

Minutes - Draft

08 November 2017 / 6:00 PM / Olympia Center Room 100

ATTENDEES

- Officers: Siana Wong, Greg Lovelady, Kim Pohlman, Andy Webber, Marko Pavela
- Guests: Carolyn Burreson, Donna Kreuger, Bob Keranen

AGENDA

Introductions/Welcome Guests

6:00/6:05 - Approval of October Minutes - All

Bob K. and Siana discussed availability of meeting minutes. Greg had some proposed changes for the minutes. Greg noted Donnie be named a website contact. Greg wanted to clarify that this was for the branch website. Greg wanted better information about laptop purchases. Greg had an issue as to how supervolunteer requirements were described. Greg did not attend a director's meeting, but a town hall in Tacoma. Marko moved to have minutes approved subject to Greg's revisions being made. Siana seconded, All present approved.

6:05/6:20 - Followup on October Action Items - All

- Website - Note any discrepancies between Mountaineers.org & Olymountaineers.org websites - All
 - Siana reported no discrepancies b/w branch website and club wide website. Greg reported Donnie has begun work on an updated olympia mountaineers website. Andy voiced support for a new website. Bob expressed a preference for transitioning away from Olympia website, said only calendar is really necessary. Andy added that working through Mountaineers.org was important so far as tracking volunteer hours. Greg inquired as to who was allowed to request changes to the website. Siana explained that there was some play in how this is done.
- Officers Council Google Drive - All
 - Siana reminded the attendees that the Google Drive was available for everyone's use.
- Equipment Manager volunteer ad - Marko Pavela
 - Marko presented a draft solicitation for help. Greg pointed out Curt Rosler had drafted some policies regarding storing equipment. Bob pointed out Sergei was managing some equipment for climbing committee. Carolyn spoke about gear stored at Friends Center. Carolyn expressed a concern that people might be scared off by the broad "areas of need". Marko needs to contact this group for changes. Greg told Marko the website is covered and the second bullet point needs to be removed. Marko then needs to contact committee chairs, Regina, Dee Ann to get this out.
- Poll to determine committee technology needs - Kim Pohlman

- Kim discussed what committee chairs are currently doing for tech equipment, and the needs of the various committees. There was a discussion about who needs a Google Chrome notebook. Andy advocated for one or two more projectors and another laptop. Kim discussed a request for \$3,000 from the reserve fund, and that \$1,300 has already been used. The group discussed how we are down to 1 working projector. The group discussed availability of laptops. Donna Kreuger mentioned that the banquet speaker waived his fee (\$500). Andy will work with Janette to determine Basic Climbing needs.
- Revisit Comcast email issue - Greg/Siana
 - Siana discussed the Comcast e-mail problem. Mothership told Siana that 10 p/c of Mountaineers don't get e-mails and that the Mothership has not had good luck working with Comcast. Bob discussed Paul had his issue resolved by working with the Mothership. UPDATE Dec 10: Siana learned that Paul's email issue was with using hotmail, and the individual issue seems to be resolved through contacting Seattle staff.

6:20/7:00 - Adventure Speaker Series - Carolyn Burreson

- Summary of ASS
 - Carolyn shared the nature (and the beauty) of the ASS. She described how attendees love the meeting, how non-Mountaineer community member (like spouses) attend, how information about the club is made available, and how we can come and make announcements. Carolyn mentioned how the speakers are great, and volunteer (speak for free, once in a while gas is reimbursed). Carolyn shared the ASS' goals, and their 2018 schedule. Carolyn discussed her need for a projector and submitted wonderful documentation to support her needs for a projector. Carolyn said it should be kept at the Friends Center, and that other committees can check it out from there. Group was in support of Carolyn purchasing a projector, an EX 7240 Pro. Carolyn will buy the projector and work with Kim for reimbursement. This will leave approximately \$1,000 in the technology budget.
- Technology needs, successes & challenges, 2018 goals

7:00/7:10 - New Equipment Storage - Siana Wong

- Wooden box in storage unit
- Can use space for technology storage
 - Siana said storing this box is an issue. Bob said the box is still being used. The group discussed working through Curt that re-shelving the storage unit as an option. Siana will reach out to Curt. Siana reminded the group that a storage unit is available for club use, even for technology. Group commented that the storage space is not heated. Andy wants to get rid of the old projector he has been storing, which does not work.

7:10/7:25 - Updating Oly Web Page/Social & Comm Outreach - Siana Wong

- Siana led a discussion about improving branch communications, and to do outreach. Siana delivered an inspiring personal message about the value of the club, and the need for outreach. Donna and Bob will work with each other to explore posting some of Donna's events to the Meetup site.

7:25/7:35 - Update from Donna re: Backpacking Course - Donna Kreuger

- Donna is concerned about rumors that the backpacking course is not going to happen again. She alluded to hearing this from Chris Sullivan. A discussion was had about who could be asked to lead the Backpacking course. A discussion was had about whether or not the Backpacking course was popular, or necessary.

7:35 - Officer Reports - All

- Greg Lovelady, Director
 - On Oct 19th Greg attended his first Mothership Board Meeting. Greg shared details about the Meeting, including a written Director's Report he shared, and mentioned that Greg voted to approve the budget, in spite of the fact that it was a deficit budget. On Friday Greg will attend a Board retreat at the Meany Lodge.
- Kim Pohlman, Treasurer
 - Jeff Potter, Controller, has left Mothership. Branch budget was approved. Budget included mechanisms for funding Dixie Havlak's youth coordinator position. Becca and Dixie are working on hiring this person. This year, the position will be funded by the Program Center. Kim led a discussion on what that person, when hired, might be able to accomplish. The group discussed concerns about monitoring this position, and about how it could lead to grips from our community of volunteers, who remain unpaid.
- Dee Ann Kline, Social Chair
 - Dee Ann was not present but gave Siana a report, which Siana read. 123 tickets sold to Banquet, plus 5 comped. Sales revenue was ~ \$4,400 dollars. One complaint about price, one complaint about food, one complaint about speaker being "a sales pitch for REI". Open House is January 4th, Dee Ann is working on this. Dee Ann wants to know who is doing Radical Reels, Telluride, and the Used Gear Sale. Mike Mellors moved to Kirkland. Radical Reels folks (at RR, not the Mountaineers organizers) no longer want to put this on. Telluride continues, but was poorly attended this year and likely lost money. Group had a discussion about how Ken Nelson won't run Banff forever, and we need to start thinking about transition.
- Sharon Lang, Secretary
 - Sharon Lang was not present.
- Andy Weber, Past Chair
 - Leadership recognition is moving along well. There will be another meeting next Thursday. Event will be February 15th at the Lacey Community Center. Andy is assembling folks to revise

the climbing policies. Goal is to have policies substantially revised by January and the beginning of the climbing class. Club Wide Branch Climbing Committee summit is this Friday.

- Marko Pavela, Chair-Elect
 - Marko said Branch Policy revisions have been kicked off, with a goal to have substantial revisions made to the policy by end of his Chair-Elect term.
- Siana Wong, Chair
 - Siana gave an update on a volunteer recognition dinner with Tom Vogl. This will occur on December 20th. Will be about 15 people. Still no venue. Olympia Committee Summit is November 29th, at the Friends Center. Club Service awards are due November 19th.

8:20 - Adjourn

ACTION ITEMS

- Greg will send minor revisions of October minutes to Sharon. Minutes will be loaded to website after Sharon makes revisions.
- Siana will inquire about options for wooden box
- Siana will reach out to Social committee about Social/Communications outreach – exploring ideas for fostering communications within Branch membership, and social outreach to potential members, including “underserved” communities
- Marko will revise Technology Equipment Coordinator draft advertisement based on feedback, and send to Regina to be posted in E-blast. The ad will also be posted to Oly’s Facebook pages.