



Tacoma Branch Council Meeting

November 5, 2020 7:00-8:30 pm

Virtual Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER at 7:05 pm Members Present: Curtis Stock, Chair; Carolyn Edmonds, Secretary; Harley Sandoval, Treasurer; Mark Kerr, Board of Trustees Rep; Lisa Hayek, Scott Schissel, Members-At-Large.
- II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
 - a. New Council Members and Guests – No new Council Members or Guests.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. September 17, 2020- Approved by Acclimation
- IV. INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a. Branch Elections – Per Sarah, everything on the ballot was approved. Carolyn Edmonds, Marc Heinzman, Steve Knowles, Lisa Hayek and Scott Schissel were elected to the Council.
 - b. Division & Committee Chair Assignments – Curtis reported:
 - i. Climbing Division Chair –A couple people have been interviewed. Still no one in that position. Harley interested but not until next year. May try a team approach until then.
A discussion regarding equivalent & basic classes took place. The role of Equivalency is not an official role. It has always been done by the Climbing Chair
 - ii. Stewardship & Conservation – Still open.
 - c. Branch Awards Dinner/Volunteer Recognition/Graduation Recognition – Curtis reported:
 - i. A bulk order for Thank you cards was placed by The Mountaineers. Emails were sent to all committee chairs. Thank You cards for volunteer recognition were ordered.
 - ii. Sent out a survey. Only one person thought we should have a virtual event. Curtis suggests we move on to plans for next year. He put a placeholder on Branch calendar For Dec 2021.
 - d. 2020 Tacoma Branch Service Award Nominations – Curtis received 3 nominations. Sent to Lisa who will put together a Review Committee. Lisa has contacted recommended folks for the Review Committee, and all are willing to serve. The Mountaineers Organization will not have the Service Award dinner in Jan.
 - e. 2021 Budget – A copy was sent to all Council members. Scott commented that Back Country Touring & Bike Backpacking will need funds in the future. He does not want participants to pay out of pocket for permits or class supplies. Curtis agreed it will be included next year.



Tacoma Branch Council Meeting

November 5, 2020 7:00-8:30 pm

Virtual Meeting

- i. COVID has impacted the budget significantly. A discussion took place regarding options for the Tacoma Branch. For example: online classes; smaller class size; emphasize short courses and those easily adaptable to COVID restrictions; separating intermediate modules.
 - ii. We need to communicate with the Finance Committee the results of 2020. Share ideas with committee chairs. Lisa described changes to hiking and backpacking courses to accommodate COVID restrictions.
- f. Mountaineer Budgeting Overview – Curtis gave an overview of the Mountaineers Budget, policies, and expenses.
- g. Governance Dashboard – Curtis reported that at the end of September there was a Branch Chair retreat. Governance was discussed. Tacoma Branch differs from other Branches in many ways. Several Branch models include the Past Chair on the Council. Term Limits are used in other Branches. Board Of Directors Representative has a 3-year term. Safety Chair position differs among Branches. The use of summits differs. We may want to consider any, or all, of these ideas. Curtis created a Tacoma Branch Governance Dashboard. Needs more information to complete.
- h. Board of Directors Meeting Summary – Mark gave a summary of the meeting. DEI Committee had diversity training online. Mark participated and thought was very good. Another training will be in December. Tom Helsberg gave an update on Mountaineers Books, including awards. Risk Management completed their charter, and it was adopted by BOD. Don Heck released FY21 Budget and it was approved. There will be a BOD Retreat in November. Curtis is invited to attend parts of the retreat.
- i. Memorandum of Understanding with Park Service – Curtis reported that Geoff Lawrance is lead on developing MOU. No update.
- j. *The Mountaineers Tree* signage in Point Defiance Park, Tacoma – No update.
- k. Council Priorities/Goals – Curtis
 - i. Trip Leader Development
 - 1. Trip Leader Data was reviewed. Curtis shared onscreen data of leadership development courses and number of participants and badges.
 - ii. Diversity, Equality & Inclusion – No update.
- l. Calendar/Meeting Dates – Curtis gave an updated Calendar for 2021 Council meetings.
 - i. Summit Dates – Curtis reviewed the schedule for activity Summits.



Tacoma Branch Council Meeting

November 5, 2020 7:00-8:30 pm

Virtual Meeting

- V. CELEBRATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Scott reported that the Bikepacking inaugural trip is Friday, Nov 6 at Angel Lake. Lisa reported that there are 23 graduates for 1st CHS course.

- VI. ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Form a sub-committee for Third Thursdays and general outreach – Natalia – no update
 - b. Provide an overview on funding flows and budget – Curtis gave tonight
 - c. Propose dinner with Tom Vogl on or after April 18 – Curtis reported it is on hold
 - d. Develop a master calendar of branch courses – when they start and how long they run – Natalia – can start putting together for 2021
 - e. Backcountry Skiing Course development. – Scott reported the course is full.
 - f. Climbing chair succession. – Curtis reported earlier tonight.
 - g. Follow up on possible activity chair assignments. – Curtis reported earlier tonight.
 - h. Draft a communique to committee chairs about a possible awards dinner for November. – Curtis reported we are not having an awards dinner this year.
 - i. Confirm Bikepacking summit date – Curtis scheduled

- VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER. No items.

- VIII. NEXT MEETING DATES – December 17 (tent.), January 28, March 4, April 8, May 20, June 24, August 5, September 16, October 28, December 2. Curtis – Dec 17 meeting will remain on calendar.

- IX. CALL TO ADJOURN at 9:09.