



Tacoma THE MOUNTAINEERS Branch Council Meeting

June 24, 2021 7:00-8:30 pm

Virtual Meeting

Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chair Curtis Stock at 7:05. Members present are Secretary Carolyn Edmonds; Members At Large Scott Schissel, Lisa McPeak, Marc Heinzman and Steve Knowles.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

a. New Council Members and Guests - Lisa McPeak is a new member of Council. Lisa has been with the Mountaineers 4 yrs. She is a Hike and Backpack Leader. Lisa joined the Council to work on membership and diversity.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. There are no minutes for the May meeting because there was not a quorum, therefore no business was conducted.

b. The Minutes of the April 8, 2021, meeting were approved by acclamation.

IV. INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Open House/Net Zero Campaign -- Curtis reported the Tacoma Branch Open House is this Saturday from 1:00 pm - 4:00pm. It was initiated as a method to bring folks back into the Program Center now that it is fully open. Tom Vogel will make some remarks. Committees have been contacted about having someone there to talk about what they do. Some Council Members expressed concern regarding the date (summer activities in full swing) and that advertising may not have been sufficient.

b. Division & Committee Chair Assignments – Curtis reported:

- i. Sailing co-chair – Eric Johnson is the new Chair. Mark Cole is stepping back.
- ii. The Scramble Chair is looking to step down. Someone is interested that Curtis will contact.

c. Governance

i. Dashboard – Curtis reported that there are no changes since last time we reviewed.



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ii. Hiking & Backpacking 2021. Curtis received a proposed Hiking/Backpacking Charter. Most sections are good. It was returned for more details about how the leadership team is selected.

d. 2022 Budget

i. Status updates from Activity Committees – Curtis reported on behalf of Harley. The Budget, with input from Committee Chairs, has been submitted. Appreciation to Councilmembers who assisted. Curtis will send the final version to Councilmembers. Course prices for 2022 are included in the Budget.

ii. Volunteer Development/Recognition -- Curtis reported that \$7,000, from The Mountaineers to the Tacoma Branch, is available in the 2021~~2~~ Budget. Curtis gathered some data and distributed it. Council will have to decide what to do with those funds. Council Discussion regarding suggestions. For example, send a portion to each Committee, recognition for Leaders. Recognition of Leaders of Committees considered a priority; Volunteer hours fairest way for measuring. Recognition; use funds for training for up-and-coming leaders. Curtis asked for a team to work on details. Natalia was suggested. Sarah Holt was suggested. Curtis will also reach out to other Branch Chairs to see how they are distributing their funds.

e. Tacomamountaineers.org Domain Registration -- Curtis reported that we recently had a failure in our email system due to failure to renew domain name registration. The problem has been fixed. The Domain name was renewed for 5 years. A Council Position needs to be assigned responsibility for Domain Name Renewal. To be decided.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Council Members went into Executive Session at 7:34 pm to discuss personnel matters.

VI. RESUME REGULAR SESSION - Council Members resumed the Regular Session at 7:52.

VII. INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Memorandum of Understanding with Park Service – Curtis reported MOU has been reviewed by Park Service but not signed.



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- b. Irish Cabin Memorabilia Donation -- Curtis reported that last month a Member acquired some memorabilia from the actual Irish Cabin - game tokens of Irish Cabin peaks. The Member has asked for an exhibit at the Tacoma Center.
- c. Council Priorities/Goals – Curtis
 - i. Trip Leader Development - No report.
 - ii. Diversity, Equality & Inclusion - There is a new Mountaineers staff member, Michele Song, who will be working on this program. Curtis will be meeting with her at the Open House. Lisa also has had discussions with Michele. Some program funds should be available to supplement Branch activities. Possible online course to be developed.
 - iii. Curtis checked which Council Members have taken online leadership courses. Council Members are encouraged to take these courses.
- d. Succession Planning – Branch Elections are in October. New Council Members start November 1. There are a number of Council Members due to rotate off this Fall. Curtis will be contacting Members to see what vacancies we may have.
- e. Curtis is considering some By-Laws changes. First, changing the term of office for the Mountaineers Board Representatives from 2 years to 3 years. If Council Members have other suggestions send them to Curtis. Particularly anything to do with Elections, Council Membership.
- f. Calendar/Meeting Dates - Calendar items sent with Agenda. Next Council meeting is August 5th.
 - i. Summit Dates - see the Calendar that came with Agenda.
 - ii. Branch Volunteer Recognition Banquet, 12/10/21 -- Curtis reserved the Program Center for an in-person Branch Recognition Banquet. Let Curtis know if you are interested in helping.

- iii. Safety Committee - Steve reported the group is discussing how to make incident reports more useful; lessons learned; how to make trips better. Another draft of the checklist idea is ready for review. There was a discussion regarding how to modify Tips and Considerations - for Leaders to provide timely feedback on a given route. What does outreach look like?
- iv. Steve asked about car break-ins at trail heads, frequency. How do we make this type of information available? Are Incident Reports used for this kind of situation? Perhaps the Tips and Considerations field is the best place.

VIII. CELEBRATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

IX. ACTION ITEMS - all items remain, except Item G done. Item H done.

- a. Form a sub-committee for Third Thursdays and general outreach – Natalia
- b. Propose dinner with Tom Vogel -- Curtis
- c. Develop a master calendar of branch courses – when they start and how long they run – Natalia.
- d. Climbing chair succession. -- Curtis
- e. Follow up on possible activity chair assignments. – Curtis
- f. *The Mountaineers Tree* signage in Point Defiance Park, Tacoma – Curtis
- g. Send current committee list to everyone – Curtis.
- h. Request a data pull for FY2020 volunteers -- Curtis.

X. GOOD OF THE ORDER

XI. NEXT MEETING DATES – August 5, September 16, October 28, December 2

XII. CALL TO ADJOURN at 8:30 PM