

Olympia Branch Council, The Mountaineers

Minutes

14 February 2018 / 6:00 PM / Olympia Center Room 100

ATTENDEES

- Officers: Dee Ann Klein, Sharon Lang, Greg Lovelady, Marko Pavela, Kim Pohlman by phone, Andy Weber, Siana Wong,
- Guests: John Dunlap, Jim French, Sergey Frolov, Bob Keranen, Mike Kretzler

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm

6:02 pm – Introductions and Approval of January Minutes – All

- January minutes were approved as presented.

6:04 pm – Navigation Expenses – Mike Kretzler

- Mike noted that permits are now required to utilize the Green Diamond, Kennedy Creek site. He attempted to get the fee waived with no luck. The fee is \$250.00. The fee was approved and all agreed that the site is an excellent location for navigation training. Mike will look into whether the Mountaineers will get gate access with the permit.

6:14 pm - Conservation Committee - Jim French

- Jim French passed out a calendar for conservation activities and explained a number of actions happening in the Conservation Committee.
- The committee has developed a stewardship challenge and shared a document asking each branch member to spend a day in service to our public lands.
- Dee Ann Klein will work with Jim on a blog regarding the stewardship challenge.
- The committee has developed a stewardship trip leader hand book.
- Jim requested stewardship promotion by the branch, specifically on the Mount Rose trail as Olympia now manages the trail above the wilderness boundary.
- Incentives for volunteering stewardship time were discussed.

6:44 pm - Follow up on Action Items - All

- Marko noted the dates are set for Banff.
- Telluride is still on the fence. We need a viable way to promote and need youth content.
- The new Banff Committee Chair and the production committee may be able to also take on management of Telluride.

- It's been discussed that Curt Rosler is stepping down from managing the storage unit. Due to the other branch positions needing to be filled, we will follow up on this at the next meeting.
- Greg sent Marko information on the Safety Officer position so he could draft a solicitation.
- Sergey tested Cheqroom and another program and believes Cheqroom is better.
 - Seven users were part of the testing with three different locations; Friends Meeting Hall, Cirque climbing gym, and the storage unit.
 - It was agreed to continue utilizing Cheqroom. The cost is \$300 per year.
 - All activity chairs and council members should have access to it.
 - Sergey will send a link to the webpage.
- In addition to the equipment and tracking system, Sergey will work with members on how to utilize the technical equipment, and manage updates on the computers prior and notify the users to turn on the laptop at least 15 minutes prior to allow time for unexpected updates.
- Not much has come of a focus group to determine the pros and cons of a program center. A few people have expressed interest and we will continue forming the group.
- The process has begun to form our Nominating Committee. The Chair and Secretary positions will be open. Marko will have more details at the next meeting.

7:12 pm - Banff Committee Chair Solicitation - Marko

- There have been three people interested in the chair position for the Banff Committee; Mike Riley, a non-Mountaineer member, Jill Williams, and the Olympia Film Society's projectionist, Rachel.
- It was agreed that Mike Riley should be the Chair, and the other two can form as Co-Chairs. Siana and Marko will follow up with the others to notify them.

7:21 pm - Policy Manual Update - Marko

- There is a lot of repeat language and the policy is not well organized.
- The policy template will be reorganized and cleaned up in regards to the council.
- The activity policies will be updated by the committee chairs.
- A reminder will be sent to activity committee chairs requesting a clean policy. The council does not need to see the changes made.
- Greg noted that MOFA is just about done with their policy updates.

7:21 pm - Officer's Reports - All

- Andy Weber, Past Chair
 - The Volunteer Recognition event is February 15. This will be a great time to work on recruitment for the open positions.
- Greg Lovelady, Director

- There hasn't been much from the Board of Directors in the last few weeks.
- As the Director, Greg is required to take an online orientation exam. He is going to recommend that more than just the Board of the Directors have access to see the exam.
- Dee Ann Klein, Social Chair
 - The dates are set for the awards banquet on October 27.
 - The dates are also set for the 2019 open house on January 3.
 - Dee Ann would like to get the Fred Becky Dirt Bag film to show in Olympia, possibly at the drive in theater. Steve Jones which is a friend of Marko's has all the specifications on making the film happen and is willing to do the legwork at the Olympia Film Society. Marko will send Dee Ann an email with information.
- Sharon Lang, Secretary
 - Nothing to report
- Marko Pavela, Chair Elect
 - Will provide an update on the Banff Committee position next month.
 - The Safety Committee position has been posted.
 - The Olympia Outdoor Adventure Film Festival is in the works and was announced at the Adventure Speaker Series and in the E-Blast.
 - Films will be five minutes or less and family friendly.
 - The Cirque has extended the offer to utilize their space after hours on a Sunday.
 - Greg requested to have a pitch at the next meeting for goals, fees, etc.
 - John Dunlap noted that Marko could utilize a particular website for facilitating film festivals. He will give Marko the contact information for a gentleman in Portland who can help.
- Siana Wong, Chair
 - The mountaineers.org website is being updated.
 - The last two things to get on the website are the calendar and the library.
 - Siana showed everyone how to access the calendar. Dee Ann has been working with Jeff Bowman to update our calendar and migrate the olympiamountaineers.org calendar to mountaineers.org.
 - There are new buttons for upcoming events and course activities.
 - The next Leadership Council meeting is February 15
 - They will vote for the Branch Leadership Council.
 - They will vote for the minimum standards for climbing
 - Bob requested information on the changes made.
 - Julie Moore is interested in putting together a trail running committee. There is a trail running certification course in Seattle

in March. She will attend and will present the council with information.

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