Kitsap Mountaineers Executive Committee
March 5, 2018 Quarterly Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Jerry Logan, Branch Chair & Navigation Chair; Bill Bandrowski, Vice-Chair & Safety Officer; Sue Labrie, Board of Directors; Jeff Schrepple, Treasurer; Christine Grenier, Secretary & Hiking Chair; Barney Bernhard, Kayaking Chair; and Jeff Galey, Climbing Chair (arrived 6:00 PM). Also present: Ralph Wessels, Climbing Committee. David Burton, Trustee At Large was absent.

Meeting was convened at 6:15 PM at Tony’s Pizza in Bremerton.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Sue moved to approve the December 4, 2017 Ex Comm Meeting Minutes and Jeff G. seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

1. Board of Directors Update

Sue provided an Update on the Club’s Strategic Plan “Vision 22”. Final approval is anticipated by March 17. Also, a consultant is looking at the feasibility of funding to reach these goals.

Other items: Adventure Girls Program; Outreach; Climbing Wall – a possible partnership with Peninsula Wilderness Club or YMCA; using social media to expand our range; expanding conservation activity offerings (currently we have invasive plant pull; Salmon Safari; “Bio Blitz”, educational program for families all at the Mountaineers Cabin property).

1. Fiscal Status Update

Jeff S. provided an update on the branch budget; and asked that committee budgets with revenue (course fees) and expenses (equipment, training, recognition) for 2019 be provided by the end of March.

Jeff also noted that we have spent approx. $2,000 less than anticipated for Awards/Recognition in 2018.

Also, there is about $4,000 in reserve allocation for courses that must be spent. It was suggested during discussion that this could be used towards AIRE or Wilderness First Aid Courses, Climbing Instructor Training, or Climb Guide Services to establish new routes. The other option is to keep this amount in the reserve to be used towards the Climbing Wall proposal with the intent of lining up the scope of work and contractor by September.

1. Safety Update

Bill provided a report on the Summit and the Safety & Risk Management Conference. He also mentioned that a report will be available on the website; that follow-up is anticipated on the fatality that had happened in Bellingham; and that review is needed on requirements and options for trip policy.

1. Old Business

There was follow-up discussion on a proposed name change for the branch. There was consensus for “Peninsula Branch”. There may be administrative adjustments needed for website, social media, marketing, licensing, etc. Barney was glad for support and for open discussion.

Pro’s: No other branch is named Peninsula Mountaineers; the name change would show we are much bigger than the actual Kitsap County; and the change allows us to be more inclusive.

Con’s: all levels of communication would need to be updated; the community and potential new members may misidentify us as another group since we have been Kitsap Mountaineers since 2003; this change could mess up bequests and donations; time will be needed for outreach to get out message out, especially to Olympic Peninsula (Port Townsend, Port Angeles).

Motion was made by Bill and seconded by Sue to consider name change to *Peninsula Mountaineers*. Motion carried unanimously. There was consensus to move forward and work with headquarters to make the change.

6) Climbing Wall Update

 Ralph shared that with the Climbing Wall proposal, we have options to partner with Olympic
 College or YMCA Silverdale to construct on property and coordinate educational programs. So far
 the concept would likely be an outside structure (attached or unattached). The other option is to
 build on Mountaineers property by Kitsap Cabin which would mean that the club would manage
 the facility and take care of insurance.

 In order to use the remaining Altwein bequest, we would need to establish design and scope of
 work by September 2018 with construction starting in Spring 2019.

1. Topics for General Discussion
* Reciprocal Membership with Peninsula Wilderness Club

Jerry discussed the possibility of allowing PWC Members to join Mountaineers at a reduced rate. This would mean they could sign up for trips and courses as a member. PWC has discussed this at their board level.

Motion was made by Sue and seconded by Jeff G. to approve plan to make a reciprocal membership with Peninsula Wilderness Club.

* At Large Director Positions – One position is vacant and the other position is held by David Burton. These positions help with management decisions and can vote on issues at Ex Comm. Everyone was encouraged to be on the lookout for potential volunteers and emphasize there is a need.
* Other Business

Sue announced that tickets are available for the Annual Gala on April 14, including several prominent guests like Jim Whittaker.

* Next Meeting – The next Ex Comm Meeting TBA, possibly June 12…

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.