**Kitsap Branch EXCOM Meeting – December 2013**

Wednesday, December 18th at 5:30 at the Kitsap Cabin, 3000 Seabeck Highway, Bremerton

**Minutes:**

Present: Jon DeArman, John Davis, Greg Thies, Tom Thrasher, David Burton, Mark Thibault, Vern Brown, Sue LaBrie, Dianne Carey, Jeff Schrepple, Mike Raymond

What you can Expect from Me as Chairman – Jeff Schrepple 5:30 – 5:45

* Will send out agenda
* Attendees come prepared
* Be ready to challenge the status quo
* Be done in less than 2 hours
* Be efficient with time
* Documents will be sent by email ahead of time
* Business will in great part be done by email
* Try to keep emotions in check; Jeff will take even tone
* Martinique Grigg and Dan Lauren will meet with Jeff, and eventually the “Council” (we know as our Executive Committee)
* Jeff would like support consensus decision-making but voting should take place when consensus cannot be reached.

Review of November Minutes – Jeff Schrepple 5:45 – 5:50

* Moved and seconded for approval. Approved as submitted.

Budget Report – Dianne Carey 5:50 – 5:55

* Report from Mountaineers Main Office submitted.
* Reserve account. Last year Main Office took $6000 for club deficit.
* Last year’s surplus - $842. Branch reserves - approx. $23,000
* Report inventory of branch equipment. What is the status, value, and policies for use. (Ropes, projectors, bear cans, avalanche beacons, etc.)

MC meeting Report – Jeff Schrepple 5:55 – 6:05

* Most participants are new to the Managing Council
* Presentation by Christina Ciara, new Marketing Director
* Attended by branch reps and Dan Lauren, President Elect (governance)
* Marketing/Leadership Survey. Will be released in March 2014
* Average age for members: 49
* Will be using social media in marketing efforts. “Don’t be so preachy!”
  + Finding: Members like to hear from the rest of the Club. Becca Polglase is designated Kitsap Branch liaison.
* Olympia Chair – indicates they don’t believe staff knows what each other are doing.
* Dan Lauren and Martinique Grigg will visit sometime in April.
* Branch Summit sometime in the future.
* Review of Volunteer Coordinator position
* Tech Update.
* Establish Safety Chair, policies, procedures.

**Old Business**

Update on Branch Plan – Dave Burton and/or John Davis (if any) 6:05 – 6:25

Update on Altwein Funds – John Davis (if any) 6:25 – 6:35

* Written Plan should be complete by the end of January. Rough draft of plan is complete.
* One year into five year plan.
* Membership growth is ahead of projection.
* In ten years of Branch existence, admission that progress has not been satisfactory.
* Request to spend part of each Council (ExComm) working and addressing the Kitsap Strategic Plan.
* John Davis. Individual activities produce and submit philosophy regarding the operation and vision of the activity to remain an operational component for the Branch.

**Activity Committee Reports** – by committee chairs present and vice chair (5 minutes each except for Climbing who will be allotted 10 minutes to cover new rules for remaining on the climbing roster) 6:35 – 7:05

* Climbing. Mike gave an overview of roster requirements and the expectations to demonstrate stewardship requirements.
* Photography. Jon DeArman. Review of upcoming presentations and field trips. Field trips will occur monthly or bi-monthly. May include classes and seminars.
* Hiking. Transition from Greg Thies to Christine Grenier as Chair. Also includes Sue LaBrie. Reviewed that Greg and John Howard will present the Navigation Component for Climbing on Feb 19 and 22. Posting activities to Kitsap Photography Guild. Monthly meetings typically only include Hike Leaders.
* Art. Sue LaBrie. Coordinating art works for the upcoming Photography Show. Contacted cross-sound presenter to come and do a watercolor workshop. Desire to increase opportunities to develop skills and work at Kitsap Cabin.
* Trail Running. Mark Thibault. Having difficulty getting people to show.
* Sea Kayak. Vern Brown. Basic Sea Kayak starts in April. Pool play scheduled. Beach clean-up on April 19, 2014. Intermediate Nav in February.
* Conservation/Education. Rick Gillatt (Jeff Schrepple). Contact with Irene Farnsworth. Represents a bequest to the Foundation.

**New Business**

Safety Committee Operation – Jeff Schrepple 7:05 -7:10

* Sue Diesen. Safety Representative. Distribution of safety reports to Jeff, Sue, and Safety Rep.

Meeting with Kitsap Learning Center Coordinator – Jeff Schrepple 7:10 -7:15

Impediments to Posting Events on the Mountaineers Website? – Jeff Schrepple 7:15 – 7:25

* Contact Jeff, Sue, or Mike for assistance if you run in to trouble.

Plans for Updating the Kitsap Bylaws – Jeff Schrepple 7:25 – 7:30

Other:

* Membership considerations for Active Military. (Vern).
* Naturalist Component may be desirable. (Vern) Botany. Marine biology. Ornithology. Refer to Rick Gillatt as he is the Conservation/Education Chair.
* WTA. Jeff Schrepple. Will have increased opportunities in the Olympics this spring.

January EXCOM meeting will start at 5:30 on the 15th of January and will be either at the Cabin or a teleconference.

**Next agenda –**

* Getting activities posted to Mountaineers website.
* Becoming a Youth Qualified Leader
* Using Altwein Bequest Funds
* Action Required. By-laws revisions questions. Members of Council should review before next meeting.