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**Kitsap Mountaineers Executive Committee Meeting March 19, 2013**

Executive Committee Members Present:

Jimmy James, Jeff Schrepple, Dave Burton, Sue Labrie, Rick Gillatt, Vern Brown, and Doug Terry.

Meeting commenced at 6:20 pm

Treasurer’s Report: Diane was not present so the report was not provided. Only minor expenditures have occurred since last report.

Branch Chair Report: Jimmy emphasized that the Mountaineers mission is “to enrich the community by helping people explore, conserve, and learn about and enjoy the lands and waters of the Pacific Northwest and beyond.” To that end he has set the following two goals for the Kitsap branch:

1. To make the branch and its activities better known to the community. He proposes that we do that by (a) distributing posters throughout the community anywhere we can find an “activity board” and (b) by publicizing our activities.
2. To increase the number of members in the branch, which will enable us to accomplish our mission better. He proposes that we expand the number of activities and offerings of the branch in order to attract new members.

OLD BUSINESS

The Jefferson County YMCA Proposal: Mike Raymond contacted the Mountaineers education committee in Seattle reference this proposal which was presented to the Kitsap branch last month. They showed some interest and Mike will continue to pursue this effort.

NEW BUSINESS

A Climbing Wall at the Cabin: Mike also received a proposal to build a climbing wall at the Kitsap Cabin location. The consensus of the EXCOM members present was that the cost ($130,000 for the least expensive structure) plus concerns about future maintenance and legal liabilities rendered the project untenable. Accordingly, no further action will be taken.

Revamping the Salmon Safari Program: Rick Gillatt of our education committee has proposed that the Salmon Safari program be revamped to a biodiversity program which can address habitat and environmental issues year round instead of the current 3 month window. He plans to work with Becca Polglase and Sarah Krueger to expand the program, but is concerned about the lack of assurances that the Kitsap Cabin can be available when needed and requires such assurance before he moves forward on the new program. Jimmy agreed to write a letter addressed to Martinique Gregg, Dan Lauren, Tab Wilkins, Becca and Sarah expressing Rick’s concerns and our proposed solutions. Rick noted that he had participated in a task force six months ago that made recommendations concerning cabin use and scheduling, but that no feedback from the Kitsap Players committee was ever received.

First Aid/MOFA: Jimmy picked up on last month’s discussion and expressed his interest in getting the Kitsap branch back into the business of teaching these classes. Options were discussed but no decision was made.

Showing Films for FUN and PROFIT: Vern reported that a proposed venue in Port Orchard showed no interest in supporting us and Jimmy proposed the Firehouse Theater in Kingston (reported erroneously in last month’s minutes as in Port Gamble) as a possible location. Although the rent for the facility is only $50, piggybacking off of the headquarters’ use of desirable films might still cost $500 each. Vern also reported that he recently attended a showing of one such film at another location and estimated only 30 people to be in attendance. Since the planned $10 admission price could not cover costs in these circumstances, we decided a better marketing analysis would be required before pursuing this further.

Electing a Vice Chair: Jimmy noted that he was almost halfway through his tenure and that he did not plan to serve as chair for another year. He asked that all present look for candidates. His preference is that it be someone who is younger and relatively new to the branch so as to bring new ideas and experiences to the organization.

Kayaking Committee Report: Vern reported he will participate in a Washington coast cleanup on April 20th and will lead a hike to Duck Point for this effort. Participants may choose to make this a weekend event by staying at the Ozette campground Friday and Sunday, as well. Jimmy will send details to all branch members via email.

Hiking Committee Report: Dave reported that the next hiking committee meeting will be held on March 26th. He also reported that Sue Labrie will be leading not only our expansion into a painting activity but that she will also present an Introduction to Hiking class at the Poulsbo fire station on April 4th.

Closing Remarks: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm