**Agenda – January 16th, 2014, 7 pm**

Present were P Hendrickson, T Williams, B Deters, Heidi A Smart, D Shema, Kent Small (Bellingham as observer), Eivind Sleveland, Eldon Ball , Cindy Hoover,

Approve November 21, 2013 Minutes – Motion Bill Deters, Anne Smart. Passed.

Announcements –

* Volunteer Dinner, Feb 1st. Sign up and show up, or just show up
* Nominations for Seattle Branch Volunteer of the Year. Timmy will post a request for nominations from activity chairs for persons to be honored at the volunteer recognition dinner February 1. Timmy volunteered to screen and select an honoree. Building Committee volunteers were mentioned, e.g. John Olson. Also mentioned Greg Testa (Navigation and others), Joe Toynbee Midweek Hikes (and many others over some time).
* Meet the Mountaineers, Feb 12th. Sign up with committee.
* New Volunteer Position and Focus Survey responses have slowed.

Old Business –

* Friction Slabs – Timmy: Bash on January 31, 6pm (Friday) to test the test slabs in the basement to get the angles right. Will also test texture—bumps and such. Food and drink will be available.
* Outside Lights – Cindy/Eivind: Building committee meeting approaches for moving the project forward. Some rough estimates were made about costs to improve outside lighting ~$2,000. Will continue an investigation to develop a more detailed proposal.
* Volunteer Development Coordinator – Timmy: Position is posted. Noted that not all branches voted in favor.
* Snohomish Co. Rescue Team Funding – Timmy: Vote to approve was positive but transfer of funds ($1500) to another organization did not fit regulations for a 501(c) 3. Transfer will not be made.
* New monthly email – Top 3 activities…now 5 from Seattle. Considerable discussion about how choices are made to feature the few from among the many club-wide activities. Some activities that may be under-subscribed expressed the need for more marketing support. Dave Shema sends items from Seattle Branch to club editor.

New Business –

* Testing of Tech 2.0 is imminent. Some components are not funded and there may be additional requests for a possible Tech 2.1.

**Committee Reports & Announcements**

Seattle Branch Chair – Timmy Williams. See above.

BoD Rep – Bill Deters reported that youth activities were a focus at most recent meeting.

Safety Officer – Janine Burkhardt (Dave Shema) reported that fresh requests will be made for reports. Report extracts will go to the safety committee each month. Reports—trip participation surveys-- flagged with “Safety Concern” will go to the committee.

Treasurer – John Jecker presented the financial report. Revenues year to date are $197,133 (budget $97,831) or $31,302 surplus. Expenses are $41,287 (budget $42,672) or $1385 under budget. Net for the current Fiscal Year as of 30 January 2014 is $32,687 or 59% ahead of projected. John noted that the volunteer coordinator is posted, so actual net is closer to $20K. John forecast an ending balance of $268,430 as retained earnings September 30, 2014 (close of the Fiscal Year). Current balance is $227,196.

Branch membership trend line over the past four years is slightly negative, 6500 January 2010 compared to about 6425 at present.

Secretary –Peter reported that Jeff put together new name cards.

Alpine Scrambling – Steve Russell/Jerry Lockwood/Mary Panza –no report.

Backpacking – Mary Rohlman—no report.

Climbing – Dave Shema reported that the basic course starts this month and intermediate is underway. Crag Climbing is also underway. They will sponsor two more Global Adventure (GA) trips, Red Rock and Joshua Tree. Past trips have all filled. The GA trips are similar to those from any elite outfitter, he said. Trip leader expenses are covered with abundant planning undertaken.

Dance – Eivind Sleveland—see below.

Family Activities – Becca Polglase—no report.

Folk Dance—Eivind Sleveland is in January distress with Magnusson Park changes in management to bring property more in line with broad Seattle City Parks standards. No rooms are available for many of the dates wished—now moved from Tuesday to Thursday, a break in decades of practice. Moving to Kirkland on 28 January—but looks like 80% of current members may not go to Kirkland. And funds in the Folk Dance account will not move to the Mountaineers if the activity ceases, he said. A contingency plan is under consideration. It would take $89K to put in a hard wood floor and fix the acoustics at the Program Center—an unlikely expenditure.

First Aid – Miles McDonough/Mary Panza—no report.

Hiking – Heidi Walker reported they are looking for volunteers and working with the Foothills group and others. They are developing leader expectations in common with Foothills. Enrollments look OK. Discussed proposed Foothills navigation class (more than current Introduction to Map & Compass but less than the Basic Navigation Course) with city streets as a practice venue.

Leadership – Lawrence Landauer/Mike Sweeney—no report.

Meet the Mountaineers—Tess Wendel—no report. Next session is February 12, 6 to 8:30 pm.

Midweek Hikes –Ed Lewin reported “doing our thing” with good participation. Noted that many of the hikes posted are good hikes.

Naturalists – Kay English—no report.

Navigation – Peter Hendrickson reported further difficulties have come to light around the accuracy of several compass models. Basic Navigation Course has four pair of sessions January through March. Introduction to Map and Compass was added to January and will resume in April. The Navigation Northwest newsletter invites contributors for the April issue with a March 6 copy deadline.

Paddle Sports—George Swapp—no report.

Photography – Anne Smart reported that the Basic Photography Course is coming up and enrollment is low. Expressed concern that better marketing support from the club is needed. Also raised issues about permission to use photos copyrighted by club photographers. Also spoke of model releases, in particular around children.

Retired Rovers – Storm Yanicks—no report.

Sailing – Alan Vogt—no report.

Singles Activities – Eldon Ball reported that the committee needs both leaders and participants. Timmy suggested that he contact the club about marketing support.

Skiing – Cindy Hoover reported classes have finally started at Stevens with back-up plans. She noted that nasty traffic and a Pass closing spoiled a recent outing. They are hoping for Meany and snow. Noted that make-ups are difficult to project with unknown snow, other instructor commitments…worst snowpack in memory, she said.

Snowshoeing – Erik Swanson/Jimmy Jet Klansnic reported trips are underway.

UTHR’s – Jack Nichols—no report.

Youth Outreach – Becca Polglase—no report.

Good of the Order – Is there discount travel as membership perk? Not known but recalled a mention in the Mountaineers Magazine.

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