

OLYMPIA BRANCH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2019

6:03 PM – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

- Officers Present: Marko Pavela, Bob Keranen, Greg Lovelady, Kim Pohlman, Siana Wong
- Guests Present: Julie Dasso, Jeremiah Wedding
- Officers Absent: Dee Ann Kline, Doug Hansen

6:04 PM – JANUARY MINUTES

- Marko approved January minutes. Bob seconded. All approved.

6:05 PM – TRAIL RUNNING CHAIR

- An Olympia Trail Running Committee will be created. The committee will require a minimum of 3 people and a charter that does not conflict with Mountaineers policies or Trail Running minimum standards.
- Julie Dasso was appointed the Chair by Marko. Julie will develop a charter and find a third person to be on the committee.
- We currently have one Trail Running leader (Jeremiah)

6:11 PM – ALPINE AMBASSADORS

- Marko attended the Alpine Ambassadors program in Ouray and gave a report.
- The program was a joint training with Colorado Mountain Club. Marko said it was a good experience overall, and a great opportunity for current or emerging leaders to hone their specific skills in climbing and to keep them interested in the club after graduating from Basic or Intermediate Climbing. He made note that to date Olympia has had 6 total Alpine Ambassadors. The individuals have given back to Olympia's climbing program in big ways, volunteering to lead trips, help run courses, and assist volunteers and students. Marko noted that it would be good to continue to have Olympians apply for the Alpine Ambassadors programs.

6:21 PM – LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FUND

- Marko noted that the application process for the Mountaineers Leadership Development Fund has changed slightly. For example, an application no longer needs branch endorsement. He is working with the Program Center staff to create a branch-oriented proposal that can work with the PC's program.
- More info about the Leadership Development Fund is here:
<https://www.mountaineers.org/about/vision-leadership/board-of-directors/committees/mountaineers-managing-committee/outdoor-leadership-committee/leadership-development-fund>
- Marko will develop a proposed policy or form for discussion

6:38 PM – POLICIES

- Many of the branch's committees have submitted and approved their updated policies including Basic Climbing, Sea Kayaking, Safety, MOFA, Service Award, Scrambling, and Conservation.
- Marko sent a revised version, including the updated committee charters and revisions to formatting, to the officers for their review. The officers should review and send any comments to Marko. The Branch Council will vote to approve the revisions at a next meeting.
- It was noted it was about time to starting thinking about nominations for the 2019/20 Branch Council positions. Bob will form a Nominating Committee.

6:54 PM – CAMP LEAVENWORTH

- Marko has been participating in the conference call meetings, which are still continuing.
- The next meetings are February 28, and then March 11/18.
- Marko would like to hand it off, if anyone else is interested in being a branch representative for this effort. Otherwise, it was noted that it was probably not necessary to be too involved at branch level, since it seems things are moving forward anyway.

7:05 PM – OFFICER REPORTS

- Marko
 - Reminded everyone that the Branch Council meeting/dinner with Tom Vogl is March 19.
 - Leadership Course needs to be passed on to someone else since Andy Weber and Amy Weber will no longer be running it. Only 4 people signed up this year.
 - Mike M will be added to the March Agenda to talk about Safety.
 - Marko would like Bob to join him at a next BLC meeting to introduce him to everyone.
- Dee Ann
 - Open House notes: Attendance for 2019 was up 30% from last year (198 attendees). The main promotion was via Facebook and word of mouth.
 - Dee Ann would like to make sure everyone knows about the blog about the website transition.
 - Dee Ann is scheduling a date to meet with the Communications Committee
 - Branching out is being reduced.
 - Feb 25 is the Super Volunteer Recognition event at Matchless Brewing.
 - Dee Ann wants to restart the photo contest.
- Kim
 - \$34,000 in course revenue as of end of Jan this FY.
 - Kim wants to touch base with Program Center to learn how branch reserves are separated from other funds.
- Greg Lovelady
 - The last Board of Directors meeting was Jan 17. The topics included:
 - Building a Culture of Philanthropy
 - 2019 Gala will be April 13. Jimmy Chin will be the speaker. The Gala is a principle revenue source for Mountaineers.
 - Mountaineers Books – \$250K shortfall. Maybe because no big books this past year.
 - Total membership is up to over 13,000 members

- Banff Mountain Film Festival was very popular. Seattle profited about \$77K. Olympia sold out.
- The Mountaineers have about 370 Super Volunteers
- Leadership Conference was well-attended.
- Jim French is the Mountaineers Service Award Winner
- Revisions to Child Protection Policies
- (Explorers Club in Olympia already \$2000K in revenue)
- E-Learning class – Protecting Public Lands 101. You get a badge for this online course.
- Overall contributions and net income overall down, maybe due to Mountaineers Books.
- Risk Management is active – purpose is to create a culture of continually looking at risk.
- New language was developed in the Problem Behavior policies.
- Building Fund – goal to increase funds to \$11 million by 2038.

FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

- Trail Running – Julie will develop a charter and find a third person to be on the TR committee
- Leadership Development Fund – Marko will work with Program Center staff on a branch-oriented proposal similar to the LDF
- Policy Manual – Officers will review the proposed revised Policy Manual draft and send comments to Marko.
- Nominating Committee – Bob will form.

8:00 PM – MEETING ADJOURNED