

Everett Mountaineers
Branch General Meeting
July 3, 2002

First Congregational Church, Everett

Meeting Minutes
-Talking Points Underlined-

Business meeting called to order by Brian Hensch, 7:15 pm with 18 present at start. Hal Watrous taking notes for Secretary Chris Davidson who was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance made, Guests welcomed Previous Meeting Minutes read/approved.

Trustee Report — Roy Metzgar

Roy spoke on 3 items discussed at June 6, Club Board of Trustees Meeting.

1 — Publications Division (Books) continues to have difficulties meeting budget. A presentation was made of the situation and recommendations were made addressing what steps the Club could take to improve the situation.

2 — The Board passed some type of Anti-Harassment policy, but no official statement has been published yet. This is a controversial policy. Proposals have even been made to include in definition of harassment the area of date requests of another member . namely, that if a member was rejected the first time, and persisted to a second request for a date of another member, that act would constitute Harassment , and qualify that individual for dismissal from the Club.

It was noted that one of our esteemed Chapter members and Club Board member would not be with us anymore if this policy had been enacted, since his wife, also a member, might have even rejected him at least twice on requests for a date (Larry and Sandra Ingalls).

3- Dues Assessment and where an approved increase would be spent were also discussed.

Roy made call for candidates to run for Everett Trustee
Dates given for up-coming Banquets and meetings:

Annual Club Banquet: Second Friday in October (see Go-guide)

Annual Everett Branch Banquet: Nov 9, 2002 at Mill Creek Country Club

Annual Club Meeting: Sept ?

Treasurer s Report — Don Heck

Branch budget was presented at the Executive Committee Meeting in April, which combined budget requests from all committees.

The following top-line figures were given to branch members:

Total Chapter Assets: XXXXXXXXXX

Net Income to date for fiscal year: +\$1,900

Net Loss for June: (\$2,400)

Projected Budget for coming fiscal year: \$11,000

Projected Income: member should expect to dip into reserves this coming year.

Committee Reports:

Scrambling — Larry Ingalls

- ◆ Trips, the number of trips, and trip signups going well.
- ◆ 2003 Scramble Course plans in full swing, with dates/times/places being scheduled.
- ◆ Several policy issues are being addressed: Trip leader qualifications, equivalency, and student make-up for classes/trips have been sent to steering committees.
- ◆ Committee is trying to be more Club connected, with contacts made to Seattle Scramble Committee, and their Chair, Steve Russell, for info.
- ◆ Recruitment for Committee: looking for replacements for people stepping down. Rick Proctor agreed to be lecture coordinator, and Hal Watrous, field trip coordinator. Assistants being recruited as well.
- ◆ Larry was asked by member: What is benefit of taking our Courses compared to REI course which is much cheaper. Larry's response was that with ours you get the camaraderie and a chance to participate in Club trips, to name a few advantages.

Climbing — Mike Bueler

Committee is considering trip standards: lessons that trip leaders would consistently review on their trips, with goal of improved safety and fun. They are reviewing Seattle chapter's standards and found the following;

- ◆ Seattle has self-help brochure available to trip leaders with guidance standards.
- ◆ Seattle has another brochure, which tells how to apply to become a trip leader.

Mention was made of a new handbook for Scramble leaders (perhaps Climbing could prepare a similar document?). Committee will try to improve communications between trip leaders as well (through personal mailings, etc.) Branch members in attendance gave compliments for recent climbing seminars held on Self-Rescue and Anchors.

Conservation — No Report

First Aid — Hal Watrous

- ◆ The number of graduates from April MOFA course was high (no figure mentioned)
- ◆ MOFA cards finally mailed out to all students 90 days after course was completed.
- ◆ MOFAR — plans for being made, with last weekend in Sept. being considered.
- ◆ Instructor course — plans continue to be made (no dates at this point)
- ◆ Call was made for more instructors and assistants (volunteers for mulage, too)
- ◆ Committee will be coordinating dates for next Spring MOFA class with Scrambles.

Hiking — George Chambers

Lots of trail damage reported with blow downs. George is retiring as Chair this Fall.

Singles — no report

Skiing — no report

Lookout and Trail Maintenance — Louie Coglas

A brief slide show was presented showing the rebuilding of Heybrook lookout, and improvements and upkeep done on Mt. Pilchuck and Three Fingers lookouts.

It was emphasized that 1) Key benefit of our maintenance programs is not the building/rebuilding of lookouts, but the opportunity for camaraderie this maintenance presents to everyone volunteering; and, 2) Involvement in these programs offers opportunity to learn new skills.

Important update: See the Go-Guide for current project dates for all three lookouts. Also, the Forest Service road to Tupso Pass, and trailhead to Three Fingers lookout has major impassable washout several miles before the pass. Forest Service has no date for reopening, so Committee projects have been postponed until further notice (probably August or after). Also, virtually every other weekend throughout summer has a project going on at Heybrook lookout.

Membership — Penny Barker

A new member orientation was held at Penny's house, with 15 people attending, from all age groups, an above average turnout. A call for replacement for membership chair for Penny was also made.

Social — Connie Arnott

Call was made for replacement of Social Chair. Connie reviewed what the job entails.

New Business

- ◆ New laptop computer and software — approved for purchase for Chapter Treasurer
- ◆ Seattle Parks Foundation made presentation to Exec. Committee requesting donation for reconstructing Schurman Rock. Climbing was asked for their input to any decision to donate funds.
- ◆ Phil Prins made an announcement that candidates are sought to run for at-large Board of Trustees positions. The club needs to find qualified and dedicated people to be on Board. Board members coming from Everett chapter would benefit our chapter through increased representation. Phil also reviewed the Board makeup, member responsibilities, and how the process works.
- ◆ It was announced the Club is now updating a member phone directory available to all members for pickup at Clubhouse (revised date of July 15). It was emphasized that members not wanting their name listed can always request it be deleted prior to publication. The question was asked if 50-60 copies could be picked up and brought to next General meeting. Brian H. agreed to look into this.

Adjournment: 8:20pm. Tonight s Program: Video presentation from People for Puget Sound, Where have all the Orcas gone ? (1 hour)

Respectfully Submitted, Hal Watrous