

Officer Committee Meeting
Olympia Center

July 13th, 2016

Attendance

Officers:

- Brian List, Chair
- Andy Weber, Chair Elect
- Derek Pierson, Secretary
- Henry Romer, Director
- Donna Kreuger, Social Chair
- Greg Lovelady, Member at Large

Members:

- Bob Keranen
- Janette Zumbo
- Siana Wong
- Curt Rosler

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

Current Business:

Greg Lovelady said Diane Kline and Doug Hutchanson sent him an email about holding another photography contest. He also said that he created a template for a committee to handle the photography content which consists of a coordinator, an advertiser, someone to label the photos, a coordinator for the judges and someone to compile the scores. Greg also said him and Carla Jonientz are putting together a presentation for the social hour of the potluck and adventure speaker.

Bob Keranen said he can help with advertising for the photo contest.

Henry Romer said he put together a guesstimate on gear cost and estimated public traffic from which he concluded that to justify the cost we would need to rent gear to the general public.

Curt Rosler said that Joe Hier is putting together an arrangement that would work in our mutual interest.

Bob Keranen said we should throw out the idea of having our own facility for gear, it could work similar to how we handle climbing and scrambling ropes. Every two years the club gets a deal with Mammut to buy anything at cost.

Brian List said either way we will need to spend our reserves on something in the next four years. He suggests we discuss the reserves at the activity summit.

Janette Zumbo said that she attended the Progressive Outdoor Initiative town hall in Tacoma which discussed how to teach climbing. She said they released a survey and in the outcome it was noted that the sense of community among members is high but our groups can be a little large and our standards are low for instructors. Janette also said that the results of the survey are posted on the club website. She said that she would be happy to act as the intermediary for the Olympia branch at these meetings.

Henry Romer said that the big problems outlined in the report have to do with the number of high quality instructors.

Officer Reports

Social Chair Donna Kreuger said that the date for the banquet is October 29th which is a Saturday. She is wondering what we should charge for the event, historically we have asked \$35 per person. Donna also said that she thinks a budget of \$2000 would be adequate for the banquet.

- > Brian List moved to approve Donna Kreuger's request for a \$2000 budget for the banquet, Andy Weber seconded and the motion passed.

Chair Elect Andy Weber said he would like to allocate a \$100 gift certificate for the election nominees.

Donna Kreuger suggested instead, we give the nominees a complimentary banquet ticket.

- > Brian List moved to approve a complimentary banquet ticket for all election nominees, Henry Romer seconded and the motion passed.

Director Henry Romer said he sent a note to Jeff and Tabb Wilkinson about timing of the officer terms and making them uniform across the club. In his note he mentioned using the fiscal year as a guide. Henry also said it seems like other branches like Tacoma use the same time frame.

Brian List said that we just changed our branch rules and an election cycle change directly affects them and feels considering the effort it took modifying the rules it may not be worth changing them again. He also said that the pricing committee does not have another meeting scheduled so there is currently no next step at this time. Brian said he looked around at other clubs and outdoor activities and they did not seem very far off on pricing structure. He also mentioned giving a discount to active service members.

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Bob Keranen said that Kimberly Pohlman had a good point when she mentioned income of demographics and agrees we (Olympia) should be the lowest. He also mentioned the instruction is different between Seattle and Olympia's basic climbing course so that could affect the price as well.

Andy Weber asked if anyone knows what is so important with course pricing all of the sudden. He also said he'd like to formulate a plan on the activity summit outcome so that we know who has the final say, the board or the attendance of the summit.

Henry Romer said that he feels the fundamentals of how the mountaineers business plan works is understood only by a few people, which is causing a lot of confusion as to why things are the way they are.

Greg Lovelady asked about the potential of setting up a sub committee for Olympia to discuss the outcome of the club wide pricing committee. He said he would like to see some kind of standards to share with branch officers at the least.

Brian List said as far as the activity summit is concerned he feels it is important to update the course chairs on what is going on with the board and general club.

Brian List adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

The next meeting is August 10th at 6:00 PM at the Olympia Center.