

Mountaineers Annual General Membership Meeting--6 Sept, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:04.

In attendance:

Robin Stebbins	Jodi Stebbins	Nic Tormohlen	Elaina Jorgensen
Bill Coady	Ian Williams	Matt Vadnal	Bruck Wolverton
Evy Dudey	Mark Glidden	Carolyn Henri	

Matt Vadnal introduction: Purpose of meeting is to report on what the branch is doing. Annual meeting is always held in September. Why didn't more people come? Publicity? Not in paper, but in branch news letter, meeting was not in recent print copy of mountaineers mag.

BUDGET

Elaina - FY ends Sept 30. Revenue for the year was approximately \$70,000 and expenses were \$34,000. These figures do not include membership dues . Main branch has significantly modified budget for next year, they did not allow additional spending to retain volunteers. Our branch always underspends. This may be a technicality. What is volunteer retention? Things like jackets, courses we pay for on behalf of members, training.

Bill: Leadership training conference, which is first Saturday in December, is now \$150 to attend. Can we spend \$ to send leaders to this conference? Evy recalls that a code could be used that allows you get into conf for free. Elaina is 90% confident that we can pay for sea kayak leadership to attend this conference for free. **ACTION:** Jodi will check with Jeff regarding how to handle accounting for paying conf. Evy will look into if there is a code to be used. Maybe good idea to have people pay in advance and then reimburse people if they attend.

WFA can be reimbursed for trip leaders. Submit receipt to Jodi. **ACTION:** Elaina will send out email explaining this policy.

Anyone on the Exec Comm who has renewed their membership this year please turn receipt into Jodi for \$75 reimbursement.

BRANCH RESERVES

\$135,000. Have to spend it now that Mountaineers is a non-profit. Must be spent by September 2022. If we want to go OVER 135K, we need to have that plan to Seattle by November so that it can be folded in with Vision 2022 plan. If we spend <135K we need to have that figured out by 2018.

Discussion about using reserves to build a program center in Everett: Tacoma built a program facility which they rent it out to make \$. They got a large individual donation for the building. Total cost was about 1.4 million to build. Bill: What are costs and revenue today of running that

facility? Building facility in Everett would probably cost 3-5 million. **ACTION:** Matt will work on getting data on Tacoma center by next week. Clarification that if we built a program center it would be a 'mountaineers center in Everett' not an Everett Program Center.

ACTION: Elaina has written to Louie, Chair of the Branch Reserves Ad Hoc Comm, and will try to have a meeting of the committee before the Exec Comm Meeting on Sept 21. Members should take the survey about Vision 2022, attend the feedback meeting September 28 @ PUD.

Three Mountaineers members might be able to help with Everett Real Estate Knowledge: Steve Stackpole, Mike Krause, and Steve Palmer.

Jeff Laurence (Seattle Branch) is willing to help with planning a program center. He came up and gave a presentation to Everett club a couple years ago about this.

Other options for spending branch reserves:

- Pool our reserve resources with another group to buy property?
- Equipment purchases for the branch

Nic is added to ad Hoc Committee for branch reserves.

BOARD REPORT (Matt and Evy)

- Retreat in November goal is to approve Vision 2022.
- New staff: 2 Education managers
- E-learning: hired full time staff to coordinate developing this with outside vendor. Navigation is a good application of this learning mode. Tom Vogel wants this to be available nationally.
- Had to hire 2 development managers to replace Mary Huse.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

1. Exec Comm Sept 21.
2. Salmon Bake: October 1. Doris could use help in all aspects - set up, clean up cooking. Elaina will work with fish monger to get salmon. Free beer, free salmon, family friendly event. Maybe this can count as a service day, if you have not met that requirement. At masonic campground in Granite falls @ 1 pm - 5.
3. Last Saturday in October - Green Everett looking for stewardship partnership, ½ day stewardship events in Everett area. If you do 2 ½ days, it counts as your volunteer requirements.
4. November 18 is the Everett Branch leadership meeting, which is FREE and lunch is provided. Target audience is people who just completed courses. It will include topics such as how to post a trip on the website, breaking into small groups to discuss leadership/trip scenarios (this is very popular), a leadership speaker, and John Morton (Mountain Rescue) who is last speaker of the day. **ACTION:** Matt will send out agenda

for this meeting to all attendees. Matt looking for new person to take over planning and running this meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Bruce: Thinks we need to stop maintaining Heybrook. Forest service is partnering with Filson to renovate it and then is planning to start renting it out.

Nic - Hiking Committee. Working on getting more trip leaders. 20 or so people came out for leadership training hike.

E-Newsletter: Matt is currently editor and is looking for someone to take over the newsletter responsibility. Newsletter should be posted on Everett page of Mountaineers.org AND on the Facebook page.

Banquet committee: Next meeting is next Thursday. Students should get a price break to incentivise attendance. Banquet is Nov 4, at Embassy Suites, Lynnwood. Evy opines that Outdoors for Youth should not fundraise at the banquet (Sanda Ingles spearheads this effort), reasoning that we have our own youth programs now. They essentially compete with our programs.

EVY: Question for Matt --What is current status of updating governance docs for everett Branch? **ACTION:** Evy will help Matt update these. **ACTION:** Elaina will send Carolyn correct version of operating structure document to post on the website.

BILL: Equivalency process. Everett Kayaking is formalizing along the lines of how Tacoma does it. Some people who are granted equivalency in other chapters come and paddle with Everett and they are unprepared. This is a safety issue. There are different standards for equivalency between branches, which is challenging because you don't want to offend other branches, while at the same time you don't want to take out unqualified people. Mark explained how equivalency is handled in climbing. In the end, the burden of responsibility for taking qualified people is ultimately the responsibility of climb leader. Before the climb the trip leader needs to fact check their qualifications, who they've climbed with, check with those people, etc.

Bernadette is in charge of Larry Ingles award this year.

Meeting adjourned 9:04 pm.