

## Foothills Scrambling Committee Meeting

Sep 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**Attendees:** Travis Prescott, James Henderson, Shawn Raybell, John Gilbert, Jacob Whitbeck, Karen Wallace, Stephen Johnson, Nina Crampton, Magda Bojarska, Khrum Kasha, Lei Wang, Mire Kashikura

### Agenda

- Call to Order (1903)
- Introductions
- Covid Update – scramble-specific restrictions have been lifted. Follow general guidance.
- Nomination of new Committee Chair
  - Travis Prescott acting chair
  - Vote needed by committee, for approval by branch council on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Nominees
    - Travis Prescott
  - Voting process: decide on live vote or online vote
    - Motion: Mire (1<sup>st</sup>), James (2<sup>nd</sup>) to proceed with voice vote on nominee
    - Motion passed
    - Vote to approve Travis Prescott as Foothills Scrambling Chair.
    - Vote passed.
- Committee Business
  - Foothills Scrambling Basecamp
    - If you are at this meeting you'll be added to Basecamp unless you tell me otherwise!
    - For centralized sharing and committee discussion
  - Course Inventory:
    - Compressed Alpine Scrambling 2021
      - 2020 Course had 25 student capacity
      - 13 students will roll over from 2020
      - Will post the course by 10/1 for registration starting 11/1
      - Discussion on challenges running course
        - Limits on carpooling
        - DNR permits slow—may need a backup location for rock (John)
        - Smaller instructor pool? (Madga).
          - Possibly, but we've historically had more instructor support than needed. We can evaluate instructor sign-ups in December.
        - First-aid / Navigation as stumbling blocks (Nina)
          - Navigation running field trips in October. Will see how those go as a template for winter course.
          - Seattle First Aid committee removed the scenarios night requirement for 2020 first aid students. Not sure of plan for 2021. Not sure of RMI policies and availability.

- Date for 2020 Scrambling Summit: Saturday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> in Tacoma. <https://www.mountaineers.org/locations-lodges/tacoma-program-center/events/2020-scramble-summit>
- Committee Gear Inventory
  - **Action item:** Will assemble and post in Basecamp (Travis)
- Scramble Leadership
  - Foothills leadership standards
  - Foothills mentor list
  - Ropes and anchors clinic
  - **Action Item:** Start discussions on Basecamp
  - Open discussion
    - Desirable for those pursuing leadership status to be able to work with a mentor from Foothills or Seattle (Magda)
    - Makes sense since the Foothills list previous WAS the Seattle list. The goal by having a Foothills list is to expand the pool of available mentors, not restrict it. (Travis)
    - Desirable to have flexibility in meeting the requirements for leader status. For example, instructing in Seattle's scrambling course could suffice for instructor experience for someone pursuing a Foothills leader badge (Magda).
- Foothills Scrambling Equivalency
  - Review min standards
  - Review Foothills standards
  - **Action Item:** Start discussion on Basecamp (Travis)
  - Open discussion
    - Equivalency tends to not work well as a "cookie cutter" approach. Usually needs to be tailored to the style and size of the branch (Travis).
    - Based on discussion with Danielle, equivalency has proven time and resource intensive, so it has typically not be emphasized (Travis).
    - Many of the Basic Climbing students that were cancelled due to covid would be candidates for scramble equivalency. Might see an uptick in applications (Stephen).
- Committee Structure Review
  - Lots of openings!
    - Leadership subcommittee chair
    - Ropes & Anchors Clinic lead
    - Equivalency coordinator
    - Community relations
- Next meeting
  - **Action Item:** Send out Doodle Poll for December meeting (Travis).
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