

Everett Branch Council Meeting Minutes



November 21, 2019, Snohomish County PUD, Everett

Meeting called to order by Chair Elaina Jogensen at 7:05 pm.

Those in Attendance

Elaina Jorgensen, Bruce Wolverton, Jodi Stebbins, Dana Miller, Matt Vadnal, Doris Hatten, Bernadette Lamarca, Doug Palm, Liz Dawson, Wes and Jill Thornton, Barry Hershley, Andy Tangsombatvisit via speaker phone, Nick Mayo via speaker phone

Announcements/Reports

Membership- Doris. Leadership Conference went well last Saturday. Gear Grab and Potluck will be at the March 4th meeting.

Social- Bernadette. The August meeting will be a potluck held at Legion Park. \$78 was the fee for the shelter. There is a nice playground for kids.

Kayak- Doug. Bill Cody has the class listed online, which starts in April. Members, including families, are invited to the annual July campout at Baker Lake. (Horseshoe Cove location.) There is usually room for people to add on to existing sites. Reservations open 6 months ahead of time. John Morton is heading the Intermediate Kayak class.

Youth- Wes and Jill. There is interest in reviving the Youth Program. A combination of ages of youth, and families, would be included. The goal is to have events once a month, with classes the 1st quarter of the year. Wes has been in contact with Carl Mars, the Seattle Youth coordinator. Wes also will volunteer in Seattle to get experience. Getting leaders may be a hurdle, although some members are already qualified as Youth leaders. It seems there is no way to get a list of those members. Elaina stated she had funds at the executive level to pay for room rentals. Matt can send Darlene Webber an email to feature it on a monthly open house. **Motion** made by Dana, seconded and unanimously passed to reactivate the Youth Program.

Photography- Bruce. The committee is starting a beginning photography class. They had a great Antarctica program. They will budget for a monitor for viewing photos at their meetings, rather than a projector. This will provide much better clarity to view photos.

Nordic Ski- Matt. Class is registering new students now. Last year's class had 40 students. The budget for 2020 includes revenue of \$3,000, and expenses of \$3,005. The goal is to reduce expenses to \$1,700. The committee will adjust for this.

Backcountry Ski- Barry. The class starting in February is full with 18 students. They must have avalanche experience.

Safety- Barry. No events to report. Barry reminded committees to be mindful of the many hazards present on trips, such as loose rocks, rockfall, and roots. Terrain monitoring is critical. Near misses should be reported also for educational purposes. Tony Tsuboi, an Everett branch member, is the club wide safety committee chair.

Wilderness First Aid- Liz. The dates for the classes are March 21-22, April 4-5, and May 9-10. Anna Meehan will help run scenario evenings, as Liz will be busy with her newborn! Liz will coordinate with the climbing and scrambling committees. The classes will open first for course participants in February. Elaina and Liz will work on course fees, since expenses went up.

Scrambling- Andy. The course is posted, with 9 signed up. The cost is \$290, up from \$230. (\$340 was the price recommended by the Program Center.) Joel Heidal will post 3 Navigation classes.

Climbing- Nick Mayo. Reporting from the PC at a meeting with the other climbing leaders. Basic class is full, capped at 44 students., due to permits. Cost is \$720. The Intermediate class planning meeting took place. Classes are finished, with the winter campout the 3rd week in January. The committee is exploring ways to promote leaders to instructor status.

Backpacking and Hiking- report by Elaina for Nic Tormohlen. The Backpack class is going well with 20 students, each paying \$125. They need leaders who will complete a mentored backpack event.

Banquet- Liz. The banquet was a success. It was subsidized \$2,000. Liz got wine and beer donated.

Treasurer- Jodi. Fiscal year ended September 30, 2019. Revenue was \$96,234, expenses \$56,147, leaving a profit of \$40,087. Apparently, 41% of our revenue goes to the PC. The goal is to have the budget more transparent. Backpacking and Backcountry Skiing are not included in this report; they will bring in revenue for next year.

Director- Matt. Matt has led the Everett Leadership program for the last 6 years and would like a replacement. The UCC (United Church of Christ) location is not working well for the Mountaineers. Matt had to pick up garbage from around the building before the workshop started. About 22 students attended. He will talk to Nick Mayo and Nic Tormohlen about a new venue.

Fundraising- The club is encouraging branches to do fundraising. There was a discussion about whether funds raised in Everett would stay in our branch, or if it can go to a designated place. April 4th, 2020 is the Mountaineers Gala, "Adventure with a Purpose", at Fremont Studio. Matt is hosting a table, with tickets being \$200. Bruce has signed up. Sir Chris Bonington and Dan Evans, former Washington state governor, are speakers.

"Tale of 2 Donees"- The Mountaineers Foundation was formed by the Mountaineers to qualify for tax-deductible status as a 501.C3 organization. Recently, it was renamed the Keta Legacy Foundation. Since the Mountaineers is now also a 501.c3, there is a dispute over use of the Mountaineers Foundation name. Keta Legacy Foundation has filed a lawsuit to have the Mountaineers stop using the name in fundraising. The Mountaineer policy is donations should be designated to the Mountaineers and not the Foundation. Donations make up 20% of the \$9 million budget.

Budget- Elaina. \$ figures are not available for end of fiscal year. The club reportedly is down \$800,000. Subsequently, the directors denied funding for future "Teaching and Gathering" centers. This is a huge disappointment to the Everett branch members who have worked tirelessly for months on a North Sound Program Center to be in our area. A committee has been working with the Everett Rowing Association to co build a new facility. The funding was to come from the sale of the Snoqualmie Pass property (\$1.4 million), which was designated for future properties or program centers. Elaina has reached out to Tom Vogel, CEO, Lorna Corrigan, President, and Don Heck, chair of the finance committee. There was much discussion of what our next steps could be for a program center and fundraising. What rules do we have on this? If we did raise funds, we would still need approval from the Board of Directors to proceed. The Teaching and Gathering Center's goal still exists in the Vision 2022. Can we use funds in the Long-Term Building Fund (\$3 million)? Everett branch reserves are \$130,000. For now, matching fund donations are going to the Everett branch. It was decided to take a step back on the proposed program center.

Upcoming Events-

Executive committee meetings- 3rd Thursday in January, March, April, May

Spring Course Night- February meeting. It will be posted in the newspaper.

Gear Grab and Potluck- March meeting

Mountaineers Gala at Fremont Studio- April 4th

Potluck at Legion Park- August meeting

Open house speakers could be John Morton, (Search and Rescue) and Youth and Family Activities

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Dana Miller, Secretary

