

Olympia Branch Council

Meeting Minutes – 8/11/2021

Teleconference

Attendees

Officers: *Neal Kirby, Dean Taylor, Mike Kretzler, Scott Carlson, Virginia Haas, Maxine Dunkelman*

Guests: *Katja Hurt*

Agenda Items

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Approval of July 2021 minutes

- The July minutes were approved by all

Nominations Committee – Scott Carlson

- The survey email that allows branch members to vote for the 2021 officers will be sent out by the Program Center the week of August 19th. There will be two weeks for voting. The Program Center will send the results back to the Olympia branch co-chair when the voting closes.
- Maxine Dunkelman and Virginia Haas are on the ballot for a one-year extension, but their role during that year will be limited. They will be covering the basics and the branch council will need to find a social chair who will be responsible for planning the 2022 banquet.

Wilderness Skills

- Jennifer Goodwin will complete her term as chair of the Wilderness Skills course in January 2022. The branch will begin the search for her successor.

Conditioning Hiking Series

- Steve Payne has accepted the role of Conditioning Hiking Series chair.

Communications – Dee Ann Kline

- Sent out blogs on Banff and the adventure speaker series

Social Committee – Maxine Dunkelman / Virginia Haas

- We had 70 attend out of 90 registrants. Some people reportedly stayed away because of the heat, a rise in Covid cases, and a few Covid exposures leading up to the event. We were double-booked on our

second shelter but we didn't end up needing it. We had twelve volunteers and several speakers, which all went well. Our guest speaker Nalini Nadkarni was terrific. Michelle Garcia was awarded the hike leader of the year award and Mandi Macumber was awarded the scramble leader of the year award. Mike Riley was presented with the branch service award. Total cost was \$2500 for food and \$80 for shelter reservations.

Activity Reports

None

Branch Officer Reports

Chair – Neal Kirby

- The branch council's September meeting is scheduled to take place at the Olympia Center. After some discussion we agreed continue with that plan but urge those that are non-vaccinated to attend remotely.

Director – Mike Kretzler

- Mike will reflect the recent leadership changes on the branch webpage.

Social Chair – Virginia Haas

- Updating “Courses at a Glance” so we'll have something to put on the table at Banff.

Secretary – Dean Taylor

- The Olympia Board Policy Manual and the Olympia Branch Rules document differ on the election year for Social Chair. Since Maxine and Virginia are extending their term for one more year we are expecting to transition the Social Chair election to even years and elect a new chair in 2022.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 6:37pm