**Kitsap Branch of the Mountaineers**

**Council Meeting – September 2014**

Thursday, September 18th at 5:30 in the Vault at the Bremerton Bar and Grill

**Minutes**

In attendance: Jeff Schrepple (chair), Christine Grenier, Dianne Carey (treasurer), Mark Thibault, Vern Brown (board rep), Dave Burton, Sue Labrie (vice chair), Tom Thrasher, Mike Raymond (secretary)

Branch Fiscal Status – Dianne Carey 5:35 – 5:40

* Jeff – Should just about break even. Allocated expenses have increased 50% (from Program Office)

Approval of July Minutes – Jeff Schrepple 5:40 - 5:45

* Moved for approval and seconded.
* Motion approved.
* **Activity Committee Reports** – by committee chairs present (max of 10 min each) To include a review with recommended changes to each activity plan 5:45 – 6:40
* President (Jeff Schrepple) – Revisit goals, update strategic plans, better documentation of branch inventory.
* Climbing (Mike Raymond) – Basic climbing has several students completing the course. Recommend if intermediate to continue, it doesn’t accept students from out of area. May be able to start a scramble course in October depending on leadership.
* Hiking (Christine Grenier) – More listed for next year. Issuing badges problem with website. Obstruction to being able to list trips. Investigating possibility of offering navigation including backcountry GPS. Considering combining classes.
* Sea Kayaking (Vern Brown) – Frustrated with website. Will probably offer a Basic Sea Kayak course this year. Also may be limiting to the number of trips that will be listed. Losing one trip leader, and adding one. Will have a total of 3 trip leaders. Kitsap SK led approx.. ½ the sea kayaking activities in 12-13.
* Snowshoe Lite (Doug Terry) – no report.
* Mountaineers Art (Dave Burton) – 5 or 6 meetings at Kitsap Cabin. Sue and Dave participated in workshop (leadership development). Planning 2 museum trips. Cooperated with photography. Basic Watercolor course was tested through Kitsap Parks and Rec. – 13 students enrolled, 12 completed.
* Trail Running (Mark Thibault) – Looking to add leaders.
* Kitsap Education/Salmon Safari (Rick Gillat) – no report.

**Old Business**

Review Updated Bylaws – Jeff Schrepple 6:40 – 7:10

* Most changes need to be focused on the voting rights of activity chairs.
* Suggested change re: number of meetings. Expectation to convene 4 meetings per year.
* Suggest including email voting if decision by greater number of members of the council.
* Do not require vote by the council for approval of the annual budget.

**New Business**

Nominating Committee/Elections discussion 7:10 - 7:20

* Looking for person to fill secretary position
* Anticipate replacement for treasurer for 2015-16

Discuss dates and Ideas for October AGM 7:20- 7:30

* Election of Officers
* Reports from Activity Chairs
* Possible audio/visual presentations
* Where and when: TBD

Adjourn 7:30

**In the Queue**

Volunteer Recognition and other Volunteer Issues – Dave Burton, Sue Labrie, and John Krawczyk

Impediments to Posting Events on the Mountaineers Website? – Jeff Schrepple

Using the Google Platform (and Twitter and Facebook) for sharing branch information – Mike Raymond

Covering dues for low income members (or outstanding volunteers) – Jeff Schrepple

Discussion of Policy for control of Branch Common Equipment – Jeff Schrepple

No meeting will be held in October (other than the AGM). The November EXCOM meeting will start at 5:30 on the 20th of November at a location TBD.