

Olympia Branch Council

Meeting Minutes – 09/13/2023

In-person Olympia Center

Attendees

Officers: Janette Zumbo, Becky Daughtry, Beth Peden, Scott Carlson
Guests: Bob Keranen, Carla Jonientz, Becky Andrade, Claire Edwards (on Zoom)

Agenda Items

Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM

Last month's August 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

Other business:

- Last meeting for Beth and Scott who have served their term- The board extends gratitude and recognition for your service to the club.
- What is a Quorum for voting on a decision at the board meeting? Sounds like it would be four people.
- From the PC: Claire Edwards

At the end of the month, the Olympia Youth Mountaineers will be participating in the Nisqually Watershed Festival on September 30th and would love your help. While we are setting up a youth booth with a youth activity, there will be lots of opportunity to talk about all the wonderful things that the Olympia branch is up to. The festival is from 10-4. If anyone would be interested in coming for an hour or two to talk about The Olympia branch of The Mountaineers, this would be a great opportunity for some outreach. Feel free to share this information/ my email to anyone you think would be interested.

Three Olympia Youth Clubs launched! Reaching out to see if there are any other clubs, groups or organizations interested in youth programming.

Please contact Claire Edwards, Olympia Youth Program Associate Manager; clairee@mountaineers.org
206-521-6044

Activity chair report (for chairs in attendance)

Olympia Naturalist Committee: Becky Andrede & Carla Jonientz

- This is now separate from the hiking & backpacking group. They do not have a separate budget but are included under the umbrella of the hiking budget. They would like the committee to be its own entity and are working to expand their offerings.

First Aid Committee: Bob Keranen

Bob has been working to figure out scheduling for First Aid classes:

- Oct 16- informational event to solicit volunteer helpers for those interested in becoming certified instructors for WFA/WFR or MOFA. The projected November MOFA class will be dependent on how much interest we can drum up for new First Aiders.
- Oct 28- on line WFA class for 10 students. Either New WFA students or Recertification.
- Oct 28/29- on line WFR recertification class for 10 students.
- Nov 4/5- in person WFA portion of MOFA class. 10 students each day.
- Nov 11/12- Final weekend of MOFA in person class, 20 students.

Both Paul and Julie have expressed interest in integrating a WFA class into the Spring schedule for Climbing and Scrambling. I believe we will be able to accommodate this request- dependent upon actually filling up the rosters with enough students and having Base Medical Certified Instructors available.

Officer reports and updates

Chairman: Janette Zumbo

Director: Janette for Mike Kretzler

Mike is unable to attend this meeting. He is hiking a modest stretch of the PCT next week. (have fun!) Included are notes from the Aug 17 board meeting:

- The financial situation is stable and near estimates and last year's levels. The club received the employee retention grant mentioned earlier (\$400k? the amount wasn't reported). An unexpected expense of \$150k for the water system at Baker Lodge appeared. (The lodge gets its water from the ski resort, so this is our part of a necessary upgrade.)
- Books is still showing strong sales, but margins are still below target, mostly due to higher transportation costs. They have nine new titles for the fall. Freedom 10 will release next fall and goes to the printer in April.
- Five At Large board members were nominated and are listed in your ballots. Be sure to vote!
- A change to the membership fees was presented, the first since 2006. Modest increases across the board to be announced soon.
- The board approved a \$15k expense to paint the Stevens Lodge, using lodge reserves.
- The Risk Management Committee chair presented an analysis of the club's insurance coverage, which started a brief discussion of coverage levels. The RMC chair also presented a draft club risk statement, introducing it for a future discussion.

- The 2024 Budget is under development and will be the subject of a Zoom "deep dive" on Oct 10. This is open to new directors and to branch chairs and treasurers. Those folks should be notified before the date.

Mike reports: It's been my honor to represent the branch on the board of directors. I know that Mike (assuming he received the most--or any--votes) will do a great job- Mike Kretzler

The board extends gratitude and recognition of Mike's service to the club. Thank you!

Social Chairman: Elizabeth Spaulding

We have two major Olympia Branch events occurring in October, and it is time to begin coordinating. Please read the full email below and let me know what questions you have. I will be in touch with additional information as we get closer to each of the events. Thank you!

The Olympia Branch Open House will be held on **Thursday, October 5th, from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.** at the Saint Martin's Worthington Conference Center.

- Course Chairs and Program Leads, please let me know who from each program will be staffing your tables. Attached is the staffing plan from last year for reference. Updates need to be sent to me by Monday, September 25th.
- This year we are requesting that all program and course flyers be evergreen by removing specific years and dates. This is intended to provide program flexibility, reduce waste, and lower our printing costs. Please send me an updated flyer no later than Monday, September 25th for printing. If I do not receive your flyer by the deadline, you will be responsible for coordinating your own printing. The Mountaineers have an account at Olympia Copy & Printing that you may charge to.
- Attached for your distribution is the event flyer. Please share out with your networks!

The Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony will be held on **Saturday, October 21, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**, also at the Worthington Conference Center.

- Course leads, please provide a list of course graduates to include in the program and awards ceremony by Monday, October 9th.
- As a reminder, course graduates are able to attend for free, but must register in advance. Please encourage your course graduates to RSVP early so that we can ensure there is space for everyone.
- For those of you who support service awards and other types of recognition, please reach out to me and let me know what I can do to ensure we have these things included in our program as well.

Moving forward, only the climbing, scrambling and kayaking graduates may attend for free. Unsure of the status this year due to communication roll out.

Business at the end:

Mandi Maycumber, the incoming Chair has changed the meeting to Tuesdays.

Future Meetings:

October 10th, 2023, virtual zoom (note the change to Tuesday nights)
(Rotating in person and virtual every other month until further notice)

Reminder – eBlast submissions are due on the 15th of each month.
(ReginaEblastolympiamountaineers@hotmail.com)

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM