**Foothills Branch Council Meeting Agenda – January 12, 2022**

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**Attendees**: Deloa Dalby, Alan Davey, Kit Eiber, Tom Eng, John Gilbert, Lori Heath, James Henderson, Ben Morse, Gabrielle Orsi, Brad Peacock, Travis Prescott, Samantha Sanders, Nataliya Semez, Cheryl Talbert, Nancy Temkin, Paul Thomsen, Peter Tran, Karen Wallace, Shyam Vijayaraghavan

**Social Time** (6:30-7:00 PM)

**Call To Order** (7:00-7:05 PM)

**Ongoing Business** (7:05-7:50 PM)

* Activity Chair Updates (All - 20 Minutes)
  + BC Skiing (Kit Eiber): Winter activities in full swing; halfway through AIARE class; Winter Camping starts Feb 16; Glacier travel starts in April.
  + Backpacking (Cheryl Talbert): about to open registration for 10th year of BBB
  + Conservation (Deloa Dalby): Shadow Lake conservation area is now under the Foothills branch.
  + Climbing (Peter Tran): Winter Mountaineering class just started; Leading on Trad course to start in February 13 new instructors.
  + X-Country Skiing (John Gilbert): had a few trips so far this year, with about one dozen currently posted
  + Safety (Paul Thomsen): working on Wilderness First Aid course administration, may add one or two more sessions; Base Medical offers online course (self-paced with test at end, will probably take 6-8 hours), which Seattle will accept as an equivalency for renewals but Paul is concerned it may not meet all needs for those who want hands-on practice. Safety committee Will accept Base Medical for renewal unless someone on Branch Council objects.
  + Navigation (Alan Davey): Staying Found course just opened for registration, graduates will earn a badge; Wilderness Navigation course starts Jan 31.
  + Hiking (Nancy Temkin): GoHike will open for registration Jan 27, will have 85 students
  + Scrambling (Travis Prescott): one new leader, may have more if weather cooperates; expecting more trips in Spring.
  + Snow Shoeing (Gabrielle Orsi): basic course has healthy enrollment and is in progress; winter camping course coming up, ~5 people enrolled
  + Trail Running (Samantha Sanders): not as many runs in winter; setting up backcountry and front country courses; planning fast packing seminar, not sure if it will have badge; will test fast packing out with shorter trips.
* Board Update (James Henderson)
  + Last met on Nov 13 retreat. Talked about main themes:
    - connecting with wild places, conservation, inclusivity, and equity
    - Safety (emotional and psychological)
    - Belonging
  + Talked about strengths and problems at meeting; problem with finding branch leadership. Mountaineers will focus on how to cultivate leadership during 2022.
  + May tweak strategic plan due to COVID impact
  + Board will have another meeting on Jan 20 and another retreat in March
* COVID-19 Vaccination Badge (Ben Morse)
  + Coming mid-late January.
  + Badges Issued by COVID admins (Branch chairs and activity chairs)
* WFA Refresher - online / self paced option through Base Medical (Paul Thomsen)
  + Base Medical offers online course (self-paced with test at end, will probably take 6-8 hours)
  + Seattle Branch will accept this course as an equivalency for renewals
  + Base Medical course may not meet all needs for those who want hands-on practice.
  + After discussion, Branch Council agreed that Foothills Safety Committee will accept Base Medical for renewal
* Best Practices Doc (Ben Morse)
  + New folder for best practices documents on Basecamp ([Best Practices (basecamp.com)](https://3.basecamp.com/3528906/buckets/15009148/vaults/4519864618)
  + Best practice documents for
    - Scheduling zoom meetings
    - Setting up email notifications of new activities
    - Exporting an attendees list from zoom
* [Upcoming Virtual Volunteer Appreciation Night](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mountaineers.org%2Flocations-lodges%2Fseattle-program-center%2Fevents%2Fvirtual-2021-volunteer-appreciation-night&data=04%7C01%7C%7C258b375d17974ced4d8908d9d561b3d7%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637775437881222411%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=fVBzNE2ECGi4zll00%2FC%2B5qchIAQJkeMNfuoC6NMc2Dc%3D&reserved=0) (Ben Morse)
  + January 21st
  + Will be honoring Tom Eng and Danielle Graham (who won Foothills Volunteer awards)

**New Business**

* [Climbing and Scrambling Investment Pool](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fdocument%2Fd%2F1Wdu_kv8-1vLZDFvvIhs7HMiFwdabNdRK5Rc9s_wRRKI%2Fedit%3Fusp%3Dsharing&data=04%7C01%7C%7C258b375d17974ced4d8908d9d561b3d7%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637775437881222411%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=xMgCjGwW%2FGRPb2PzwQkB0SJBK00anSHDk9%2FZ%2F5Rlbhg%3D&reserved=0) **(Travis Prescott and Peter Tran)**
  + Overview
    - Travis presented the proposal, which can be found on basecamp ([Climbing and Scrambling Investment Pool Proposal.pdf (basecamp.com)](https://3.basecamp.com/3528906/buckets/15009148/uploads/4575862930),
  + Discussion & Questions
    - Shyam noted that it’s important to categorize and track gear to avoid confusion between personal and committee gear
    - Clarified that money can’t be used for personal gear use for gear library
  + Vote (All)
    - Alan Davey made motion to approve and Sam Sanders seconded.
    - Vote: unanimous approval
* Other: Peter Tran suggested discussing facility or storage unit at next meeting

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