

Officer Committee Meeting
Olympia Center

November 11th, 2015

Attendance

Officers:

- Brian List, Chair
- Derek Pierson, Secretary
- Henry Romer, Director
- Donna Kreuger, Social Chair
- Kimberly Pohlman, Treasurer
- Greg Lovelady, Member at Large

Members:

- Tom Eckhout
- Bob Keranen

Brian List called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Due to a holiday, The Olympia Center was unavailable and the officer's meeting was temporarily moved to the upstairs of the Olympia Taproom. Because of the change of venue the town hall meeting will be postponed until next month's meeting, on December 9th.

- > Brian List moved to approve the October's meeting minutes, Henry Romer seconded and the motion passed.

Announcements:

The Olympia Branch Activity Summit is scheduled for December 12th.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: Kimberly Pohlman handed out a treasurers report, and noted that the purchase approval process has been simplified and now requires only one person to approve other than the person who is making the request. Kim said that she would like to encourage reimbursement forms be submitted withing thirty days of the request. She also said that it seems like they are attempting to pass all transactions directly through the program center instead of through the branch treasurer. Kim also noted that it appears they are removing most if not all sub accounts, like the social sub account which now is being lumped in with activities along with such things as our film festivals.

Bob Keranen said that given he above approach the board doesn't have the capacity to handle all the requests and agree that all requests should go through the branch treasurer.

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Overall the consensus is that by consolidating accounts and sub accounts, we as a branch are losing a valuable tool to determine where expenses are “actually” going, for instance, whether or not the film festivals are making or losing money being that they are now lumped together with all other social events.

- * Kimberly Pohlman has a phone conference with Jeff Potter and Leann and plans to address some of the above issues.
- * Brian List said that we still haven't got an answer as to who is going to pay for the deficit, also who's in charge of determining the decision. Brian plans to bring this up at the next management committee meeting.

Henry Romer said that the answer to Brian's question is that the Program Center see's the money as club wide moneys instead of individually allocated to each branch.

Social Chair: Donna Kreuger said that the banquet came in a little bit under the requested amount of \$2,650. Donna is requesting \$2,500 for next years open house which is on January 5th. Donna also recommends we do a “Spring to Summer” open house on March 23rd. She also said that there will be a fifteen percent discount on membership. She also said that Michael Mellors can put together a course summary pamphlet / brochure that will cost the branch \$400 but recommends we wait until next year to approve the project.

Greg Lovelady noted that the discount comes directly out of the branch's budget.

- * Donna Kreuger will send the open house flier to Ray Philen to post on the Olympia Mountaineers website.
- > Brian List moved to approve the Open House budget of \$2500, Kimberly Pohlman seconded and the motion passed.

Derek Pierson said that he thinks the consensus as far as how many open houses to have was to spend the extra money on a single big open house at St. Martins in January instead of two separate ones.

Director: Henry Romer said that this weekend is the fall residential retreat at the Mount Baker Lodge which plans to focus on club wide governance. He also said that he feels the board voting is rigged in a way which ends up favoring the executive committee, though when the branch liaison comes on board they should be able to mitigate some of that.

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Member at Large: Greg Lovelady said that he's a bit dismayed about the branch possibly ignoring the efforts of the Collaborations Task Force. He also said that the Washington Trails Coalition met Monday the 9th of November and had a lot of good conversations come out of it. He also thinks that it may be possible to send a Mountaineers representative for suggestions in the breakout sessions.

Chair: Brian List said the safety committee is now going to report directly to the management committee. He also said that the program center is hoping to cut this years budget shortfall down by doing fund raising. Brian also said that the Collaboration Task Force representative was unable to attend the management committee meeting, however as of now the board has accepted the task force's report. He said that he personally raised the issue of branch governance at the management committee and that it was approved to bring branch board officers to the management committee meetings.

Henry Romer said that the Collaborations Task Force acknowledges the fact that branch's exist as an entity of the club. He also said that the only way to intercept all the noise from members is to make clear the structure of the organization and that branches are the first contact.

- * Greg Lovelady will send an email with a copy of the Collaborations Task Force report which outlines a list of problems, successes and suggestions to anyone who would like a copy.

Other discussion

Tom Eckhout said that he had a few people asking him about becoming snow shoe leaders, and is asking the boards permission to set up a new snow shoeing and separate Nordic skiing committee. Tom also asked about the rules around donations, for instance if a non-member donates to the club do they get a discount on the sign up and or course fee?

Henry Romer said that if Tom creates just a single committee, a "Winter Travel Committee" for instance couldn't he just create a sub category for both snow shoe and ski leaders?

- > Brian List moved to remove the Winter Travel Committee and create a separate Snow Shoe and Nordic Ski Committee, Henry Romer seconded and the motion passed.

Brian List adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM.

The next meeting is December 9^h at 6:00 PM at the Olympia Center.