

## Everett Branch Exec Comm Meeting April 19, 2018

### Attending:

Matt Vadnal  
Barry Hershly  
Nick Mayo  
Elaina Jorgensen  
Carolyn Henri

Jodi Stebbins  
Bruce Wolverton  
Bern Lamarca  
Louie Coglas  
Doris Hatton  
Andy Tangsombatvisit  
Nic Tormohlen

Meeting began 6:58 pm. Jodi motioned to approve minutes of March 15th Meeting, Bruce seconded. Minutes approved.

**Special Guest:** Matt introduced Darlene Weber, Sno Isle Libraries employee, who has been posting Mountaineers activities and events at Sno Isle sites. She invited committees to send her activities to post at [dweber@sno-isle.org](mailto:dweber@sno-isle.org). Please note '501c3' on any printed material you want her to post.

### Committee Updates:

#### Scrambling (Andy):

- 4th class happening now (same time as Exec Comm Meeting).
- Rock trip was last weekend, all passed, except 1 who could not make it.
- No safety issues recently.

#### Everett Facility/Director Report (Matt):

- Met with Summit Everett. Danny (owner) very interested in the idea of partnering with Mountaineers in a new facility.
- Royce Wilson (Pastor) wants to share space -- **ACTION:** Elaina will get his contact info to Matt.
- **ACTION:** Matt will re-send out email requesting facility space needs from committees. Committee chairs are requested to respond with their requirements **no later than Friday, May 18.**
- Program center Ad Hoc Committee includes: Liz Dawson, Carol Barnon, Mike Henderson, Bruce W. and Matt V.

Catherine Hollis coming to May 2nd Everett Branch open house to give presentation on conservation activities at main branch.

#### LOTM report (Louie):

- One basic trail maintenance last month @ Lord Hill.
- Crew leader training will happen this Sunday.
- Nat'l trails day is 1st weekend in June.

- Pilchuck trail maintenance has lots of people signed up. Fills up easily.
- How can the Exec Comm help Louie? Get students signed up on LOTM trips. Could use more crew leaders for LOTM trips. Was helpful to reach out to climbing and scrambling committees. IDEA discussed: Direct people who are *waitlisted* for climbing class to LOTM, they can work on LOTM and get their stewardship credit BEFORE they are enrolled in climbing class. If they work for LOTM (become a crew leader?), they could be guaranteed a spot in next year's class- think about this as a possible win-win option.

#### **Hiking/Backpacking (Nic):**

- Needs backpacking leaders. Current leader process: Attend new hike leader seminar, go on a winter trip, then become a leader. Elaina wants to become a leader. Nic will go to climbing class again to recruit hike leaders.
- A dozen or so people showed up for new hiker meeting.
- Implementing badge system for backpacking.

#### **BC Skiing (Barry):**

- Look forward to reinstating an Everett Branch BC Ski class next year. 24 people in class to start.
- Also seems to be some interest in ski mountaineering.
- No standards exist currently for becoming a BC Ski leader. Foothills branch has some guidelines for leaders, but very loose.

#### **Climbing (Nick):**

- Beginning climbing 44 students, just got thru rock 2. Snow 1 coming up two weeks.
- Leadership: What it takes to become a climb leader differs from person to person.
- *Group discussion:* What about having a central document at the front of our Everett pages that says how you become a leader, differentiated by activity? Could be a grid listing Activities, requirements, and who to contact.

#### **Financial Report (Jodi):**

- People should be submitting expenses monthly (not waiting to send in once a year).
- Revenue/Expense Report: Revenue to date: \$84,473.75; Expenses to date: \$34,287.29

#### **Annual budget discussion:**

- **General:** Financial aid for students should be coming out of general budget, not our branch budget, which seems to be the case currently. **ACTION:** Elaina will look into that. Volunteer recognition should not be limited to 10-15% of committee budgets.
- **Climbing:** Including food under volunteer recognition expenses does not make sense, especially if that part of committee budget is limited to 15%. Committees spend \$ feeding instructors who work many hours and need to be fed; it's not really volunteer recognition. Would prefer to keep food expenses in food/beverage/meeting/events line item.

**ACTION:** Jodi and Elaina will meet with accounting people to discuss keeping food expenses under f/b/m/e in the budget.

- **LOTM :** Could spend more. Have to figure out what to spend it on. Probably tools...
- **Hiking:** Had some questions ACTION: Jodi will follow up.
- **BC Ski budget:** (nothing for this year). Budget should be up and running in 6 months. BC Ski budget will include Avi.
- **Everett branch facility planning:** Room rentals and incidental expenses will be paid out of our general budget for now. Big items like payments to architect need to be pre approved.

#### **Highlights of Annual Safety Report (Elaina):**

- Mountaineers did have a fatality in 2017. Woman from Bellingham was killed in a rappelling accident, (July).
- For 2017 145 incidents reported. 7 major incidents, 13 significant incidents, 78 minor incidents ( no broken bones, scrape, bruise), 4 party assists, 37 near misses reported (need to report these more).
- Elaina wants to make discussion of accidents and near misses part of our culture. Be sure to include this in committee reports.
- At this point no Everett Branch activities require the leader to carry Personal Locator Beacon (PLB), we should think about having some of these to issue to trip leaders. ACTION: Nick M will ask his leaders which of them already has PLB. ACTION: Andy should also ask his trip leaders who has a beacon and get this information to Elaina. ACTION: Elaina will follow up with Bill Cody about radios for kayakers.

Next Exec Comm meeting Thursday, May 17, same bat time, same bat channel (Za at 6:30, meeting starts at 7).

Barry motion to adjourn, Matt seconded. Meeting adjourned 9:20 pm.