



## Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

August 20, 2020

Location: Virtual

6:00 p.m.

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### Unofficial Summary

- Approved the May 21, 2020 board meeting minutes
- Approved, as revised, the Conservation and Advocacy Committee Charter
- Approved Roger Mellem as Chair of the Conservation and Advocacy Committee
- Approved 11 at-large positions on The Mountaineers Board of Directors

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### Attendance

#### Officers:

President – Vik Sahney (Zoom)  
Vice President – Gabe Aeschliman (Zoom)  
Treasurer – Don Heck (Zoom)  
Secretary – Roger Mellem (Zoom)  
VP of Branches – Peter Hendrickson (Zoom)  
VP of Outdoor Centers – Carry Porter (Zoom)

Mark Kerr – Tacoma (Zoom)  
Alex Cowen – Seattle (Zoom)

#### Board Members Absent:

Kara Stone  
\*Kaelen Moehs Youth Representative

#### Directors at Large:

Retiring President – Lorna Corrigan (Zoom)  
Brynne Koscianski (Zoom)  
Martina Kozar (Zoom)  
Mark Kroese (Zoom)  
Steve McClure (Zoom)  
John Ohlson (Zoom)  
Manisha Powar (Zoom)  
Steve Swenson (Zoom)  
Siana Wong (Zoom)

#### Staff:

\*Tom Vogl CEO (Zoom)  
\*Tom Helleberg Publisher and Director of Finance & Operations (Zoom)  
\*Amber Carrigan Director of Development (Zoom)  
\*Kristina Ciari Director of Membership & Communications (Zoom)  
\*Becca Polglase Director of Programs & Operations (Zoom)  
\*Ken Mullins Development Associate (Zoom)  
\*Betsy Robblee Director of Conservation and Advocacy (Zoom)  
\*Barbara Sprecher Controller (Zoom)

#### Branch Directors:

Maura Rendes – Bellingham (Zoom)  
Matt Vadnal – Everett (Zoom)  
Dick Lambe – Foothills (Zoom)  
Jerry Logan – Kitsap (Zoom)  
Greg Lovelady – Olympia (Zoom)

#### Guests & non-voting members:

\*Bill Ashby Seattle Branch Chair (Zoom)  
\*Bob Keranen Olympia Branch Chair (Zoom)  
\*Jared Pearce Seattle Branch Chair Elect (Zoom)  
\*Maya Magarati (Zoom)  
\*Sonu Aggarwal Seattle Branch Hike Chair (Zoom)  
\*James Henderson (Zoom)

\* non-voting attendee



### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Board President Vik Sahney via a remote Zoom call. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, VP of Outdoor Centers and VP of Branches were in attendance. A quorum was established and was maintained through the meeting.

### **Agenda:**

Vik Sahney shared the proposed agenda, which was adopted by the board without objection.

### **Consent Agenda:**

Vik Sahney shared the revised consent agenda.

- Approve Meeting Minutes from May 21, 2020 Board meeting
  - Roger Mellem noted minor changes to the May 7, 2020 board meeting minutes were made after the draft was circulated to reflect a more accurate attendance list.
- Approve (new) Conservation and Advocacy Committee Charter
  - Alex Cowen proposed a revision to the proposed Committee Charter so that the Conservation and Advocacy Committee is a standing committee of the board instead of a special committee.
  - Peter Hendrickson moved to amend the Committee Charter so that the Conservation and Advocacy Committee is a standing committee of the board and John Ohlson seconded. The motion was adopted by the board without objection.
- John Ohlson moved to approve the amended consent agenda and Peter Hendrickson seconded. The motion was adopted by the board without objection.

### **Welcome, Introductions:**

Tom Vogl introduced guests to the meeting.

### **Committee and Staff reports:**

- Amber Carrigan updated the board on development and the status of the two upcoming fall conservation-focused events.
- On behalf of the Governance Committee, Gabe Aeschliman recommended the board approve 11 at-large positions in conjunction with the upcoming elections.
  - The board moved to executive session at 6:25pm.
  - The board moved out of executive session at 6:31pm.
  - It was moved by Vik Sahney and seconded by Martina Kozar to approve 11 at-large positions on the board. The motion was adopted by the board without objection.
- Tom Helleberg updated the board on the YTD financial results of Mountaineers Books as of July 31, 2020. He also shared news of Mountaineers Books recent distribution deal



with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, as well as the Mountaineers Books titles that are finalists for the Washington Book Awards.

### **Old Business - Executive Session**

- Vik Sahney proposed that the board enter executive session for a Litigation Committee update at 6:48 p.m. without objection from the board. Tom Vogl was invited to stay for the session.
- The board moved out of executive session at 7:13 p.m.

### **New Business:**

- Tom Vogl updated the board on the organization's FY20 cash forecast versus May 2020 projections.
- Tom Vogl updated the board on the organization's FY21 budget status, including revisions that address the likelihood that The Mountaineers branches will remain in Phase 2 of Governor Inslee's Safe Start Washington plan through March 2021.
  - FY21 Budget Upcoming Milestones:
    - Finance Committee Reviews
      - Preliminary budget review – August 24, 2020
      - Final budget review – September 28, 2020
    - Board of Directors Reviews
      - Zoom Deep Dives – early October 2020
      - Final Review/Approval – October 15

### **Good of the order:**

- Tom Vogl shared an update on The Mountaineers' statement on climbing route names.
- Vik Sahney nominated Roger Mellem to be Chair of the Conservation and Advocacy Committee and John Ohlson seconded. The motion was adopted by the board without objection.

### **Announcements:**

- September 10 | [BeWild featuring Vik Sahney](#)
- September 24 | [Conrad Anker: Mountaineering and the Climate Crisis](#)
- September 25 | Peak Society Climate Conversation | Panel Event
- October 13 | [Link Sar's First Ascent: An Evening with Steve Swenson VIP Event](#)
- October 15 | Board of Directors Meeting
- November 13-15 | Fall Board Retreat TBD

22 of 23 board members were present.



**Adjournment:**

Vik Sahney moved to adjourn the meeting without objection from the board. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:52 p.m.

Submitted by  
Roger Mellem, Board Secretary  
Amber Carrigan, Development Director  
Approved by The Mountaineers Board of Directors 10/17/2020