



# Tacoma Branch Council Meeting

February 24, 2022 7:00-8:30 pm

Virtual Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

### I. CALL TO ORDER by Curtis Stock at 7:05 pm

Members present: Curtis Stock, Chair; Carolyn Edmonds, Secretary; Scott Schissel; Steve Knowles, Mark Kerr, BOD Representative; Lisa McPeak; Marc Heinzman

### II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- a. There were no new members or guests.

### iii. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. October 28, 2021 - approved as distributed.

### III. INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### a. Division & Committee Chair Assignments – Curtis

- i. Branch Treasurer -- still open
- ii. Leadership Chair – Curtis will step in to begin planning seminars for Trip Leadership. Current Chair needs to transition out.

#### b. Activity Summits - Curtis reported on updates from Committee Chairs.

- i. Hiking/Backpacking Activity Standards Revision approved – 1/16/22
- ii. Canyoning Activity Standards Revision approved – 1/16/22
- iii. NEW Activity - Packrafting – Activity Standards approved 1/16/22

#### c. 2022 Mid-flight Budget Adjustments - Curtis reported that budgets for Activity Committees were done mid 2021. Time to update. Committee Chairs received Year-to-Date information for updates. Many have responded. All due this week.

#### d. COVID-19 Badges - Draft design provided last month. Up to trip leaders to use or not use.

#### e. Deadman Anchor stations at Tacoma Program Center - New anchor stations were put into the floor. This allows for more flexibility for activities that require anchoring to the floor.



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- f. Safety Committee Report – Steven Knowles reported on the last meeting at the end of Jan. He has a draft incident report for 2018-2021 that will be distributed next month. Slight modifications were made to the incident report format. There is a Safety Blog on the Mountaineers web site. There is a large amount of information but it may be difficult to interpret. Committee is working on how to interpret data into an easily understandable narrative.
  - g. BOD Report (1/20/22) – Mark Kerr reported re the last BOD meeting. New officers were installed. March 17 is a virtual Town Hall on the State of the Organization. Transitions out of Covid are expected to be discussed. March 25 is the Mountaineers Gala kickoff leading to the Gala itself. Organization is strong and appears to have dealt with Covid well.
  - h. Council Priorities/Goals – Curtis
    - i. Leader Development
      - 1. Leadership Pathways Lisa McPeak reported that the process has begun. Emails have been sent. Some replies have been received. Suggestions are coming in regarding leadership development courses. Some discussion took place regarding limited time (ie one year) badges vs lifelong badges. DEI training was mentioned as needed.
    - ii. Diversity, Equality & Inclusion - Consensus that more is needed to be done on this issue. Practical action steps are needed, particularly with regard to the Tacoma branch. Increasing awareness of the Mountaineers in minority communities appears to be the place to start. Marc Heinzman will reach out to Campfire Coffee. Possible suggestion is to have Campfire Coffee provide coffee at the next Geer Drive. Another suggestion is to partner with MetroParks.
  - i. Succession Planning – Curtis asked members with terms expiring to think about continuing their role or changing roles.
    - i. Term Expiration October 2022
      - 1. Carolyn Edmonds - reported she does not intend to renew.
      - 2. Scott Schissel
      - 3. Steven Knowles
      - 4. Mark Heinzman
  - j. Calendar/Meeting Dates
    - i. Summit Dates included in Agenda packet.
- IV. CELEBRATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - no celebrations or announcements.



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- V. ACTION ITEMS
  - a. Develop a master calendar of branch courses – when they start and how long they run – Natalia was not available for an update.
  - b. Create a list of leadership pathways for activity committees – Lisa McPeak - see above.
  
- VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER - no reports.
  
- VII. NEXT MEETING DATES – April 7, May 12, June 23, August 11, September 22. November 3, December 8
  
- VIII. CALL TO ADJOURN at 7:55 pm.
  
- IX. DEFERRED ITEMS
  - a. Form a sub-committee for Third Thursdays and general outreach – Natalia
  - b. Propose dinner with Tom Vogl -- Curtis
  - c. *The Mountaineers Tree* signage in Point Defiance Park, Tacoma – Curtis
  - d. Memorandum of Understanding with Park Service – Curtis