

Everett Mountaineers Executive Committee

15 March 2018

CORRECTED Meeting Minutes

Attending:

Andy Tang (via conf
phone)
Barry Hershly
Bern Lamarca
Bruce Wolverton

Matt Vadnal
Doris Hatton
Jodi Stebbins
Liz Dawson
Bill Coady

Nick Mayo
Elaina Jorgensen
Carolyn Henri
Evy Dudey

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Bill motioned to approve minutes from the previous meeting, Bruce seconded. Minutes were approved.

Introducing new committee members:

1. Barry Hershly-- taking over BC Skiing, Regular Nordic skiing has always been under this committee, as has Avalanche Safety, which is currently done by Seattle on behalf of Everett for now.
2. Liz Dawson --New chairperson of First Aid Committee. Will also be in charge of the banquet. Friday, Nov 2 is the date for the banquet, to be held in the Seattle Program Center. Bern will help with banquet. Bill will MC banquet. 3 WFA classes are scheduled: 14-15 April class is full.
3. Nick Mayo- New climbing chair. Has been involved with climbing committee for over a decade. Going to put climbing committee on Base Camp, which is a project collaboration platform being used by Mountaineers. Had a comm meeting Tues. Transitioning from Ian to Nick as chair. 6 climb leaders are 'in the funnel'. 46 students in the current class. Should scrambling as a prerequisite for climbing? Seattle is doing this. Not looking to do this in 2019, but will have an application process, so that they can steer people toward scrambling instead of climbing as appropriate.

Discussion: Elaina remarked that it is a burden on the Branch Chair to recruit Committee Chairs. It was discussed that each committee chair should consistently cultivate new members for their committee and have in place a succession plan for committee leadership should the current chair step down. It was further discussed that the Branch Chair would have final approval of the appointment of new committee chairs. Bill made the following **motion**: Resolved that recruiting replacements for the activity committee chairperson is the responsibility of the committee, not the chair. Not to override existing rules. Motion seconded by Barry. Motion passed.

Reminder about Exec Comm perk: If there are spots still available in Mountaineers classes after registration is closed, Exec Comm members can sign up for free.

Bernadette: August 1 is the branch potluck at Legion Park: 6 pm is the meal, 7 pm is the general membership meeting.

Matt --Vision 2022 work wrapping up. 14 April is a fundraising Gala dinner.

LOTM: Bruce. Getting ready for class 1 or 2nd week of April. March 30 members of the committee will walk trails at Lord Hill to see what needs to be done. National Trails day coming up in June. Committee is doing well; 2 retired forest rangers want to come on board. Promote LOTM activities more at climbing/scrambling classes.

Membership/Stewardship: Doris. No membership report. Stewardship: Beach cleanup is scheduled for April 20-22 from Rialto Beach to Hole in the Wall, camping will be free at the Moore campground. Students can get stewardship credit.

Treasurer's report: Jodi. Total revenue to date \$82,621. Adjusted revenue to date is \$77,364. Through current fiscal year. Total expenses to date are \$23,665. Branch projected revenue for 2019 is \$98,645.

Sea Kayaking: Bill. Beginning Class is full with 4 on wait list. Starting soon. Meetings are at PUD. There are currently 8 trip leaders. The committee agreed that all trip leaders would earn their WFA certification within 18 months from last November or within 18 months of becoming a leader. WFA re-certification requirements for trip leaders will be every 4 years, not the official 2 years. Intermediate course: Started last fall, 6-8 people signed up, led by John Morton.

Scrambling: Andy. 37 students this year. Just finished lecture 2. 14 new field trip instructors. Course is in full swing.

Hiking/Backpacking: Nic Tormohlen, Committee Chair, not present at meeting but sent committee update by email to Elaina 3-15-18 and reprinted here verbatim. "-April 4th we will be holding our annual "Introduction to Hiking" seminar. This is open to the public and meant to give some basic guidance and education as to best practices, and also a little information on the Mountaineers. Target audience are people with limited experience and would like to try hiking, or are looking for a community with which they could join and go on trips with.

-Planning on holding a spring "New Hike Leader Seminar" as part of our continuing effort to expand our leadership base

-I have continued to work with Sara Ramsey and the rest of the Branch Hike/Backpacking chairs to modify how our badge system works for backpacking. Currently there are (and will remain) no prior badge requirement to participate in backpacking trips. This does however leave the leaders with a large gap in knowledge as to the participants experience level. There are also several backpacking courses (such as B3 thru foothills) that do not grant any kind of badge. So, we're working on creating a "Backpacking Badge" and the requirements to earn this. Again, this badge would not be required to participate in trips, but would serve as an incentive to complete the courses, and also increase the preliminary information available to our leaders.

-We are one of the few (if only) Branches that does not have a backpacking committee. This is typically combined into Hiking and Backpacking in other branches. There has been interest expressed in trying to

get this going in Everett. With the current hiking leadership participation, I see this being a difficult challenge to gain traction. (Although this could be a good way to increase our leadership and become more active if the interest is truly there) To move forward, would need help and volunteers willing to get this going (beyond myself).”

Electronic approval of minutes: Elaina made the following **motion**: Resolved that Exec Comm minutes will be approved electronically. Bruce seconded. Motion passed. Electronic approval will happen by the following process, as documented in email from C. Henri to Exec Comm on 2/9/18:

1. Secretary will send out the minutes within one week after the meeting date.
2. Exec Comm members will have 1 week from then to send comments/revisions to the secretary.
3. At the end of that week, secretary will compile all the changes/revisions, and send out the REVISED minutes within 2 weeks of the meeting date.
4. Committee members will have 1 week to approve the minutes by sending the secretary an email to that effect. Once minutes are approved secretary will post them on the website within one to two days. This should enable exec comm minutes to be posted 3 weeks after the meeting. It shall be the responsibility of the secretary to keep track of minutes process dates and ensure that they are posted according to this timeline.

Refunds and Refund Policy: Once registration is closed refunds are up to the discretion committees chair. Those are rules are from program center. Committee Chairs should be upfront about that when people sign up. Climbing and Scramble have refund policy that allows for refund up to a certain date, and allows for people to come in off the waitlist so as not to impact budget.

Avalanche Instructor Training: Eliana explained that Seattle Avalanche committee requesting we pay $\frac{1}{3}$ of projected tuition costs for avalanche instructor training for next year. Elaina proposed to spend up to \$7,000 from Everett Branch funds to cover these costs, with a priority that funds come from operating budget or secondarily to come from branch reserves. This would be a one-time cost. Barry made the following **motion**: Resolved that up to \$7,000 from Everett Branch funds will be spent to cover avalanche instructor training costs, with a priority that funds come from operating budget or secondarily to come from branch reserves. Nick Seconded. Motion passed.

Mountaineers Everett Program Center (MEPC) discussion: Matt. Reviewed history of Tacoma program center. Having a program center in Everett is one of the goals of the main branch. Referred to reports that he sent Exec Comm. What about building a replica of Tacoma Center? Cost of building would be 2.3 million (just the building, not land or improvements). What are programming needs? The space has to work for climbing. Who is going to take on all this work?

Matt made the following **motion**: Resolved that the Everett Branch establish an *ad hoc* Program Center Organizing Committee to evaluate the feasibility of establishing a Mountaineer Program Center in Snohomish County. The committee’s mission includes developing the requirements for a center, formulating building proposals, evaluating alternative construction approaches,

reviewing and revising timelines, and recommending a final proposal to the Branch Executive Committee and then to the Mountaineer Board of Directors. Barry seconded. The motion passed.

The ad hoc committee should start with what we want out of a program center by finding out from all committee chairs what they want/need for their existing operations.

Carolyn will talk with Elaina about the best way to archive both current and future Everett Program Center documents.

On motion of Nick and seconded by Bruce, meeting adjourned at 9:15. Next meeting is April 19th.

Carolyn Henri
Secretary