated of 19 possible for the year (so far)
- Intermediate course is starting, led by John Morton
- 2018 course is in final planning stages

Branch Reserves Ad-hoc Committee

Report (Louie)

- Met Monday 9/18 with the goal to identify possible spending options for the Everett branch reserves including. Proposals were as follows:
 - Facility (Clubhouse)
 - Would be highly contingent on the club funding most of the venture
 - Bruce provided several MLS listing for facilities in the Everett area for estimates
 - Options for long term lease model (similar to the Seattle Program Center) over purchasing property
 - Option for a shared use facility (with gym for example)
 - Steven Lodge
 - Proposal for investing the money in maintenance and upgrades of the Stevens lodge, with the possibility for adding a paid managerial position
 - Branch Part time employee
 - PR campaign and promotional activity
 - Storage Unit
- The Ad-hoc committee voted and ranked the following as the top popular options (in order):
 - Facility
 - Stevens Lodge
 - Branch Employee
- Brought ideas to executive committee to decide next steps

Discussion

- Elaina would like to reach out to the various committees to get their inputs as they were not present in the Adhoc committee
 - Louie seconded that he would like feedback from the branch membership
 - Elaina to work with the program center to set up a survey of the branch membership on these ideas
- Matt highlighted we do not have access to enough funds at the moment to fund a full program center similar to Tacoma in scale (major benefactor was involved in funding this purchase)
- Matt's understanding that the monthly bills would be paid by the central club, not Everett branch
- Bruce would like to see a smaller facility to meet the basic requirements before jumping full into a large facility
- For capital investment (more than we have) November 3rd due date to submit to board for Nov 11th decision
 - Would require business plan with operating costs, insurance, property values, etc
- Ad-hoc committee to last through Nov 11th

Awards Banquet (Carrie)

- Concerned with only sold 20 tickets sold, normally 40 at this point
- No publicity at the moment except word of mouth, appealing to committee chairs to have membership attend the awards banquet
- Highlighted the banquets focuses on volunteering and achievement
- Push students to attend to meet people from other activities
- Ask to please email students, volunteers, instructors, and leaders and encourage them to attend
- Please add banquet to various Facebook pages
- Matt to add to e newsletter
- Need an MC for the year (master of ceremonies)
- Last year as banquet chair for Carrie
- Meeting at Embassy suites on October 3rd to finalize event
- Attendees from last year about 120
- Create Facebook event (Everett branch of mountaineers admins task)
- Activity chairs requested to provide Carrie with list of graduates
- Need help setting up and at the doors, 2:30 or 3:00 PM, Contact Carrie
- Cost is \$39 for tickets

Branch Leadership Committee Meeting (Elaina)

- Opportunity to meet and talk to Tom Vogal for the executive committee members (and +1)
- Dinner at restaurant and time to be proposed by the Executive Committee
 - Lombardis suggested by Nic as possible venue
 - February time frame agreed upon
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Salmon Bake (Doris)

- October 1st, need volunteers
- Ian to ask climbing to help, (option to gain stewardship credit required for graduation)
 - Elaina to contact scrambling (Andy) as well for help and stewardship
- Elaina working on the obtaining salmon
- Jodi to pick up and move grates for the fire
- Jodi to look into procuring about 50 heads of corn and potatoes each
- Volunteer time 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- Doris to attempt to negotiate paying parking upfront to cover the parking fee (\$200)
- Nic to provide Doris with room combo

Director Update (Matt)

- Matt met with the board recently, theme was threats to our natural places
 - Specific discussion focused on monuments at risk under current political administration and call to action/awareness –more info coming from the PC
- New leader workshop coming up November 18th
 - Will have quota per activity (Hiking, Climbing, Kayaking, etc)
- Vision 2020 (vision for the mountaineers over the next five years) on September 28th
- LIDSA nominations
- Information about this award on the website, write up and submissions to be sent to Bern
- E-Newsletter
 - Anyone would like to contribute an article, or would like to take over contact Matt
- The October 4th Everett Branch Open House
 - Still need a speaker

WFA (Raised by Nic)

- WFA to be covered for branch activity leaders
 - Reimbursement for now, potentially private class in the future
 - Individual Activity Committees to decide requirements for their leaders
 - Goal being these should be active, current leaders
 - Need list from all the committees by mid-November of candidates to facilitate a leader only WFA course next year

Next Executive Meeting

- December timeframe (exact date TBD)
- Informal/Unofficial, bring family, meet and greet format

Meeting close 8:53

Nic Moved, Ian seconded