**DRAFT Minutes Seattle Branch Council – July 12, 2018**

**In Attendance:** P Hendrickson (Chair), T Kuraishi (Safety Officer & Climb), H Walker (Vice Chair & Outdoor Leadership), C Cerveny (Secty), B Weller (Scramble), L McWethy (Avalanche), B Starlin (Navigation), D Greenfield (Climbing), P Mullaney (BOD Rep), B Polglase (Staff), D Graham (Naturalists), J Lopilato (Treasurer), A Vogt (Sailing), K Peterson (Snowshoe),

**Not Present:**, T Mitchell (Backpack), J Wolniewicz (Climb), C Carolan (First Aid), J Jeans (Folk Dance), A Elder (Photo), S Yanicks (Retired Rovers), S Payne (Hiking), Patrick Mullaney (BOD Rep)

Approval Minutes 10 May 2018 (Motion Heidi moved, Brittany second, passed 18:22)

Chair Briefing

* Polling leadership re: Background Checks (BC) for Volunteers, is it a good idea?
  + Limit to instructor types?
  + BW: scramble has discussed, No BC completed for all who have contact with youth but leaders to be Youth Qualified Leaders (YQL)
  + Costs ~$30/person for State patrol check, so this could be expensive
  + Could making sure new volunteers are fully informed work?
  + In Sailing all youth leaders have BC
* eLearning Leadership Course...please try it out (registration is closed so may need some verification if it’s still viable) <https://www.mountaineers.org/about/vision-leadership/board-of-directors/committees/elearning/course-templates/leadership-the-mountaineers/becoming-a-mountaineers-leader-the-mountaineers-2018>
* LEADER2018 Requested registration re-open
  + Link is available for test driving
  + Took Peter about 90 min
  + Direct comments to Dilek Bulek
* Problem Behavior actions
  + Chair takes care of these when appealed and appoints appropriate committee for investigation
  + Sexual harassment goes immediately to CEO
  + For more info, contact Peter
* Seattle Program Center staffing changes
  + Steve Smith is transitioning out until replaced
  + New hire for Member Services role
* Branch Leadership Council status uncertain with anticipated changes in focus.
* Draft Program Center Recognition & Reward support conversation briefed by Becca
  + Depends on budget analysis for committees
  + Roll out:
    - New volunteers – monthly
    - Others – run reports in late September, distribute at year end banquets
    - Information based on submitted data to the system, this may be missing some.
    - Differences between committees with lots of activities and those (eg. Avalanche) where lots of time is put in but no large number of activities

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| All Volunteers | Leadership Conference & Volunteer Appreciation Dinner |
| New Volunteers | T-shirt or card to welcome new volunteers to the family. |
| Youth Volunteers | (See the "Youth" tab in the main spreadsheet.) |
| Super Volunteers | USFS or Discover Pass |
| Super Volunteers | $30 Super Volunteer Gift (Choice of 2-3) |
| Key Leaders | Gift Membership |
| Key Leaders | $75 Key Leader Gift (Choice of 2-3) |
| Course Chairs | Logo Vest |

Vice Chairperson Briefing (Heidi Walker) NR

Safety Officer Briefing (Takeo Kuraishi)

* Quiet recently, getting help for Seattle Safety committee goal is to take care of this during the Fall

Treasurer Briefing (Jacob Lopilato)

* Status current fiscal year ending 30 September 2018 (FYE18)
* Status budget fiscal year ending 30 September 2019 (FYE19)
* Midflight summary complete through 05.18
  1. We are down a bit but expenses are down as well
  2. Not a lot of revenue expected for the rest of the year from the committees
     + So, committees need to be careful on expenses for the balance of the year
  3. Can committees get information on how much they will need to contribute the club?

Secretary Briefing

* Events & Activities submissions due early in the month, try to submit before the 10th of each month
* Link to bi-annual member & volunteer survey: filtered for Seattle

Review this for discussion at September meeting

[2018 Membership Survey - Seattle Branch Filtered.pdf 923 KB • Download](https://3.basecamp.com/3528906/buckets/7013144/recordings/1124733294/email/download/BAh7CEkiCGdpZAY6BkVUSSInZ2lkOi8vYmMzL0Jsb2IvOTAxNzM3MDY_ZXhwaXJlc19pbgY7AFRJIgxwdXJwb3NlBjsAVFsHSSIKZW1haWwGOwBUbCsHbhEKQ0kiD2V4cGlyZXNfYXQGOwBUMA==--3814b88dc554b4c52d5d1275ae869166cb9e376d/2018%20Membership%20Survey%20-%20Seattle%20Branch%20Filtered.pdf" \t "_blank)

Board of Directors Rep Briefing NR

Program Staff Rep Briefing Becca Polglase

Link to online presentation of pricing

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=11LVQAkNpeWwgJcvwJuWBom2f0zMZExYE>

Watch before September meeting for discussion

Old Business None

New Business

* Approval of Photo Committee charter: Review document but Peter can approve if needed, committee decided to table charter discussion until next meeting. *[Note: PH later moved photo content into a much abbreviated template, 4 vs 11 pages, for Photo Committee consideration.]*

**Committee Reports –**

**Alpine Scrambling** – Brittany Weller

* 7 graduates and some more coming along
* Graduation scheduled for November
* Investigating ways to renew material and include younger leaders

**Avalanche** – Loren McWethy

* Will be starting to find volunteers & scheduling over the next couple months

**Backpacking** – Todd Mitchell NR

**Climbing** – Dan Greenfield

* Still having volunteer issues for FTs, climbs
* Leadership training discussions (Abbie Hunt)
* What is the role of professional climbing education in leader development with departure of Steve Smith?

**First Aid** – Courtney Carolan NR

**Folk Dance -** Johnny Jeans NR

**Hiking** – Heidi Walker (for Steve Payne)

* Leader seminar coming up
* Conditioning Hiking Series going along well

**Leadership** – Heidi Walker

* Course coming in October
* Reviewing information for seminar, goal is to have this done in August
* Recommendation to complete the online leadership training course

**Naturalists** – Danielle Graham

* Finishing up our Intro to the Natural World course this month with the final lecture and field trips.
* One issue we have for our field trips are no-shows.  We don't require attendance at our lectures or field trips to graduate--just a submission of a species list.
* We continue to develop more leaders for trips and our courses.
* 24 Exploring Nature trips listed through November
* August 10-12, the Naturalist Committee and Photography Committees will host a weekend of activities at Baker Lodge.  This is a good place to acknowledge and thank the photography committee and Anita Elder for these synergies.  Thank you also to Sara Ramsey, staff, for her support of this weekend and our committee.

**Navigation** – Brian Starlin

* For Fall course – pilot course that includes GPS, PLB, digital workflow
* Could result in two badges, Wilderness Navigation and GPS
* Brush out of Heybrook for Stewardship credit coming up in October

**Photography** – Anita Elder (submitted report)

* Starting a new quarterly photo series called Behind the Shot, borrowing from the success of Walking the Wild. This will be presentations talking about planning the trip, research, camera equipment, and how shots on location are taken. Meant to inspire other photographers to do a similar trip. First one is on October 22nd.
* Volunteer picnic in August at Cranberry Lake
* Since educational classes aren't bringing in as much money as presentations, we're going to start offering more of them instead of classes. We'll still do some classes, but focusing on mobile photography and basic camera settings.
* Join photography & naturalist weekend at Baker Lodge August 10-12

**Retired Rovers** – Storm Yanicks NR

**Sailing** – Alan Vogt

* FTs completed for Basic Course
* Working on FTs for Racing class
* ~80 activities so far this year
* Improved sailing simulator now has a spinnaker

**Nordic Skiing** – Carry Porter NR

**Sea Kayaking –** Pat Carney (submitted report)

* Basic Kayak Course complete. Still working to have more students graduate
* The one day skills class, Rescue rodeo, happened with 4 teams of 4 people.
* Wet Wednesday, 2 hr evening skills class at Concrete Beach, is ongoing through early August. There have been 7 to 8 participants showing up.
* We have enough intermediate classes listed on the website. We need more beginning classes.
* The class for a 1-day youth sea kayaking course was cancelled because lack of instructors on the available dates. Last year was the first year the class was held.

**Snowshoeing –** Kirk Peterson

* Summer workgroup reviewing backcountry course
* No volunteer problems, will be sending out invites in a few months
* Working to schedule a Snowshoe summit in August

**Youth Outreach** – NR

**Adjourn** 19:55

Seattle Branch Council meets 2rd Thursday each odd month, 6:30 pm.

Calendar 2018: September 13 – November 08