

Olympia Branch Council

Meeting Minutes – 3/10/2021

Teleconference

Attendees

Officers: *Neal Kirby, Bob Keranen, Dean Taylor, Mike Kretzler, Beth Peden, Virginia Haas, Scott Carlson*

Guests: *Monty Pratt, Greg Lovelady, Julia Earnest*

Agenda Items

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm

Approval of February 2021 minutes

- The February minutes were approved by all

Social Committee – Virginia Haas and Maxine Dunkelman

- Summer picnic – we are still thinking we may incorporate some of the fall banquet elements into the summer picnic. We hope to make a decision in April.

Course Fees and Budget Considerations – Bob Keranen

- Neal will work with Bob K. and Beth on these considerations.

PC Guidance on Carpooling – Neal Kirby

- The PC would like us, for now, to consider the trailhead as the start of an official Mountaineers trip. Leaders should refrain from arranging carpools.

Annual Mountaineers Gala – Neal Kirby

- This event is coming up in April and participants can sign up now. It is one of the club's largest fundraisers.

Branch Leadership Committee Voting Model – Neal Kirby

- Neal continues to work on pushing for keeping a consensus model in the Branch Leadership Meetings. He has received a great deal of feedback from Olympia branch members but little to none from the other branch chairs. He is hoping to get the ad hoc team to agree this is a good model.

Banff Mountain Film Festival

- Mike Riley is happy with the arrangements we've made for a virtual event. We will have a 50/50 split of the proceeds with the Olympia Film Society. Some films will be held aside in case we can hold an in-person event in the fall.

Activity Reports

Safety Chair

- Mike McIntosh would like to exit the safety chair position but will remain until a replacement is found. He would like to have his successor in place by November.

Wilderness Skills – Bob Keranen

- The committee is considering a May version of Wilderness Skills to help with the three intensive Climbing course tracks.

Hiking – Monty Pratt

- Donna Kreuger would like to exit the position of conditioning hiking chair.

Branch Officer Reports

Treasurer – Beth Peden

- The club as a whole is doing fairly well despite the pandemic. Mountaineers Books has taken off and people have been generous with their donations. The club has also secured two loans. The club is, however, showing a slight decline in new memberships.

Chair-Elect – Scott Carlson

- Scott would like to explore areas where he can contribute. As has been our long-standing custom, the incoming chair will lead the effort to gather candidates to fill next year's vacated board positions.

Past Chair – Bob Keranen

- There are five or so instructors that would like to try to put on a WFA course. There doesn't seem to be much interest in the Program Center's BASE medical program.

Director – Mike Kretzler

- The board of director's retreat is this coming weekend and the Mountaineers Gala is also coming up.

Secretary – Dean Taylor

- Is there a branch location for zoom recordings? The Program Center prefers to put recordings on YouTube, however their content is largely instructional where most of our content is recordings of virtual lectures. Some committees have created their own Google Drive or other cloud-based repositories for storing recorded lectures.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm