Kitsap Mountaineers Executive Committee
November 21, 2019 Quarterly Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Bill Bandrowski, Branch Chair; Christine Grenier, Secretary, Hiking Co-Chair; Jeff Schrepple, ’19 Treasurer; Debbee Lynn, ’20 Treasurer, Stewardship, Youth Programs; Sue Labrie, ’19 Board of Directors; Jerry Logan, ’20 Board of Directors; David Burton, Trustee At Large, Arts.

Also present were Barney Bernhard, Kayaking Chair; Chase Gruszewski and Lonny Moore, Climbing Co-Chairs; Suzy Diesen, Scrambling Co-Chair; Eric Enges, Mike Harlow, and Mark Goodro, Climbing.

The following Board Members were absent: Marilyn Wright, Branch Vice-Chair; and Ciara Sampaio, Trustee at Large.

Meeting was convened at 6:45 PM at the Program Center in Bremerton.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The July 16, 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

The October 19, 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

1. General Discussion:
* There was a great response to holding the Annual Celebration at the Program Center. Jerry moved to initiate planning for Annual Celebration (tentatively on Saturday, October 17) and David seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
* Bill announced the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, January 25 at the Seattle Program Center; and asked for a volunteer to present the Branch Award to Jeff Schrepple (A former Branch Chair & outgoing Treasurer).
* Sue shared her prior experience of attending the Annual Gala and Auction. It is a fun opportunity to meet with other members from other branches and a fundraiser. Jerry has also attended.
* Bill mentioned leadership opportunities: December 3 Leadership Workshop in Bremerton (still spots left); and December 7 Annual Leadership Conference in Seattle. Per Bill, it’s worth it.
* Jerry provided a report on the Annual Board Retreat. The club is operating on a deficit budget, and the plan is to cut some cost (i.e. delay bathroom expansion at Stevens Pass Lodge, delay fireplace overhaul at Meany Lodge). Sue added there are projects going forward (Everett and Olympia are considering similar arrangements for their program centers, either to lease or build).
* Jerry announced the next Risk Conference will be held at the end of October/early November in New Hampshire. A rep will be needed with food and conference expenses to be covered by the club.
* Jerry reported that there is a lawsuit in progress tying to the Altwein Bequest which involves getting KETA Legacy Foundation to not use Mountaineers under its umbrella.
* Bill mentioned the charter photography proposal. Christine mentioned that a meeting early in the year could happen to gauge interest.
* Debbee discussed the Basic Climbing Program and conditioning. She also hoped to make connections with other groups for education outreach, summer camps, weeklong experiential trips; and will be seeking families to do local stewardship too. The next trip will be with Coffee Oasis at Ueland Tree Farm (salmon haven).
* Bill mentioned possibilities for future open house events (i.e. movie night, lectures from Mountaineers Book authors).
* Bill asked about painting a logo. Sue planned on getting a quote on a vinyl applique. Jerry would check on permissions on whether we can post or paint our logo on the building.
* Bill (on Nathan Starr’s behalf) indicated there was nothing from the Safety Officer which is good news. There was a brief conversation about a near miss with the OMR Locker at the Program Center, but per Jerry, the safety issue with the lid has been resolved.
* Jeff and Debbee shared that supplies including climbing rope was purchased before fiscal year-end, and that $1,108 of the $3,200 in reserves were used for the Annual Celebration. We are in good status going into 2020.
* Chase shared that there are some changes to the Climbing Program’s leadership structure across branches. There will be modularization of front-country and back-country coursework.
* Jerry, Mike, and Mark provided an update on the Basic Climbing Course; and the Glacier Class is near capacity. Self-Rescue is not on this round. If a continuing a student, contact instructors to be added to the roster, name of course title (templates) may have changed. Quality control needed on ropes (someone to possibly manage inventory?). Lonny looked forward to starting up the next Climbing Class so that there are plenty of instructors and that weekend conditioning will be underway this winter. Debbee will also be doing conditioning and youth trips.
* Suzy reported that the Scrambling Course is under way with the last workshop coming up. Avalanche Awareness needs volunteers.
* Christine reported that Jeff McKay will be Co-Chair for Hiking and Backpacking going into 2020; and that the program will be looking at standards and how to onboard leader candidates more efficiently.
* Sue will continue to lead a few trips in the new year for Naturalists (Study Group vs. Exploring Nature).
* Debbee is looking at the possibility of a Stewardship leader option. Trips coming up include Newberry Hill and Illahee Preserve. Gretchen Ta is also involved.
* Jerry discussed WFA and MOFA; and announced the next class will be held February 21 to 23.
* Bill commended Troy Hubbs on doing a nice job on the most recent Navigation Course. Leaders/Instructors will be needed for the 2020 classes.
* Barney announced that John Hunt is now a certified Basic Kayak Instructor.
* Debbee shared that Rick Gillatt is not doing Salmon Safari but there are plenty of volunteers to continue the program.
* Bill reported that Jerry has been fostering a relationship with Kitsap Cabin; and thanked David for bringing his artwork to share tonight. David pointed out his recent show at the Gig Harbor Library which has a huge membership, and we could take advantage of this relationship for outreach to grow our membership. Sue suggested that our event and course flyers be posted at that library since it’s a good place to advertise.
* Jeff announced that this would be his last meeting. He is hoping to get to his 50 Trail Work Parties with the Washington Trails Association; and that is has been a pleasure working with fellow members these past several years.
* Bill announced there will be an ExComm Appreciation Dinner/Meeting with Tom Vogl and Mountaineers leadership TBA for February 2020 (*scheduled to Wednesday, February 26 at the Bremerton Bar & Grill*)
* The next Ex Comm Meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, February 13 at 6:30 PM (*rescheduled to Thursday, March 5*)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.