

Officer Committee Meeting
Olympia Center

June 10th, 2015

Attendance

Officers:

- Greg Lovelady, Chair
- Brian List, Chair-Elect
- Derek Pierson, Secretary
- Henry Romer, Director
- Carla Jonientz, Social Chair

Members:

- Tom Eckhout
- Donna Kreuger
- Bob Keranen

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

- > Brian List moved to accept last month's minutes, Henry Romer seconded and the motion passed.

Announcements:

Greg Lovelady announced the Get Outdoors Expo chair invited our branch to participate in this June 27th, 2015 event on Capital Campus. Greg asked if there are any volunteers for staffing a table, Brian List, Donna Kreuger, Tom Eckhout and Curt Rosler volunteered.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: Mike Riley discussed the "Worksheet" that was distributed by staff member Leann Arend seeking branch feedback on fiscal matters including, how we can achieve revenue growth and how we can use our expenses to create a great experience for students and others. Mike requested input on how to proceed and noted that BANFF is our main source of revenue and that course revenue fluctuates frequently from year to year.

Henry Romer said that kayaking expected lower enrollment but just squeaked by, possibly due to the new website.

Tom Eckhout said, counter to Henry, that the opposite was true for scrambling this year.

Donna Kreuger said that her Conditioning Hiking Series course can only expand if there are enough volunteers.

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Bob Keranen said that we might be able to expand MOFA but will need more instructors. He thinks we would need at least five qualified people to hold another course and that if we held an instructor-trainer course we could promote enough interest (and volunteers) to allow expansion of the MOFA course. Bob also mentioned that we need an Avalanche Course and it may be possible to subsidize course expenses to train instructors.

Derek Pierson said that when he took AIARE 1 he drove to the Tacoma Mountaineers club house to take the course because the price was so much cheaper than anywhere else.

Brian List suggested we use our reserves instead of raising any course or activity fees.

Greg Lovelady said, all things considered, our courses are making money. He suggested that Bob put together a proposal for a MOFA instructor-trainer course, and that Mike draft a response to the worksheet. These drafts would then be circulated to the Officers' Committee for comments.

Henry Romer said that the Board-commissioned Collaborations Task Force has a proposal that will soon be presented and to answer the worksheet would be to accept that the branch works for the program center not the other way around. He thinks we should let the budget be our response.

Social Chair: Carla Jonientz said that she received a response from Helen Thayer to talk about her new book "Free among the wolves." Carla also thinks it would be nice to try and find a speaker on conservation for one of the banquets. She also mentioned that this year's branch picnic is scheduled for Thursday the 23rd at 6pm at Burfoot park, and would like people to email her and RSVP if they plan to attend.

Mike Riley suggests that Carla email WTA and ask about a conservation speaker.

Chair Elect: Brian List said that this years candidates for branch office are Kim Pohlman and Donnie Miller for Treasurer, Andy Weber for Chair Elect, Donna Kreuger and Michael Mellors for Social Chair and Greg Lovelady for Member at Large. Brian plans to get in touch with Kristina Ciari at the Program Center to have each candidate's election statement in the E-Blast before elections.

> Brian List moved to continue the current election schedule, subject to change upon gathering of more information, Henry Romer seconded and the motion passed.

Chair: Greg Lovelady said that he and Brian List went to the last board meeting in place of Henry Romer. He also said that during the portion of the meeting before the executive session, during which they were asked to leave, it was noted that the Forest Service would like to purchase the Snoqualmie property using Land and Water Conservation Funds.

Course and Activity fees

Mike Riley said that it would be nice to have a branch course chair meeting to discuss course fee increase.

Henry Romer said that the idea of such a meeting feeds into modernizing outdoor education promoting best practices, like the fall activity summit hosted by the club.

Bob Keranen suggested talking more often to course chairs, possibly adding an agenda item at the officers meeting.

Carla Jonientz said that we use to have more activity chairs come to our board meeting, it's not like they have to stay for the entire thing.

- * Greg Lovelady said he would draft an Activity Summit and committees reporting proposal.

Branch Bylaws/Rules

Greg Lovelady said that the branch Bylaws Update Committee has met once with plans to meet again. The committee plans to refer to our branch Bylaws as "Rules". They are the higher level framework that provides for branch operation and management and must be approved by the branch membership. Greg also mentioned that it is the responsibility of the course chairs to maintain the branch Policies which are not being addressed by this committee. The Policies are the detailed statements of intent that guide branch operations and are approved by the branch Officers' Committee.

Club's ad hoc Collaborations Task Force

Greg Lovelady said that the Task Force's draft proposal, the result of the club wide interviews, will be presented to the Board of Directors in August.

Club's Managing Committee

Mike Riley said that Roberts Rule of Order should be enforced at the Managing Committee meetings if it's in the clubs Bylaws.

Greg Lovelady adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

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