

Officer Committee Meeting
Olympia Center

May 11th, 2016

Attendance

Officers:

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

Members:

- Bob Keranen

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

Current Business:

Dixie Havlak sent an email to the board with a proposed youth budget requesting \$100 for each Hands on Children's Museum activity in June, July, August and September totaling \$400, HARK and Big Brothers Big Sisters June hike transportation at \$100 and August water event and picnic including lifeguard fees \$150 for a total of \$250, an outdoor adventure summit at Millersylvania park for \$100, Capital purchase of 6 preschool size life jackets at \$25 each for a total of \$125 that will be used for the HARK picnic, the HOCM event and youth beach and boating events. All included the total requested funds are \$875.

- > Henry Romer moved to approve Dixie Havlak's youth budget of \$875, Donna Kreuger seconded and the motion passed.

Henry Romer said the date is quickly approaching for the JBLM outdoor fair.

Andy Weber said that he is available to attend but needs more information on the fair.

Henry Romer mentioned the sea kayaking summit where a number of things took place, namely they adopted new requirements for the basic skills course. The club leadership opted to modify the proposed new requirements / minimum standards into a "fast-track" course which Henry fears will siphon off paddlers from the basic course.

Brian List said that he was present when the kayaking minimum standards were modified and according to what he heard the changes were made so that a minimum number of required hours is needed to complete the fast tracked course and to accomplish that it was suggested that instead of teaching pool sessions the training would take place on the beach itself.

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Henry suggested getting a hold of kayaking chairs for clarity on the changes. He also asked about the possibility of a “remember how to climb” course, to which Bob Keranen replied that we don’t have one for basic climbing but we do have an instructor refresher clinic.

Bob Keranen said that he got word of a whole new grade of glacier climbing which was seemingly born out of Seattle and adopted without validation from the other branches.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: Kimberly Pohlman said that the at the follow up meeting for the activity summit a few ideas were talked about, spending the branch’s “prudent reserves” on external training for instructors, a bigger library to support courses and constructing a spire rock structure somewhere in Olympia for use with the outdoor programs.

Brian List said that Tom Vogal has put the static plan on hold until we get a better grasp on the clubs direction.

Henry Romer said that growing membership without growing the adult programs and courses does nothing for the club.

Bob Keranen said that Dixie Havlak has been in talks with parks and recreation in pursuit of setting up a gear library as well as spire rock like construction in Olympia.

Henry Romer suggested talking to Gene Yore and John Ohlson from Seattle about build a space for Olympia.

Social Chair: Donna Kreuger said she might not have scheduled the open house yet, but plans to schedule a date tomorrow and is thinking about January 3rd or the 5th.

Henry Romer said it may be that the open house is more of a showcase event instead of an intake process for new members. He also worries that the 3rd would limit attendance due to new years being so close, and recommends a later date.

Chair Elect: Andy Weber said that the nominating committee has nominated, Sharron Lang and David Garris for Secretary and Neal Kurby and Shanna Wong for Chair Elect. Bios are due by May 25th which is when they will start the nomination.

Directory: Henry Romer said he’s concerned with an algorithm deciding course pricing. He also said with the three tier approach there is still gear cost, so lowering the price doesn’t make sense.

Chair: Brian List said that the branch leadership committee is working on the

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Collaborations Task Force recommendations. He also said he had a phone conference to discuss the club direction and process from which Seattle proposed a three tier pricing program.

- * Brian List said that he will not be able to attend the next meeting and appointed Andy Weber to lead the meeting.

Brian List adjourned the meeting at 7:28 PM.

The next meeting is May 11th at 6:00 PM at the Olympia Center.