

Olympia Branch Council

Meeting Minutes – 03/08/2023

In person & virtual zoom

Attendees

Officers: Janette Zumbo, Becky Daughtry, Beth Peden, Mike Kretzler, Scott Carlson, Elizabeth Spaulding
Guests: Bob Keranen, Donna Kreuger, Nancy Lloyd, Ruth Russell

Agenda Items

Meeting called to order at 6:07 PM

Last month's February minutes approved.

Agenda Review /Norms Review/Call for additional Items: Janette Zumbo

No additions to the agenda- no questions about the norms

1. Stick to the agenda
2. Be open to ideas
3. Address ideas not people
4. One speaker at a time
5. No side chatter
6. Okay to disagree, not okay to be disagreeable,
7. Respect each other's time

Activity chair report (for chairs in attendance)

Hiking & Backpacking: Donna Kreuger

Amazing increase from 3 to 64 Olympia Branch hikes posted on the Mountaineer website. February 21st, a class for new leaders was offered and there are 6-8 applications for new hike leaders. We are offering an Introduction to hiking class in April. Feels like a reactivation of interest in support!

Navigation: Mike Kretzler

50-55 students signed up. Field days are May 6 & 7th. Good for volunteers except the field days. If you are unable to sign up to volunteer because your Navigation badge is expired contact Mike. Past badge holders may take the online course and help on a field day to renew their badge.

First Aid committee: Bob Keranen

April 2nd WFA being offered and instructed by Bob and Steven Kollar. Registration is full with 16 on the waitlist. Course is structured using Base Medical and the course needs a separate CPR badge for functionality. Plans to offer a second course in a couple of months and eventually relaunch MOFA.

Snowshoe: Ruth Russel

Debrief of Snowshoe course this year. Overall went well and received good feedback. But a few lessons learned. The way the course was structured with the timing of it being posted and the cost of

the course, it filled quickly with students from other branches. The students liked the way the groups were ranked in a non-hierarchical way. The Zoom meeting was too long. There were lots of last-minute cancellations and students wanting to go on the field trips without attending the classes. The Base Camp link for the Avalanche presentation is a good resource and recommend adding low impact badge as a curriculum next year.

Officer reports and updates

Chair Report: Jannette Zumbo

Activity Chair feedback debrief (areas where activity chairs would like support)

- Branch leadership succession planning, how does that process work?
- Calendar updates and alignment across all events and programs
- Advertising for courses- family programs and backpacking
- Onboarding branch council members
- Aligning events and programs such as having the open house earlier before courses are full
- Positive communication to students about other courses-supporting each other's programs

Lincoln elementary is requesting donations: Suggestion to ask Dixie and clarify what kind of support they are requesting.

Intermediate climbing update: Marco Pavela has announced his intention to step down as Intermediate Chair next year and has recruited Doug Hanson as his successor. This received full support of the Board.

Treasurer's Report: Beth Peden

Now attending monthly club wide treasurer meetings. Will hold a virtual budget workshop for activity and course chairs to educate about the budget planning process. Budgets are released in May and budget plans are due in June. Beth does not currently intend to run for reelection in the Fall. The chair elect needs to begin recruitment for the next election.

Secretary Report: Becky Daughtry

Open to suggestions to align communication. Feel free to email specific information as you want it to appear in the minutes to ensure accuracy for your updates. Minutes are current and posted to the website. The Olympia Branch Event Calendar needs to be kept up to date to avoid double booking. The Google calendar is no longer being used.

The Olympia Branch Zoom account can accommodate only one meeting at a time. The Program Center has other Zoom accounts for use if needed. The Board recommended changing the password so only the Olympia Branch Secretary has access. Please email the Branch Secretary to schedule use of the Olympia Zoom link.

Social Chair Report: Elizabeth Spaulding

Seeking calendaring dates for the open house next year. Discussed pros and cons of moving the date of the open house to the Fall to align course and program openings. Will check back with options.

Board Meeting update: Mike Kretzler

Board retreat is this Saturday. The agenda includes Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and finalizing the strategic plan.

Future Meetings:

April 12, 2023 Zoom option only (rotating in person and on-line every other month until further notice.)

Reminder – eBlast submissions are due on the 15th of each month.

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Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm