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**Kitsap Mountaineers Executive Committee Meeting April 16, 2013**

Executive Committee Members Present:

Jimmy James, Jeff Schrepple, Dave Burton, Sue Labrie, Rick Gillatt, and Dianne Moore.

Meeting commenced at 6:50 pm

Treasurer’s Report: Dianne reported that the branch budget was in very good shape. However, it will soon be time to prepare next year’s budget plan so she needs all committee chairs to let her know, either at the May ExCom meeting or by email before that, what courses they plan to conduct next year. Additionally she would like the committee chairs to inventory the Mountaineers’ equipment in their possession and let her know what they have. Once that information is obtained, she will work with the committee to develop policies as to who shall retain each item and how it can be checked out by other branch members.

Branch Chair Report: Jimmy told us that he is planning to hold a potluck dinner at the Kitsap Cabin on May 4th open to all branch members. Spaghetti will be the centerpiece of this dinner which will be served from 5 to 6 pm followed by a suggestion session for each group (hiking, climbing, education, kayak, and painting). It was pointed out that the John Howard was planning to conduct his navigation course field trip on the same day which could prevent some members from attending. Since John only had one person signed up as of April 16th, Jimmy offered to check to see if that class was going to be canceled or if it could be postponed. Sue offered to help him coordinate categories of food for each person who plans to attend. Announcement of this dinner will be posted on both Meetup and the Mountaineers website/Kitsap branch.

As part of the discussion about the potluck, it was generally agreed that the cabin toilets needed to fixed, cleaned, and serviceable and that Health Department approval be obtained on the remodeled kitchen and cabin before the public should be invited to a potluck. Dave stated that there is a well acknowledged vermin problem in the cabin which should also be addressed in the interests of public, membership, and children’s health and safety.

Jimmy also reported that he is researching the possibility of publishing Kitsap branch activities/events in 8 local papers. He asked committee chairs to provide courses and events to him with as much advance notice as possible to make this effort effective.

Finally, Jimmy presented the ExCom attendees with the names of leaders offered by each committee chair for their respective events. The board unanimously voted to approve all names on each list.

OLD BUSINESS

The Jefferson County YMCA Proposal: As reported last month, Mike Raymond contacted the Mountaineers education committee in Seattle reference this proposal. Mike had indicated there was some interest in the proposal at that level and we assume he is following up on that interest.

NEW BUSINESS

Rick Gillatt, Education Committee: Relative to the issues noted last month (in “Revamping the Salmon Safari Program), Jimmy started by saying that he had talked to the Foundation, which showed concern, but offered that they can do little to help us. Rick responded that a Foundation board meeting was being called with Martinique in attendance to help resolve the conflict. A process to do so is now in place but results will not be immediate. A Kitsap Property Committee has also been formed.

Additionally, Rick reported that he will be developing fliers over the summer to have ready for distribution to schools when they begin classes for the new school year. These fliers will explain the expanded education program discussed at last month’s meeting. He asked if anyone would like to participate in networking so as to spread the widest possible net for teachers who might want to get their classes involved.

Jimmy reported that he is working on a letter to headquarters as discussed at last month’s ExCom meeting but still needs input from all committee chairs. He also said he reviewed the Altwein bequest again and noted that it is meant to specifically benefit the Kitsap branch of the Mountaineers and not the Forest Players. Although there is no stipulation that the funds be used for real estate or property improvements, Rick suggested that a storage facility is badly needed after the restrooms are upgraded/improved.

Electing a Vice Chair: Jimmy noted that no progress had been made in this area since the last meeting and suggested that a nominating committee might have to be formed.

Membership Meetings: See Branch Chair Report above relative to pot luck dinner.

ACTIVITY CHAIR REPORTS: (only reported if chairs were present or supplied information via email)

Hiking Committee Report: Per Jimmy’s request, Dave will ask hike leaders to expand their listings of planned hikes at least two months in advance to support Jimmy’s publicity effort which will get the word out via local press in an effort to pull in more members and guests for Kitsap branch outings. Dave reported that a new hike leader’s navigation refresher course was being held on April 21st after which each new leader will be required to participate in two mentored hikes with a current hike leader before being allowed to lead hikes themselves. Finally, Sue’s introduction to hiking class in Poulsbo on April 4th was well attended.

Conservation Committee Report: See Rick Gillatt’s report above under New Business.

Painting Committee Report: Dave reported that the painting committee held a meeting on April 8th as part of their getting started efforts. They will continue to meet and plan their course of instruction over the next few months before offering courses. Dave would like to conduct future painting meetings in the Kitsap Cabin, but could not reserve dates noted as open after Googling Forest Theater. Jimmy offered that he did have authorization to reserve dates and would input them as soon as Dave provided the dates he would like to hold classes. To correct an error as reported in last month’s minutes, Dave will serve as activity chair and Sue Labrie will serve as co-chair of the Kitsap Cabin Painters activity.

Climbing Committee Report: Mike submitted a new list of scramble leaders which was approved by an ExCom vote.

The agenda noted that chairpersons were still needed for family activities, youth outreach, and MOFA – in addition to the vice chairman as reported above.

Closing Remarks: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm