

Everett Branch Council Meeting Minutes



Everett Executive Committee, November 12, 2020

7pm, video conference meeting

Meeting called to order by Elaina Jorgensen, chair at 7:05 pm

Those in Attendance

Elaina Jorgensen, Bruce Wolverton, Dana Miller, Jodi Stebbins, Nick Mayo, Rachel Schafer, Richard Babunovic, Carol Barmon, Bernadette Lamarca, Liz Dawson (and son Teddy), Barry Hershly, Doug Palm, Matt Vadnal

Announcements/Reports

Climbing- Nick Mayo- Alpine Ice field trip completed with 8 people. Basic climbing class was canceled, a huge revenue loss. 8 students took a credit for next year, and 12 more are added from the 2020 class that was canceled. Plan for next year is 4 groups with 5 students, 3 instructors, 8-9 virtual lectures. Cost is the same at \$720. Intermediate course- hoping to run class with 8 people/group. New people have stepped up to be on the basic climbing and intermediate course committees. Great to get new members involved! Planning for courses is starting. Field trips may be able to use the basement of the PC with doors open, and outdoor venues. Budget is good for this committee, no new ropes needed.

Nordic ski class -Rachel Shafer- Class is ½ full with 30 students instead of 40. One lecture on Zoom. Students will select 3 field trips depending on their level of skiing. Groups of 8 with 6 students and 2 instructors. Course fee is the same, but the students will have to pay trail fees. Not sure what's happening at the Steven's Pass Nordic Center. New this year is a skate clinic for instructors. Also is a skate ski class at Cabin Creek 3 evenings from 6-8pm. Limited to 8 people. Cost is the same. Students have to be proficient in Nordic skiing. Not sure if there will be an instructor's clinic. If not, that will save money. The committee does not have to buy much this year but will have to replenish the following year.

Scrambling -Richard Babunovic and Carol Barmon- Richard will be the new chair for next year. Next year's course will have 40 students, cost will go up to \$300 from \$270. Last year's students got a prorated refund. 20-23 former students got priority for next year's class, which is now full. The plan is to have groups of 8, 5 students and 3 instructors. Snow field trips will occur 2 days in a row, so helpful if lodges are open for instructors (not open at this time, maybe in the spring.) There are enough leaders, the stressor is preparing online material. Mountaineers club has great resources for online classes; Carol showed links to continuing education. A \$50 received for Google storage spot for material. **Navigation**- Carol has been working with Joel Heidal for the upcoming class. Have been in contact with Seattle to get 2 online sessions. Goal is to have online sessions (both from Seattle and Joel) and then outside for practice. Elaina, Joel, Carol and Richard will meet next week to discuss this. **Snowshoe**- Hillary Shearer set dates, working with Rachel.

Hiking- Bernadette mentored a leader, led a few hikes. Will lead a few low land hikes this winter. **Backpacking**- has not had any meetings.

Social – Bernadette, annual picnic shelter is reserved for next August. Annual banquet canceled. The Larry Ingall's award will be presented at the January virtual meeting for the whole club.

Wilderness First Aid- Liz- March – May events canceled. 90 students had signed up, 56 remained with credit for next class. 43 people completed the hybrid Remote Medical Training. It included 12 hours online, and 8 hours in person. 14 are left for next year. Most students were satisfied with the class. Liz will coordinate with the scrambling and climbing leaders to plan for a couple of classes next year, figuring out which students need the class.

Kayak- Doug- 2020 class was canceled, all course fees were returned. 2 trips took place, as well as the annual camp/kayak trip at Baker Lake. Bill Coady is the class chair for next year's course. Collecting information from other branches. Problem is that assisted rescues are difficult to practice and uphold safety measures. North Sound Sea Kayak group did complete a class

entirely outside on the beach at Cornet Bay, with students wearing masks. Our class may be delayed to summer or fall with fewer students. Bill has a meeting in a few weeks with trainers. There is no interest in doing virtual classes. Other branches are charging \$25-50 for a paddle. People may be willing to pay to help the club's finances; there is always the option to not pay. Idea floated to offer separate workshops that members pay for, e.g. overnight kayak trip. No new leaders, and trips had to be SK2 or SK1 to follow Mountaineer guidelines.

Photography- Bruce- not much to report. Could get some Zoom meetings going. Maybe Brad Mitchell can offer his Pilchuck talk.

Safety- Barry- attended a seminar on near misses and getting good data from it. Barry could give talks to the courses on why near misses are important to report. Information from private outings is useful too. Kudos to all the committees on coping with the Covid situation and keeping people safe. Tony Tsuboi the outgoing safety chair for the club will stay involved. Doug reported a safety officer asked to be present at the Sea Kayak summit (of all the branches) this February. Barry encouraged all activities to accept the safety committee's involvement and ask him questions. The culture of reporting is changing to include more incidents, not just dangerous outcomes.

Board Representative- Matt- The board passed the budget on October 15th. Profit and Loss statement is completed for the last fiscal year, which ended September 30th. Losses were less than anticipated. Books division doing very well, taking on publications for other clubs, such as Colorado Mountain Club and Appalachia Trail Conservancy. Also publishing Green Trail Maps. Staff has experienced layoffs, furloughs, 401 plans contributions suspended, and budget cuts. PPP loans from the government totaled \$600,000. Projects at Baker Lodge and Steven's Lodge were postponed. The Long-Term Building fund was not used. The virtual gala went well, and the board fall retreat is on Saturday.

Budget-

Elaina- the budget was put together and then Covid hit. The PC took it over and revised it. Since upcoming meetings will not be in person, food and beverage funds will be deleted.

Scrambling- Carol- \$12,000 revenue is correct for October, \$600 deleted, printing and supplies to stay the same. There's credit at the PUD (Elaina). Contact Elaina if you schedule rooms at the PUD. \$1280 taken out for recognition and passes. Barebones funds to hopefully stay is \$330 for passes for leaders.

Climbing- Nick- Leave \$1500 for rent for gear storage, \$500 for gear, \$500 for program supplies. Cut printing in ½. (20-25 student handbooks will be printed.) No new ropes needed. Volunteer recognition funds dropped for last and current fiscal years. Revenue will go down to \$8640 from \$24,000. Nick and Elaina will talk later.

First Aid- Liz- Not a lot of choice. Liz will advise how many classes and students/ class will occur.

Hiking and Backpacking- Elaina- these activities expenditures will need to be preapproved.

Navigation- Carol- \$500 for lodge rental not using. Goal is to have all the course work online, then spend a day in the field. Elaina- Depends on Covid restrictions with regards to having any indoor classes. Try to have classes and large as possible. Peter Hendrickson, board member, is advocating for virtual classes.

Outdoor leadership- Elaina- probably no formal class necessary this year, since there are so many online classes offered by the club. Matt-has led this for 6 years, really wants to have a new leader. In person class has the advantage of introducing future leaders to each other.

Kayak- Doug- \$517 rent dropped, \$550 for suits and kayaks, and \$400 for advertising left in. Budget is tabled until we see the Covid situation.

Photography- Bruce- should have no expenses, there will be no revenue

Nordic skiing- Rachel- no rent expenses, revenue will be \$3780 (may be higher if we can increase the class size), licenses and fees \$900 (trail fees), instructor clinic fee may be dropped if it's not offered, program supplies lower from \$600 to \$200. Will send Elaina a list of deferred costs. Ski service award funds were dropped.

Backcountry ski- Barry- no class this year

Snowshoe- Carol- drop rent, revenue is accurate, \$1862 (\$98 x 19 students, should have at least 15 students)

Winter camping- Carol- not happening, will revisit this next year

Elaina- appreciate the committees' efforts to cut expenses, PC will be happy to see results. Let her know if expenses got cut too much. Club does have \$3.2 million in an account for when the lease is up in 2058. Club should survive this financial situation.

General Information- Elaina- Club has put lots of effort into continuing education. Carol shared a link on the website; "Learning Google classrooms" is a good starting point. Look at the "Virtual Education Center" that has modules already done. Doug expressed concern about the Kayak committee starting online classes. Elaina- at the Sea Kayak Summit in February others may be helpful. Carol will search for helpful links and send them out. Elaina will ask staff for help to our committee chairs. Suggestion that the Mountaineers could record some modules such as "10 essentials" that many courses use. Some current power point presentations could be updated with videos.

Stewardship requirements, activity charters for classes, and codes of conduct of leaders are skipped for now. Request that after summits occur, check in and advise of changes made.

Awards- only the Larry Ingall's award is being presented

Minutes- motion by Doug to approve the minutes, seconded by Matt. Elaina made minor changes before the minutes were sent out. Minutes approved.

Next Steps and Meetings

Next Meeting is December 17th, 7-9pm. We will work on the 2021 meeting schedule.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm, motion made by Doug and seconded by Matt.

Submitted by Dana Miller, secretary