

Olympia Branch Council

Meeting Minutes – 8/10/2022

Zoom Teleconference

Attendees

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

Guests: Greg Lovelady, Mike Riley, Julie Dasso, Dee Ann Kline, Becky Daughtry

Agenda Items

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm

Approval of July 2022 minutes

- The July minutes were approved by all.

Branch Elections – Janette Zumbo

- We have worked successfully with the Program Center on a test ballot and are ready to continue with the election. The ballots will be sent out August 15 and the election will conclude August 30.

Summer Picnic Recap – Maxine Dunkleman (via email)

- The Olympia branch paid for the picnic. About 15 of the 60 people that RSVP'd were no-shows. Maxine believes charging a small amount would have helped people to remember to come, or cancel early, then she could have lowered the food order. The Salvation Army was extremely happy with the leftovers. Thanks to all of the volunteers that helped, including the five or so folks who served food and acted as hosts, as well as Mike Riley who was the event's librarian.

Social and Awards Ceremony – Mike Kretzler and Mike Riley

- The event will take place Saturday, October 15 at St. Martin's Worthington Center. Cost is \$20 per person (general admission), but all course graduates and award recipients have an option to sign up for free. The branch calendar on the website has an [event that allows sign-ups](#).

Climbing Program 2022-23 Planning – Julie Dasso

- Julie is working on developing climb leaders. How would we go about sponsoring climb leader course requirements for leaders, like AIARE 1? Beth stated that we have branch money budgeted for volunteer recognition that could be used for leader development. Julie would like to begin by offering

AIARE 1 to qualified students, i.e. Intermediate Climbing students who are aspiring leaders. Julie will provide a cost proposal to the branch council for our next meeting.

- Julie would like to incorporate/show the dates of one or more Wilderness First Aid courses in the Basic Climbing course listing. That way, when students are accepted and offered a spot in Basic Climbing they have the First Aid dates in front of them and can commit to a course with guaranteed seats.

Alpine Scrambling – Paul Kallman

- Paul has arranged a planning meeting for next year's course on August 18. He is working with climbing on sharing a facility for the course's first field trip. He is planning on providing more organization to the conditioner offerings next year.

Basic Climbing – Julie Dasso

- The 2023 climbing course is posted and Julie has also secured several instructors and field trip leaders. Six 2022 students have already graduated and three second-year students have also graduated. The 2023 course will have in-person lectures at Lacey Community Center, but it will still retain the on-line Google classroom component. There is a two-week application period for course participants and the course size will stay at 24. All field trips will be local this coming year.

Navigation – Mike Kretzler

- Mike will be asking for more help with the administrative work associated with next year's course.

Naturalists – Dee Ann Kline

- The Olympia naturalist group is now its own committee, rather than a subcommittee of hiking. They now have their own button for “Naturalists” on the website, rather than “Explore Nature.”

Director – Mike Kretzler

- Mike will not be able to attend the next director's meeting on August 18. Janette will be near the Program Center that day and may be able to attend in Mike's absence.

Communications Chair – Dee Ann Kline

- Dee Ann currently writes all of the blog entries for Olympia. All published blogs are dated and the Program Center publishes a large amount of blogs about a variety of topics, some of which are pushed to all branch home pages, which bumps the Olympia blog entries down on the home page “ribbon.” Dee Ann has the ability to contact the Program Center and refresh important Olympia blog entries to push them back to the top of our home page “ribbon” when needed.

Treasurer – Beth Peden

- Beth has asked the Program Center to remove the Youth Program numbers off the P&L financial reports and is hopeful they will comply with this request soon since this is not a branch expense and greatly distorts our P&L numbers.

Secretary – Dean Taylor

- Our next meeting will be in person at the Olympia Community Center on September 14.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm