

Officer Committee Meeting
Olympia Center

March 11th, 2015

Attendance

Officers:

- Greg Lovelady, Chair
- Derek Pierson, Secretary
- Carla Jonientz, Social Chair
- Henry Romer, Director
- John Flanagan, At Large
- Kristina Ciari Branch Liaison

Members:

- Curt Rosler
- Nancy Lloyd
- Carolyn Burreson

Greg Lovelady called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

- > Curt Rosler moved to accept February's minutes. John Flanagan seconded and the motion passed.

Sea Kayaking, minimum standards

Carolyn Burreson pointed out the few requested changes to the minimum standards / rules for Sea Kayaking. Carolyn also mentioned that they are also drafting a new intermediate kayaking class. She noted that Tacoma has a test intermediate course and there are currently no badges for the new course yet.

- * Greg Lovelady will pass the requested changes to the Management Committee.
- > Henry Romer moved to approve the proposed Sea Kayaking minimum standards changes and John Flanagan seconded, the motion passed.

Club's Managing Committee

Greg Lovelady said that after a bit of a hiatus due to the fact that many of the members of the Managing Committee are also members of the Collaboration Task Force they started work on four items, developing a future work plan, new complaint handling, a change to the managing committee charter and an updated policy change process.

Kristina Ciari said that there has been some confusion as to what the committee is doing and a common question is “how a bill become a law”. Kristina also mentioned that there have been some complaints about leaders filling trips ahead of their sign up dates. She has heard good arguments on both sides and currently the program center staff have no governance over the situation. Kristina said currently at the committee level the questions “what is abuse of the system” and “who gets priority” are being discussed.

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Henry Romer noted that in the past, the president elect chaired the management committee. Henry also said that the main driver for the issue of pre-filled trips is that there has been an inadequate number of leaders posting official climbs for the courses.

John Flanagan suggested possibly using a lottery like system for a percentage of activity participant slots.

Military Fair

Greg Lovelady mentioned that Ken Swarner from The Ranger / NW Airlifter / Weekly Volcano / Stars & Stripes is seeking interactive volunteers for a Military travel fair on April 26th from 11am to 4pm in Tacoma.

- * Derek Pierson and Curt Rosler both volunteered to help.

It was suggested to have a contest where we see who can identify all 10 essentials by writing down numbers next to items spread out on the table.

Officer Reports

Social Chair: Carla Jonientz said that this years open house total cost was similar to last year where we had two open house events. She also mentioned the possibility of having this years banquet speaker answer the question, what got them into volunteering and who mentored them along the way. She said she got the idea from the program center's Fostering Leadership conference where they discussed volunteerism as well as mentioning the best way to get new volunteers is to ask them personally to volunteer. Carla also said that the picnic date has not yet been decided, though it will probably be at Burfoot Park on a Thursday. Carla will be taking ideas for any upcoming events. One suggestion is to have a table top display with all of the course information in one location, possibly in tri-fold pamphlets.

Greg Lovelady suggested that the new social committee do a doodle poll to determine a date for our next open house.

Derek Pierson mentioned having someone approach him at Radical Reels asking about a course summary information sheet. He noted it might be something to include with the new display Carla mentioned.

- * Carla will look into getting a display made and email her findings to Chris Williams via Kristina's recommendation.

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Chair Elect: Brian List relayed to Greg that he does not have a lot to work on. Greg is having Brian manage the nominating committee for board elections.

Secretary: Derek Pierson asked if anyone had suggestions as to the way the minutes are handled.

Greg Lovelady suggested adding in a way to show the conclusion of a particular topic including any agenda items.

- * Derek will look into a way to indicate concluded topics & agenda items.

Director: Henry Romer took the recent injury debacle to management committee and was told Leann plans to make a claim to the insurance company. He also noted that the current system may not be fair as far as the insurance deductible is concerned and that a strategy for who pays what is being handled at a corporate level. Henry then went on to discuss how to deal with allocation of club overhead, i.e. roughly \$9,000 a year of overhead. Kitsap asked how the amount was determined and received no answer from the program center, to which we found out the whole situation needs a bit of untangling. Henry thinks that a scheme needs to be developed to track overhead items and proportion them out to allocations. These figures may help determine what it costs to run the club.

- * The findings will be presented at the March management retreat.

Kristina Ciari mentioned our new member numbers. We had 315 adults, 189 family, 139 seniors and 12 students sign up. This January we had a total of 690 members and last December we had 633.

Social Chair: Carla Jonientz suggested extending open house budget to include advertising for courses that need it, possibly via creating posters etc.

- * Carolyn Burreson requested that Kayaking have posters made to promote their course.

Member at Large: John Flanagan noted that we have had very limited amounts of snow this year due to global warming which might turn out to be a long term problem.

Kristina Ciari mentioned that the club has seen an issue with people joining "organizations" in general this year due to strange winter timing. She also noted that for events like Banff and Radical Reels at least 50% of ticket sales were the day before!

Old Business

Curt Rosler handed out a copy of the updated policy for the storage unit. He also will send a copy to Greg via email.

- * Greg Lovelady will send the updated storage unit policy out to officers for adoption.

Greg Lovelady asked about who all attended the Big Tent Rally, WTA Hiker Lobby Day on February 24th. He said that there was a decent turn out and representation of the branch there. Greg also relayed for Mike Mellors that there is now a new deadline for submitting info for the monthly E-Blasts. Greg also discussed the fact that the club's ad hoc Collaboration Task Force is largely composed of members of the management committee and that there will be a retreat on March 28th in Seattle. Greg then mentioned that the branch's bylaws are in final draft state; they were able to condense them down to 8 pages! They were able to do that by removing the climbing and MOFA policies from the main document.

- * Greg will release more information on the branch's bylaws in the next few weeks.

Greg Lovelady adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM.

The next meeting is April 8th at 6:00 PM at the Olympia Center.