

Olympia Branch Council, The Mountaineers

Minutes

12 FEBRUARY 2020 / 1800 / Olympia Center

ATTENDEES

- Officers: Maxine Dunkelman, Bob Keranen, Marko Pavela, Beth Peden, Neal Kirby, Doug Hansen, Virginia Haas, Greg Lovelady
- Guests: Dixie Havlack

Meeting called to order at 1800

1801 Introductions/Welcome Guests

1801 – Approval of JANUARY minutes – All

- ALL APPROVED

1944 – Follow-up on Action Items – All

- Marko will put the new charter in the Branch Policy and it will be voted on at the next Branch Council Meeting.
 - This does not need to be put into the Branch Policy manual because the policy manual affords the function to operate ad-hoc committees and the Clubhouse Committee would fall under that categorization.

1830 – Gear Sale Results - NEAL KIRBY

- Room was full and folks were pleased with the sale
- Got \$218 of donations to the club

1833 – Officer Election search Committee update - NEAL KIRBY

- DeeAnn is getting this in the eblast and blogs
- Got 4 folks on the nominating committee plus Neal Kirby as the leader of the committee
- Meet February 19th with the committee
 - There can only be 2 nominees per position
- March the nominations will be open
- April 20 is when nominations are done
- May 1 is when this will be wrapped up

1840 – Oly Super Volunteer Recognition night- Feb 25 - DOUG HANSEN/MARKO PAVELA

- That's for folks with at 15 or more volunteers recorded on the website plus 1 person extra they would like to bring

1846 – Summer Picnic Planning- July 23 - MAXINE D.

- Burfoot Park, July 23rd 5:30 PM

1855 – Adventure Speaker ideas and concerns - BOB by way of CAROLYN

- Several tears ago Carolyn Burreson revived this program and has turned it into a wonderful community event.
- Getting enough volunteers for setup and various other duties is an issue
- Twice in recent years another activity has been scheduled over the speaker series with in turn hurt the attendance.
- Equipment issues See Appendix
 - Trying to keep track of the computer/laptop and projector among other things

1850 – Proposed Oly Activity Summit - BOB K.

- Date Spring time thinking March time frame but will let us know soon
- Agenda
 - Greg suggested the clubhouse committee
 - Think of the next strategic plan

1907 – Future PC Staff Invitation - BOB K.

- Branch Leadership Committee Meeting
 - All the Branch Chairs
- If we want someone to come down from the Program Center, we can have them come down.

1909 – Volunteer Hours roll out - BOB K.

- This is new and to track hours on our website; they are writing a blog about this and will come out soon. You can track your hours that traditionally would NOT have been counted.

1916 – Current FY Budget concerns - BOB K.

- Potential Shortfall
 - MOFA was cancelled in October so we missed on that
 - Came up short on climbing students
 - Tom was short on scramblers as well
 - Might be behind about \$9,000.00
- Pricing Repercussions
 - Thoughts were thrown around that the pricing increases are the issue.
- Alternative Income Streams
 - Intense Basic Climbing Course could be done over 8 days
- Youth Programs in Seattle are putting a stress on their adult programs
- Greg suggestion about the reason of budget shortfalls
 - Current strategic plan
 - It calls for expansion and we are getting too big too fast

2017 – Upcoming summits - BOB K.

- Climbing Spring Summit Sunday March 8
- Navigation Summit (rescheduled) - ?

- Snowshoe Summit- April 25

TIME– Officer's Reports – All

- Doug - In capacity as the Leadership Recognition committee person, I'm stepping out for next year. Someone else needs to take over.
- Marko - Leadership Course was done well
 - Signups were high, thoughts were they were high because the course cost was only \$45 this year instead of \$75
 - Tom Vogl meeting March 2, 2020 at Mercato, will bring 3-4 board members who will be coming down to meet without Branch Council.
 - Past week went to Alpine Ambassadors trip in Canmore and thinking of a lot of ways to keep the energy rolling
 - Reached out to Carrolyn Burreson to share what the Alpine Ambassadors have shared within our club.
- Beth -
 - Financial committee meeting
 - Branch reserves Don Heck was talking about taking back the Branch Reserves
 - Getting Branches together earlier to go over the budget but that was not received well by Don Heck
 - PO Box and the Post Office
 - Setup the PO Box to not auto-renew
 - When calling Lacey Community Center we need to setup one account under The Olympia Mountaineers for renting rooms.
 - Beth will call and take care of that
- Virginia/Maxine -
 - Will procure a new banner signs for the Open House for Backcountry Skiing and also Leading on Bolted Routes
 - Worthington Center was reserved for January 7th, 2021(Thursday) for the Open House next year
- Greg - Directors report
 - Board of Directors meeting on January 16, 2020
 - Brief discussion on the Baker and Stevens lodge. They both have capital projects that are ongoing.
 - Working with the KETA Legacy Foundation and the rhododendron garden/area in the Shelton area
 - Ongoing legal issues with KETA and legacy donations
 - Welcomed the new board members
 - Done Heck will continue as the organizations treasurer
 - 9.28 million dollar budget that we approved will set us up to break even overall or come out ahead next year (this is counter to other discussions)
 - Leadership conference

- Neal -
 - Was the adventure speaker series presenter went well and was fun to present
 - Ben Brown program that was put on was great

Guest Reports

1801 – Olympia Youth program update - DIXIE

- There are a variety of things that they are trying to do.
 - Becky Nielsen says we have more hours serving children than Seattle.
- Things Dixie would like to from the Branch Council
 - Help out with the Youth Program and Volunteer
- Family Hiking and Adventures
 - 2 Picnics in 2019
 - 2 family hikes per month
 - Stewardship activities
- Pioneers 7-10 AND Explorers Club 10-13 MAC Highschoolers
 - Only had one MAC sign up but they connected them with Tacoma
- Family Climbing
 - YMCA during the week happens once a month
- Backpacking
 - They did not fill up the course in 2019, but they had a beginning backpacking trip
 - In 2020 there are efforts to try and plug the course. They will try to plug parents into the adult program instead
- Ski/Snowshoeing
 - Always trying to offer at least one of each and some sort of winter skills with Explorers
- Summer Camp
 - 2018 had one summer camp and 2019 had two summer camps
 - This year there are 4 summer camps and have 30 kids signed up already
- New for 2020
 - Having a youth volunteer training series
 - How to teach knives
 - Knots
 - Fire making skills
 - Family conditioning hiking series
 - Paul Kallman will be starting this
 - Jack Morrill is co-leading this effort
 - Donna and Carla will be doing a beginning hiking class
- Outreach
 - Shelton School Dist.
 - Tolmie Trip with at risk kids
 - Capitol Land Trust
 - Night Hike
 - South Sound Green Conference

- Middle Schoolers conference
 - 2 workshops this year
- o HOCCM
 - Children's Museum
 - Mini Mountaineers 2-5 year olds last year
 - Did one paid session with their pre-schoolers looking at seeds
 - Did another paid session for navigation
 - Also another paid session planned for a hike a McLane nature trail
- o HARK (Big Brothers and Big Sisters)
 - 2008 - 2014 will be revived in a modified form
 - Contracted with them to do 4 activities
- o City Programming
 - EKIP
 - Great American Campout
 - EKIP with City of Shelton
 - Five classes during spring break with City of Shelton
 - Brinnon Wilderness Skills workshop
- o Sea Cadets
 - 2 full days of Navigation workshop
- o YWCA
 - 3 programs planned and 3 more planned but working it out
 - At risk teens in programming
- o YMCA
 - Free use of climbing wall and meeting rooms in exchange for staff training on how to belay
- Volunteerism
 - o Primary Youth Volunteers
 - o Dedicated volunteers to specific programs
 - o All coordinate by Becky and Dixie
- Training Kits
 - o Navigation, fire, knots, animal encounters, art supplies, LNT, 10 essentials, clothing, Trees/seeds/plants, Take a hike, first aid
- Finances
 - o Dedicated donations needs to be directed to us
 - o Mountain Workshops fees and scholarships
- Figures

2017 – Meeting Adjourned

ACTION ITEMS

- None to note

