

Olympia Branch Council

Meeting Minutes – 12/12/2023

Zoom Conference

Attendees

Officers: Mandi Maycumber, Mike Riley, Dean Taylor, Jeremy Hogan

Guests: Dixie Havlak

Agenda Items

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

- Norms Review – Mandi Maycumber
 - Stick to the agenda
 - Be open to ideas
 - Address ideas not people
 - One speaker at a time
 - No side chatter
 - Okay to disagree, not okay to be disagreeable
 - Respect each other's time
- Approval of November 2023 minutes
 - The November 2023 minutes were approved by all.
- Volunteer Recognition Updates – Mandi Maycumber
 - Mandi has distributed the thirteen \$25 gift cards to the committee chairs to pass out at their own discretion.
 - We will continue to look at other volunteer gift items (Nalgene, Buff, etc.) that we can buy in bulk and use the Olympia Mountaineers logo.
- Change.org Petition – Mandi Maycumber

- The board discussed the petition and will await an official statement from the Program Center.
- Course Date Coordination Proposal – Mandi Maycumber
 - Recent years have seen a drop in coordination among the branch activities with regard to scheduled lecture and field trip dates, causing courses to overlap in some cases.
 - Mike Kretzler proposed that the Chair-Elect be responsible for pulling together the chairs of all the courses planned for the following year, so they coordinate dates for course workshops, field trips, and activities. This work would be most appropriately done in August-September, before taking over as chair, and also would provide the incoming Chair a good introduction to the breadth of the volunteer base.
 - Although this unofficial role has not been maintained in recent years, it has been fulfilled successfully for many years before that by the climbing community.
 - The board agreed that this proposal makes sense and will look into the possibility of making this role official by memorializing it in the Olympia Branch Policy Manual.
- Treasurer Updates – Jeremy Hogan
 - The board is beginning to consider speakers for the October 2024 awards banquet and will review our event budget in an effort to determine a speaker fee allowance.
- Youth/Family Programs – Dixie Havlak
 - Program Center staff member Claire Edwards has taken Becky Nielson's place helping to coordinate our youth programs with Dixie. Many mountaineer workshops are planned in coordination with community groups like YWCA.
 - There are several age groups for club activities but currently only the Junior MAC Club is happening, with kids ages 9-13. Family hikes typically target ages 5+. There were several day and sleepover camps this summer. We try to have 2-3 family hikes each month and are planning a solstice bonfire event in December. Family social events are typically held each quarter. Family climbing events are scheduled regularly.
 - Members can help by volunteering or by simply referring families to the programs. A yearly planning meeting will be held January 9.
- Conditioning Hiking – Donna Kreuger (via email)
 - Mike McIntosh and Terry Pressly have agreed to co-chair the 2024 program.
- Secretary – Dean Taylor

- Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 9 @ 6pm in person at the Olympia Center, room 200.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm