

Olympia Branch Council

Meeting Minutes – 10/13/2021

Teleconference

Attendees

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

Guests: *Katja Hurt, Donna Kreuger, Paul Kallman, Julie Dasso*

Agenda Items

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm

Approval of September 2021 minutes

- The September minutes were approved by all.

2021 Super Volunteers / Volunteer Recognition Plans

- Sara Ramsay has provided a list of the Olympia Branch super volunteers. The threshold for recognition is 150 hours. Scott will send the list to the committee chairs for verification. We have also received information on how the Program Center has decided to conduct the volunteer recognition program for the 2021-22 term.

Wilderness Skills Chair

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

Leadership Conferences

- There will be two smaller in-person leadership conferences this fall—one in November and one in December.
- [Mountaineers Leadership Conference – Tacoma](#)
- [Mountaineers Leadership Conference - Seattle](#)

Activity Reports

Conditioning Hiking Series – Donna Krueger

- Effective November 1, Steve Payne will assume the position of Conditioning Hiking Series chair.

Climbing Division – Julie Dasso

- Julie will represent our branch at the October 31 climbing summit.

Basic Climbing – Julie Dasso

- The Olympia basic climbing course, which now requires an application, opened today. A COVID-19 vaccination will be required for all indoor activities. The annual basic climbing potluck is coming up, where she will be recognizing graduates and volunteers.

Alpine Scrambling – Paul Kallman

- The scrambling field trips will be held a little later than usual in 2022 due to Mt. Rainier permit availability. A COVID-19 vaccination will be required for all indoor activities. Some students are experiencing trouble finding a first aid course due to limited availability.

Leadership – Katja Hurt

- The course will be held virtually. Katja is hoping to hold the course twice this winter. She expects to have dates finalized soon.

Branch Officer Reports

Treasurer – Beth Peden

- Beth provided the most recent branch financial report, with numbers through the end of August. The volunteer recognition program for the 2020-21 term has concluded, giving us a better picture of how we will be ended the fiscal year.

Director – Mike Kretzler

- The next board meeting is in about a week. Recently attended a Zoom discussion on the budget. It looks solid, is conservative, and there is a recovery aspect to it. Fundraising and Books are doing real well.

- [Mountaineers Board Elections](#)

Chair – Scott Carlson

- The Olympia Branch Council November meeting will be virtual. We will re-evaluate the possible return to an in-person meeting on a monthly basis.

Past Chair – Neil Kirby

- The Branch Leadership Committee has largely dismissed the consensus model.

Social Chair – Virginia Haas / Maxine Dunkelman

- Committees are encouraged to compile their 2022 information in preparation for the January Open House and upcoming Adventure Speaker Series.
- There are now two potential speakers willing to speak at next year's banquet.

Secretary – Dean Taylor

- I will prepare a proposal, to be reviewed at the November meeting, on how we can make the Board Policy Manual and Branch Rules document match each other with respect to our new social chair election cadence.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:09pm