



# Tacoma Branch Council Meeting

October 28, 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 – Natalia Martinez-Paz, Vice-Chair; Harley Sandoval, Treasurer; Mark Kerr, Board Rep; Lisa McPeak; Marc Heinzman.
- II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
  - a. New Council Members and Guests - no new Councilmembers and no guests.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - a. September 9, 2021 - Minutes approved as written by acclamation.
- IV. INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS
  - a. Division & Committee Chair Assignments – Curtis
    - i. Climbing Chair – Harley Sandoval 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. No change.
    - iii. Branch Treasurer – Harley Sandoval’s term is expiring at the end of the month, with no replacement.
  - b. 2021 Branch Elections
    - i. Renewing 2-year Terms:
      1. Branch Council Chair (Curtis Stock)
      2. Branch Council Vice-Chair (Natalia Martinez-Paz)
      3. Branch Council Treasurer (Harley Sandoval)
      - 4.
    - ii. Renewing 3-year Term
      1. Branch Trustees Representative (Mark Kerr)
    - iii. New 2-year Term
      1. Lisa McPeak
    - iv. Measures:
      1. Change term of BOD Rep from 2 years to 3 years.
  - c. Branch Volunteer Recognition Banquet (12/10/21) Planning Team – Troy Mason, Carolyn Edmonds, Lisa McPeak, Steve Knowles. Prognosis for holding this event in



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current COVID environment does not look encouraging. Team has the full authority to postpone or cancel this event.

- d. Governance
  - i. Curtis distributed the recently revised Hiking and Backpacking charter to the council members.
- V. EXECUTIVE SESSION. Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:21 pm.
- VI. RESUME INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION. Council resumed the meeting at 7:28 pm.
  - a. BOD Report. Mark Kerr provided an update from the Board of Directors.
    - i. BOD meeting was a week ago. PPP loan is in the process of forgiveness. November 5 – Urban Walk. BOD retreat will be held November 13, via Zoom. Richard Ridgeway will be featured at the April 2 GALA.
    - ii. Succession Planning – see Item IV b above - 2021 Branch Elections
  - b. Council Priorities/Goals – Curtis provided updates.
    - i. Leader Development.
      - 1. Outdoor Leadership Seminar was held on October 23, as a virtual event. The training was favorably received by the attendees. Possible use of this approach going forward.
      - 2. Mountaineers Leadership Conference @ TPC – 11/20 – This event will be similar but different from the traditional conference held in Seattle.
      - 3. Gateway to Trip Leadership. It would be helpful to have a “master roadmap” for the pathway to trip leadership for every current activity committee in the branch. It would be helpful to see the common areas and opportunities for synergy. Lisa McPeak volunteered to query the activity committee chairs. Curtis will provide a list of current activity chairs.
    - ii. Diversity, Equality & Inclusion - no update.
  - c. Calendar/Meeting Dates - attached.
    - i. Summit Dates - no changes
- VII. CELEBRATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – None identified.
- VIII. ACTION ITEMS



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- 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. -- DONE
  - e. Follow up on possible activity chair assignments. – Curtis
  - f. *The Mountaineers Tree* signage in Point Defiance Park, Tacoma – Curtis
  - g. Memorandum of Understanding with Park Service – Curtis
  - h. Provide list of activity chairs to Lisa McPeak – Curtis
  - i. Collate pathway to Trip Leadership for all branch activity committees – Lisa McPeak
- IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER – None raised
- X. NEXT MEETING DATES – ~~December 2~~, January 13, February 24, April 7, May 12, June 23, August 11, September 22, November 3, December 8. We agreed to cancel the December 2 meeting.
- XI. CALL TO ADJOURN at 7:57 pm.