

Olympia Branch Council

Meeting Minutes – 4/13/2022

Zoom Call

Attendees

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

Guests: Bob Keranen, Tom Eckhout, Jim French, Julie Dasso, Karen Pyle, Ruth Russell, Will Greenough, Mike Riley

Agenda Items

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

Approval of March 2022 minutes

- The March minutes were approved by all.

Conservation – Jim French

- An Olympic National Forest group studying sustainable recreation has asked the Olympia Mountaineers for help with their study group and to spread their message. They have a five-page survey they would like to give our members so they can collect data to help guide their program. They would also like to make a presentation to our members, hoping we would be willing to rent the Friends Meeting House on May 4 (5-10 pm) to give them a space to solicit feedback from our members. This would not be a multi-year commitment. The Olympia branch conservation committee is in favor of this. The branch council agreed to make arrangements for this presentation on May 4.
- Jim is also asking for help with stewardship on the Mt. Rose trail. Julie would like to coordinate stewardship opportunities for climbing students and will work with Jim on this.

Summer Picnic and/or Fall Banquet – Virginia Haas

- Mike Riley and Mike Kretzler are currently working on the fall banquet. Maxine and Virginia will be available to help with questions and suggestions as needed. Mike Endres has agreed to be our speaker at the fall banquet/awards ceremony on Saturday, October 15. We will also have a summer picnic. The board approved \$1000 for our speaker with the understanding that he will pay his own expenses. The board agreed that there will be no fee for this year's summer picnic.

Fall Banquet / Award Ceremony – Mike Riley

- Mike Riley and Mike Kretzler are defining the tasks necessary to hold the banquet with the idea that these tasks could be assigned to different people. Once these tasks are defined they will begin their outreach.
- Chair-elect Janette Zumbo will lead the search for the new Social Chair. The banquet committee stated that the responsibility of the banquet will not fall on the incoming Social Chair.

Activity Reports

MOFA – Bob Keranen

- We are on track to hold two WFA courses. There are currently 15 students signed up in one course and 9 in another. Three instructors are in the process of becoming BASE Medical certified. Bob does hope to hold a MOFA Refresher course later this year.

Navigation – Mike Kretzler

- There is a full class this year. Students are halfway through the map and compass portion of the course. The course will conclude the first week of May.

Sea Kayaking – Will Greenough

- Both classes are full with wait lists. The initial lecture will be in person at the Friends House. A trip leader's retreat has been scheduled to re-energize support for leading trips.

Climbing – Julie Dasso

- Basic Climbing has concluded the snow portion of the course and will now begin the rock portion. The course is in need of volunteer instructors. We plan on having a backup snow overnight weekend next year. We have submitted our lottery dates for Paradise for next year.
- The Bolts and Trad course will be posted later this summer and will support the normal (pre-COVID) amount of students.
- Intermediate Climbing also has a full contingent of students this year.

Nordic Skiing – Tom Eckhout / Karen Pyle

- There were 15 students this year. Karen will be taking over the course chair position from Tom Eckhout this coming winter.

Snowshoeing – Tom Eckhout / Ruth Russell

- There were 30 students this year. Ruth will be taking over the course chair position from Tom Eckhout this coming winter.

Treasurer's Report – Beth Peden

- Hiking and backpacking is \$2900 behind budget. We expect the Conditioning Hiking Course to increase their numbers.
- Climbing revenue is down \$4500 largely because this year's class size is 24 instead of 32+ students.
- Navigation has 65 students at \$100 per student, which will not reach the budgeted \$8500 revenue.

Branch Officer Reports

Chair – Scott Carlson

- We will meet in person in May (11th) at the Olympia Community Center.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm