

## Olympia Branch Council, The Mountaineers

# Minutes

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**14 AUGUST 2019 / 1800 / Olympia Center**

### **ATTENDEES**

- Officers: Marko Pavela, Dee Ann Kline, Greg Lovelady, Doug Hansen
- Guests: None

Meeting called to order at 1811

**1812 – Approval of JULY minutes – All**

- All Approved via quorum 4 votes

**1810 – ELECTION UPDATE - MARKO**

- Email went out to everyone Aug 24th is the closure date.
  - Voting is at 140
    - All votes over 100 require payment for Survey Monkey

**1819 – BRANCH POLICY UPDATES - MARKO P.**

- Marko moved to approve the new policy effective August 14, 2019.
- All Approved via quorum 4 votes
  - Plus one from email so 5 total

**1824 – MEMORIALIZE BRANCH COUNCIL’S PREVIOUS INTENT FOR BRANCH RESERVES - GREG**

- Dedicating Oly Branch “Reserve Funds” To Clubhouse
- May 8, 2019 Council Meeting: Resolution adopted seeking to hold branch “reserve” funds as seed money for a possible Mountaineers’ clubhouse in Thurston County.
- “Moved that the monetary assets informally known as “Olympia Branch Reserve Funds” are hereby frozen and held to be used solely for planning and other purposes closely related to the creation of a clubhouse-meeting-and activity facility for The Mountaineers organization in Thurston County; except that any of these funds previously approved by the Olympia Branch Officer’s Council shall remain as formerly approved. It is further moved that this adopted motion shall be transmitted to The Mountaineers’ Executive Committee for concurrence.”
- It was noted that the resolution agrees with the organization’s policy supporting “Teaching and Gathering Places.”
- May 16, 2019 Board of Directors’ Meeting
- Greg discussed next steps for the above resolution with CEO Tom Vogl.
- To gain wider organizational approval, Tom asked that we discuss this with Treasurer Don Heck and Controller Barbara Sprecher.
  - August 7, 2019 Don Heck replies: Don had several thoughts, including:

- Our resolution has inherent merit per the organization’s Strategic Plan, Vision 2022.
- There are organization-wide implications which should be considered in a broader forum. In effect, our resolution is seeking consideration so Olympia can use its reserve funds and perhaps this consideration should be extended to other branches with a similar “teaching and gathering places” objective.
- Our branch treasurer should discuss the resolution at the August 26 Finance Committee meeting.
- We should review program center proposals from the Foothills and Everett Branches as they include details that we might find helpful.

#### HOW SHOULD WE PROCEED FROM HERE

- Marko will contact Mike Riley with regard to the August 26th 2019 finance committee meeting.
  - Will offer to whomever wins the Treasurer's election this meeting to represent the Branch
  - Possibly Greg Lovelady

#### 1837 – Officer’s Reports – All

- Marko - Olympia Leadership working on standards to get volunteers certified
  - There are 6 certifications are
    - Summer and Winter Scrambling
    - Single Pitch Trad and Multi Pitch Trad
    - Single pitch Sport and Top Rope climbing
  - Colorado Mtn Club, Mazamas, Appalachian Mountain Club, other mountain clubs in the USA
- Doug - Uploaded all previous months minutes to the website.
- Siana - None
- Bob - None
- Kim - None
- Dee Ann - Branch Picnic this year was a little lighter on the attendance
  - Paul Wiseman update on the 27th of August
    - Tom Vogl will be there
    - Bonnie Mills will play the Cello
    - There will be cake with Pual’s photo on it
    - Ribbon Cutting
  - Met with Maxine and Virginia on the banquet food
    - Tickets are almost live
  - Who to invite to our banquet
    - Board Chair will be formally invited (Lorna or Vic)
    - Becky Neilsen will be formally invited
    - Becca, Sarah, Kristina, Jeff, and Tom from PC
- Greg Lovelady - How to fill officer’s positions with Foothills Branch; gave some tips

1858 – Meeting Adjourned

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- Dee Ann will reserve the Branch Council meeting room for next year.
- Marko will contact Mike Riley with regard to the August 26th 2019 finance committee meeting.
  - Will offer to whomever wins the Treasurer's election this meeting to represent the Branch