

Olympia Branch Council

Meeting Minutes – 11/10/2021

Teleconference

Attendees

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

Guests: *Bob Keranen, Greg Lovelady, Paul Kallman, Julie Dasso, Dee Ann Kline*

Agenda Items

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm

Approval of October 2021 minutes

- The October minutes were approved by all.

2021 Super Volunteers / Volunteer Recognition Plans

- The Olympia branch submitted its final list of super volunteers to the Program Center on 10/31. The threshold for recognition this year was 150 hours, where in previous years it was based on the number of volunteer activities. Volunteer hours can be entered on activities before they are closed and in an area of a person's Mountaineers profile.

Open House Update – Virginia Haas

- Virginia sent an email survey to see who was comfortable with an in-person event and 90% said yes. St. Martins is available to us on Thursday, January 6. She will work with Dee Ann on marketing the event. We will need to check vaccination cards at the door and follow whatever requirements are necessary. The board is in favor of moving forward with an in-person event on January 6.

Adventure Speaker Series – Scott Carlson

- Carolyn Bureson is seeking 2-4 greeters at the door to check vaccination cards for entry.

Branch Policy and Rules Manuals Update – Dean Taylor

- Dean will form a subcommittee with Greg Lovelady to discuss proposed changes to the Branch Policy manual and Branch Rules document so that they match each other with regard to the name of the social chair position and which year to hold elections for the social chair.

Activity Reports

Alpine Scrambling – Paul Kallman

- Instructor cookie night is scheduled. There was a scrambling summit last weekend. Classes will be in person this coming year, requiring a COVID vaccination.

Basic Climbing – Julie Dasso

- The Olympia basic climbing course is ready to go. All applications have been received and there are a few students on the wait list. The instructor reviews are scheduled for January. The 2020/2021 celebration is this weekend at Priest Point park. The fall climbing summit (across branches) occurred recently and went very well.

Branch Officer Reports

Treasurer – Beth Peden

- Beth sent out the year-end financial report for 2021. We had budgeted to be down \$9700 and we were down \$12,000. Most of difference was attributed to a reduction in course fees.

Director – Mike Kretzler

- Year-end budget numbers showed a better-than-forecast year for the club. Books was once again a high performer and so was youth programs. The budget for the coming year is similar to the year we just completed. It is expected to be another rebuilding year.
- There is new club-wide guidance that involves checking vaccination status for indoor events.
- This Saturday is the club board retreat, which will occur on Zoom. Strategic planning will be one of the top topics.

Chair – Scott Carlson

- The board decided to meet virtually in December and in-person at the Olympia Community Center in January.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm