

## Olympia Branch Council, The Mountaineers

# Minutes

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**11 SEPTEMBER 2019 / 1800 / Olympia Center**

### **ATTENDEES**

- Officers: Doug H., Marko P., Siana W., Greg L., Bob K.
- Guests: Maxine D., Neil K., Mike R.

Meeting called to order at 1808

TIME Introductions/Welcome Guests

1911 – Approval of September minutes – All

- ALL APPROVED

1809 – TRANSITION OF OFFICERS - MARKO

- We transition Officers on October 1st. Congratulations to incoming Chair-Elect Neal Kirby, incoming Treasurer Beth Peden, and incoming Social Co-Chairs Maxine Dunkelman and Virginia Haas; Thank you to outgoing Past Chair Siana Wong, outgoing Treasurer Kim Pohlman, and outgoing Social Chair Dee Ann Kline.

1909 – 2019-2020 BUDGET - MARKO

- Program Center is hosting video conferences re: the forthcoming and soon to be approved final budget. We will need to coordinate coverage from Olympia for these calls.
  - o Mike, Greg, Marko, and Bob will cover those Budget Meeting Calls

1901 – BANFF UPDATE - MIKE RIELLY

- Update
  - o Contract is being worked on
  - o Kickoff Event
    - We would really like to get a sponsorship from Sierra Nevada
  - o Communication is done through BANFF and the committee

1814 – ANNUAL BANQUET PLANNING - MAXINE

- Annual Banquet Planning
  - o RSVP is somewhat confusing
  - o 3rd party ticket issuance charges a fee to purchase a ticket
- Saint Martins is a done deal but will possibly look
- Number of free tickets
  - o 7 more or less

1823 – PICNIC DATE - MAXINE

- Mountaineers Picnic a Thursday in July will be picked

#### 1814 – MEET THE MOUNTAINEERS - MAXINE

- January 2nd, 2020???
- Maxine will see if we can move the date from the 2nd.
  - Can possibly move it to 6th or 7th.
- Also could possibly move the venue from Saint Martins

#### 1839 – COMMUNICATIONS - MARKO

- Elaine Kelly at the Program Center reports that the Olympia Mountaineers Facebook Page is out of date, including the listed contact, Elaine Fischer (I believe Ray and Maxine may have already fixed this). But Elaine K. also reports that “the web address (olympiamountaineers.org) goes to some strange website that advertises train tours and mountaineering gear” and we will likely want to address this as well.
  - THIS HAS BEEN FIXED
- Facebook.com
  - This is not being updated currently
- Proposed that each of the Facebook and other avenues should be updated by the each chair of the activities
- The Communications Committee
  - Dee Ann
    - Formed a committee for this
    - Doug will talk to Dee Ann about this to see where the committee stands

#### 1912 – Officer’s Reports – All

- Maxine - Future officer
  - Who will rent the Olympia Center Room 200
    - Marko says he will look into that
- Bob K. -
  - Climbing Chair is now Mike Rielly
  - Fall MOFA might be cancelled
  - Will attend this year’s Risk Management Conference NM
- Siana Wong -
  - Olympia Branch clubhouse
    - Olympia Branch paid 18k of rent for 2018
      - This could be a starting point for what to look for ...
- Doug Hansen - None
- Greg Lovelady - Board of Directors Meeting August 22nd, 2019
  - Committee and Staff reports:
  - Finance dir. Barbara Sprecher updated YTD, see graphs and tables in full report.
  - Devel. dir. Amber Carrigan updated YTD results and this year’s fund-raising plan
    - Sept. 28 is our big “Evening of Advocacy” event, M. Grigg’s home to raise
  - \$50k for new Advocacy Education Manager (conservation team); tix \$250
  - Youth Education Transportation Campaign to buy a van (\$14k)

- o Books Tom Helleberg updated the board on YTD results and upcoming fall titles.
- o Governance Committee Vik Sahney updated on nominations; BoD approved total number of at-large directors for fall election to be 10 and accepted slate of candidates as recommended by committee.
- o Litigation committee Tom V. (Executive session)
- o FY20 budget draft-next steps; final for approval 10/2019; Tom Vogl, Barbara Sprecher
  - Branches mostly doing their part to help with cutbacks
  - Mountaineer Books/publishing has a break-even plan
  - General plans are to:
    - Increase scholarships, conservation, and education budgets
    - Continue full support of donor & member engagement programs
    - Hold unfilled communications and operations manager positions
- o Membership & Communications
  - In the last 5 years, membership has grown following 10+ years of stagnation.
  - This is due to several efforts, including the improved website launched in 2014
  - Membership campaigns; BoD members may provide free trial memberships
  - Kristina C. now handles management of our magazine
- o Events
  - Oct. 10, Mountain Film Festival, Seattle Program Center
  - Dec., Banff Mountain Film Festival, Benaroya Hall
  - Dec. 7, Leadership Conference; 16 sessions; registration Sept. 16
- o Mountaineer Books
  - Next year will be its 60th anniversary; publishes ~ 30 new titles annually
    - Wow: Turn Around Time: A Walking Poem for the PNW by D. Guterson
- o Risk Management: With Bill Ashby's departure the committee is continuing only essential functions including reviewing/approving Global Adventures trips

1948 – Meeting Adjourned

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- Doug will send Dee Ann and email about the communications committee progress
  - o This has been done