**January 4, 2018 - Meeting Minutes**  
  
  
**Foothills Branch Council Meeting, January 4, 2018**

**6:30 PM, in-person meeting, Eastside Fire & Rescue HQ, Issaquah, WA**

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| ***Those in Attendance*** |

Present: Cheryl Talbert (Chair, Chair Backpacking/Hiking), Russ Immel (Vice-Chair, Chair Snowshoe), Chris Soverel (Treasurer), Erin Weinkauf (Secretary, Chair Communications), Dick Lambe (Branch Director), Paul Thomsen (Safety Officer), Amanda Albright (At Large № 2), Ryan Dubberly (At Large № 3, Chair Navigation), Steve LeBrun (At Large № 4), Danielle Graham (At Large №.5), Patti Polinsky (Chair Meany Program), Samantha Sanders (Chair Trail Running), Fran Troje (Bylaws Committee), Tom Harvey, James Henderson, Bill Borom, Tina Bader, Kit Eiber, Alan Davey, Rich Leggett, Travis Prescott, Marco Zanini, Tom Eng

Not Present: Richard Bell (At Large № 1, Chair Scrambling), Jerry White (Chair Foothills Winter), Barbara Folmer (Chair First Aid). Vacant Positions: At Large Member № 6, Chair-Trail Maintenance.

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| ***Meeting Information*** |

Began: 6:30 pm

End: 9:00 pm

Location: Eastside Fire and Rescue HQ

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| ***Issues and Decisions*** |

**Approval of Meeting Agenda and Minutes**

* Motion to approve agenda for 1/4/2018 meeting put forward
  + Approved
* Motion to approve minutes for 10/05/2017 meeting put forward
  + Approved

**Old Business**

* Bill Borom is the Mountaineers Volunteer of the Year
* Strategy Retreat Debrief
  + Purpose: to establish a shared vision and set an initial 3-5 year plan
  + Vision includes the phrase “adventure with a purpose”
  + We want to collaborate with other branches
  + Priorities for the branch: physical space, leader development, hire part-time course admin, invest in AIARE course, mentor program, host Eastside “Meet the Mountaineers”, fix equivalency issues, leader assessment, diversity programs
  + Comments from group on strategic retreat report: too much red tape, clarity on educating others on outdoors, make vision more clear about diversity, keep core mission focused and simple
  + Motion to use draft strategy retreat report as a starting point for future vision
    - Initial vote - 1 dissent, it isn’t clear enough and needs comments from meeting added, additional discussion the document is a draft and just a starting point, motion passes
* Bylaws committee update: working on shorter bylaws, using simpler language

**New Business**

* Potential New Program Center
  + Possible partnership with new REI Headquarters in Bellevue
  + What would be needed:
    - Storage space for us
    - Know how space is distributed
* Discussion regarding a new events committee
  + Proposed committee to organize and structure events
  + Committee will be responsible for event management, promotion, and creation
  + Motion to formalize creation of events committee (presented by Danielle)
    - Question: is this activity or administrative committee?
      * Written as admin committee, change to activity committee
      * Decision: Make activity committee
      * None opposed, motion passes
  + Motion to make Steve LeBrun chair
    - None opposed, motion passes
* Budget 2019
  + Need a forecast with input from Chairs on programs
  + Need forecast to support budgets

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| ***Additional Reports*** |

* Board of Directors Representative - Dick L.
* Treasurer - Chris S.
* Trail Running - Samantha S.
* Scrambling - Cheryl for Richard B.
* Leadership committee - Cheryl for Richard B.
* Navigation - Ryan D.
* Snowshoeing - Russ I.
* Winter Sports - Kit E.
* Hiking/Backpacking - Cheryl T.

**Meeting Adjourned 9:00 PM - Next Meeting: March 8, 2018**

Submitted by secretary Erin Weinkauf March 5, 2018, approved March 8, 2018 without modification