



# Tacoma Branch Council Meeting

September 9, 2021 7:00-8:30 pm

Virtual Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

- I. CALL TO ORDER - the meeting was called to order by Curtis Stock at 7:05. Members Present - Carolyn Edmonds, Secretary; Harley Sandoval, Treasurer; Lisa McPeak; Scott Schissel; Marc Heinzman, Steve Knowles.
- II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
  - a. New Council Members and Guests - no new Councilmembers and no guests.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - a. August 5, 2021 - Minutes approved as written by acclamation.
- IV. INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS
  - a. Division & Committee Chair Assignments – Curtis
    - i. Sea Kayaking – Charlie Michaels is stepping down as Committee Chair. Teresa Ritter will be the new Chair.
    - ii. Leadership Chair -- Monica Fisk is looking to hand off her position as Committee Chair. She is not leaving immediately but candidate suggestions are welcome.
  - b. 2021 Budget -- Volunteer Development/Recognition – Curtis reported that funds needed to be spent by the end of September. Curtis and Harley discussed how to distribute funds to committee chairs based on criteria such as size of membership; degree of difficulty of activities (i.e. moving a class to a new platform during COVID). Feedback from committee Chairs has been positive.
  - c. 2021 Branch Elections
    - i. Expiring Terms:
      1. Branch Council Chair (Curtis Stock)
      2. Branch Council Vice-Chair (Natalia Martinez-Paz)
      3. Branch Council Treasurer (Harley Sandoval)
      4. Branch Trustees Representative (Mark Kerr)

Curtis talked with Mark and he will be running for another term. Harley is considering a transition to Climb Chair for Branch. A Treasurer for the Branch is needed. Natalie is still interested in serving. No inquiries from the August newsletter. The September newsletter was just sent. Curtis intends to run for a 2nd term. Curtis will send to Council members a draft slate Sept. 20. New Council takes office first meeting after Nov 1.

- ii. Measures:



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1. Change term of BOD Rep from 2 years to 3 years - will also be on the election ballot. This is to bring us in alignment with the Mountaineers Board terms.
- d. Memorandum of Understanding with Park Service – Curtis had no update.
- e. Branch Volunteer Recognition Banquet (12/10/21) Planning Team – Curtis reached out to Troy Mason to serve as lead on the Planning Team.
  - i. Planning Team – Troy Mason, Carolyn Edmonds, Lisa McPeak, Steve Knowles
- f. Council Priorities/Goals – Curtis provided updates.
  - i. Leader Development - the following have been scheduled. May possibly be a hybrid in-person/Zoom event.
    1. Outdoor Leadership Seminar – 10/23
    2. Mountaineers Leadership Conference @ TPC – 11/20 - Similar but different from traditional conference held in Seattle.
  - ii. Diversity, Equality & Inclusion - no update.
- g. Succession Planning – see Item IV c above - 2021 Branch Elections
- h. Calendar/Meeting Dates - attached.
  - i. Summit Dates - no changes

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:49 pm.

Council resumed the meeting at 8:01 pm.

- V. CELEBRATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Lisa graduated from Seattle Conditioning Hiking Series. Tacoma Branch expects to graduate 75% of enrollees. Curtis recertified as a Wilderness First Responder.
- VI. ACTION ITEMS
  - a. Form a sub-committee for Third Thursdays and general outreach – Natalia
  - b. Propose dinner with Tom Vogl -- 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



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- f. *The Mountaineers Tree* signage in Point Defiance Park, Tacoma – Curtis
  - g. Budget approval for 2022 from Mountaineers BOD - Curtis
  - h. Draft slate of candidates for Council election. - Curtis
- VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER
- VIII. NEXT MEETING DATES – October 28, December 2 may be changed or cancelled.
- IX. CALL TO ADJOURN at 8:08 pm.