

# Minutes

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**8 JANUARY 2020 / 1800 / Olympia Center**

## **ATTENDEES**

- Officers: Marko Pavela, Bob K., Neal Kirby, Virginia Haas, Doug Hansen, Greg Lovelady, Beth Peden
- Guests: Jennifer Fortin, Regina Robinson, Siana Wong, Mike Riley

Meeting called to order at 1803

1800 Introductions/Welcome Guests

1816 – Approval of DECEMBER minutes – All

- APPROVED by ALL

1803 – Proposal by Regina Robinson for starting Backpacking Gear Library - REGINA

- **Will send an electronic copy of rentals plans; ONLY looking for tents right now.**
  - o Looking at 1-4 Tents and would help with cleaning a repair of the tents
    - These would be donated tents from our members and would be borrowed/rented free of charge to folks in the Wilderness Backpacking course.
    - Regina would be the coordinator of the “rental” tents in the first year.
- Concerned about the number of graduates for the Wilderness backpacking course
  - o Thought it would be good to retain folks in the course if we could lend the tents.
- Eventually, there could be a full gear list for individual usage.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Neal Kirby will announce the above at the gear sale in Feb to see if we can get some tents, and then could have this in the e-blast by Regina Robinson

1816 – Club House Committee proposal - Siana Wong (see attachments) - SIANA

- Talked about the history of the Club House Committee and how it has come to be.
  - o Good for forward thinking and opportunities
  - o There is a FLEXIBLE 1 year time frame for this to fill out the committee and find possible “positions” on the committee
    - Updates will be adopted per suggestion by Marko and that we will update the language to say that we will have a yearly “review” of deliverables and a quarterly report given to the Branch Council by the new Club House Committee.
  - o Conversation about costs and all possibilities would be a part of what this committee does.
- Promotional piece
  - o How we can get this out to our club plus outsiders

- o An informational brochure for a Thurston County Mountaineers' Program Center was briefly discussed
- Objectives: See appendix
- **ACTION ITEM:** Marko will put the new charter in the Branch Policy and it will be voted on at the next Branch Council Meeting.

#### 1855 – Gear Sale planning - NEAL KIRBY

- Only 30 sellers will be allowed, and will need to be on the list, which will be checked to assure membership in the Mountaineers.
- Sellers whose names are on the official check in list will be allowed in at 5:30 pm. All unsold items need to be removed by 9:00 pm.
- Buyers and other shoppers cannot enter the sales area until 6:30 pm. Only sellers on the registration list will be allowed in before 6:00.
- All sales and purchases are cash transactions only. If sellers want to accept checks or transfer funds online using their own phones or a computer, that is between you and the buyers.
- There will be a donation can or box for sellers to contribute toward the cost of the room.
- 14 Spots left for sellers, and have 3 volunteers so far.

#### 1907 – Open House results - VIRGINIA

- About 100 folks that came in plus our volunteers
  - o Majority of folks heard about the Open House on our website
- 15% off coupon 12 people used the coupon code which goes through the 24th
  - o 73 total new logons for the Olympia Branch, half of them are actual memberships as of today going back to November.
- Will discuss the Worthington Center as a venue
  - o It was suggested to have it somewhere more affordable next year and also get a better date.
- Will look into some the new committee signage

#### 1918 – Banff results - MIKE RILEY

- Attendance (by percentage) Capacity is 750 seats in the theatre
  - o 88% Friday night
  - o 98% Saturday night
  - o 95% Sunday night (discount night for Mountaineers)
    - As a guide for how many 3 nights tickets about 350 were sold
- Comp'ed Tickets:
  - o 80 tickets comp'ed total for all 3 nights
    - Will have 2 more volunteers to help next year and will have 2 more comp'ed tickets for each night
- Road warrior from BANFF was impressed with turn out by Friday night and the demographic of folks who attend
- Advertising was done by Richard Kennedy (via personal email) and OFS and our E-blast.
- 80% of the BANFF films that were shown in BANFF proper were shown in Olympia.

- Revenues from last year to this year with the new night was roughly 5k with Friday included this year.

#### 1937 – Upcoming Club-wide Summits and Events - BOB K.

- Scrambling Summit reschedule ? Not sure yet, could be in Feb
- Branch Chair Feb 1
- Sea Kayaking Feb 1
- Safety Feb 2
- Snowshoeing Apr 25
- Hiking Jan 11
- Club-wide Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (Seattle) Jan 25
- Next Finance Committee Mtg Jan 27
- Branch picnic planning, July 23, Burfoot Park
- Climbing Summit Mar 8

#### 1938 – Update on Course Enrollments - BOB K.

- Tom Eckhout is concerned with Alpine Scrambling course; concern was the amount of folks he has signed up for his course thus far.
- Basic Climbing course is only at 28
- No MOFA for October this year which means that we are running a deficit (3k) starting the FY2020 (starts in October).
- More budget discussion was had about our 2021 budget

#### 1951 – Climbers Rendezvous update - BOB K.

- There are new climb leader badges and it's a work in progress
- The climbing summit will be on March 8

#### 1848 – Youth Activity Gift - BOB K.

- Had anonymous donor for \$2500 for the youth program

#### 1841 – Board of Directors Meeting - SIANA

- Large focus of the meeting was to talk about the financial stability of The Mountaineers.
  - Ran a deficit of 400k in 2019
  - Goal is trying to deliver a surplus budget in the next years to come
  - Concerns about the FY2020 budget
    - Had an exercise to see the most important things, they came to fiscal responsibility
  - Mountaineers Books
    - Presentation on their operations
  - Program center talk for Foothills and Everett Branches and projects
    - They are a bit of a stand still and the money to fund those projects is not there yet.
  - What does an Olympia PC look like???
    - Concerns were voiced about how we can raise the money for specifically the Olympia Branch

## 1906 – Officer reports - ALL

- Doug Hansen - Nothing
- Neal Kirby - Working on the nomination committee (4 people on the committee)
  - Will be having their first meeting the last 2 weeks in February
  - Will have it wrapped up by May
  - Suggestion by Greg to give the committee the pertinent information about the positions and the length of terms
  - Suggestions were made to advertise in the e-blast and the blog.
- Marko Pavela - Leadership will start later this month
  - Have 16 people enrolled
    - 4 prior takers of the course for auditing the course purposes
  - Intermediate Climbing is at 6 people
  - Available dates
- Beth Peden - Treasurer
  - Nothing more than what was discussed about the budget above in several conversations
- Virginia -
  - Distributed generic The Mountaineers business cards procured from VistaPrint
- Greg Lovelady -
  - Nothing

## 2005 – Meeting Adjourned

# Appendix

## **Dedicating Oly Branch “Reserve Funds” To Clubhouse**

1. **May 8, 2019 Council Meeting: Resolution adopted** seeking to hold branch “reserve” funds as seed money for a possible Mountaineers’ clubhouse in Thurston County.
  - a. *“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.”*
  - b. It was noted that the resolution agrees with the organization’s policy supporting “Teaching and Gathering Places.”
2. **May 16, 2019 Board of Director’s Meeting**
  - a. Greg discussed next steps for the above resolution with CEO Tom Vogl.
  - b. To gain wider organizational approval, Tom asked that we discuss this with Treasurer Don Heck and Controller Barbara Sprecher.
3. **August 7, 2019 Don Heck replies:** Don had several thoughts, including:
  - a. Our resolution has inherent merit per the organization’s Strategic Plan, Vision 2022.
  - b. 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.
  - c. Our branch treasurer should discuss the resolution at the August 26 Finance Committee meeting.
  - d. We should review program center proposals from the Foothills and Everett Branches as they include details that we might find helpful.

Changes in **RED** will be made per notes above per Marko before being voted on and entered into Branch Policy

**Olympia Clubhouse Committee Charter**  
Draft 12.13.2019

**General Statement and Purpose**

The Olympia Branch is nearly 1,000 members and growing. Currently, volunteers find a way to administer their courses, committee meetings, and social events in disperse locations within and outside of Olympia. In 2018, the Olympia Branch's Officers' Council voted to freeze the use of remaining branch reserve funds for the possibility of making investments toward a capital campaign project dedicated to the creation of a clubhouse.

The Clubhouse Committee is an ad hoc committee of Olympia Branch of The Mountaineers established with the purpose of assessing the feasibility of establishing an Olympia/Thurston County clubhouse. The goal is to assess opportunities for physical spaces in the South Puget Sound area where Mountaineers members can meet, learn, and socialize. The main objectives are:

1. Examine the existing and possible future uses of space to run Olympia's programs and events.
2. Conduct a rough feasibility assessment in attaining an Olympia clubhouse.
3. Explore potential opportunities for partnerships in procuring an Olympia clubhouse.
4. Suggest next steps, which may be "go" or "no go" on establishment of a clubhouse.
5. If the recommendation is "go," include a suggested timeline for implementation.

**References**

**Committee Membership**

The committee will consist of Olympia branch members who have some knowledge, skills, or background in operation of Mountaineers programs, fundraising, real estate, financial planning, or any other experience that may be valuable to the committee.

**Term of Service**

The targeted date of completion for this work will be one year. If the work is not completed in one year, the committee will re-evaluate and set new milestones for meeting objectives.

**Responsibilities**

1. The specific tasks and committee member assignments will be discussed and determined after the first committee meeting.
2. The committee will meet once/month to accomplish the targeted one-year timeline.
3. Upon completion, the committee will report back to the branch Officers' Council the findings and recommendations from its work.
4. Committee work will be accomplished by its members who will serve a minimum term of one year and ensure the committee's responsibilities are carried out.
  - a. Chair
    - i. Coordinate meetings, agendas and the work of the committee.
    - ii. Appoint committee membership including a vice chair and secretary after soliciting advice from branch officers and others.
  - b. Vice chair: assume the duties of the chair when needed.
  - c. Secretary
    - i. Be proficient in writing and notetaking.
    - ii. Maintain committee records, including meeting summaries.
    - iii. Before the next committee meeting, circulate a summary of the last committee meeting to committee members and other interested persons.
  - d. Other committee members to be appointed as needed.

**Authority**

This Clubhouse Committee derives its authority from the Olympia Branch Officers Council and is guided by The Mountaineers' Bylaws and the Olympia Branch's Rules and Policies.

## TENT AND GEAR RENTAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY REGINA ROBINSON

Backpacking tents can be very expensive to purchase and or to rent, which may be limiting the amount of folks who actually complete the Olympia Branch Backpacking Course. Most rental agencies are out of the Olympia area, making driving time and rentals a hassle for most folks wishing to complete our Backpacking course.

### **Plan:**

The Backpacking Course Equipment Rental Plan is to have 1-3 backpacking tents on hand and available for class members to utilize for the course.

### Rental –backpacking tents

- Backpacking tent: N/A till backpacking season (Tacoma)\*
  - \$ N/A\*No backpacking tents available for Fall/Winter renting in Tacoma
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### **\*\*Seattle tents are rented all year!**

#### **\*\*Quarter Dome, 3 1/2lbs – 2 person tents**

- Members: no deposit, first night rental \$30.00, + 5.00 each additional night (EAN)
- Non-members- deposit \$100, first night rental (FNR) \$45.00, + 8.00 (EAN)

#### **\*\*1/2 Dome, 5 lbs- 2 person tents**

- Members: No deposit, (FNR) \$ 25.00, 4.00 (EAN)
- Non Members, deposit 100, + (FNR) 38.00, + \$6.00 (EAN)

#### **\*\*Half Dome 4+, 7lbs 1oz- sleeps 4 people**

- Member: no deposit, (FNR) \$40.00, + 6.00 (EAN)
- Non Member: \$100 deposit, (FNR) \$60.00, + 9.00 (EAN)

### **Rental:**

Students can rent backpack tent on first come basis.

Students return tent after trip: swept out, dry, “cleaned” for storage, with any rips or tears addressed that need to be taken care of.

**Storage:** 1<sup>st</sup> year storage available at my house. Equipment available (depending on tent types) for all year rental.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> year storage depending on usage, time, etc may have to be relocated to Olympia Branch Storage Shed