

Action Notes: Branch Leadership Committee 16 June 2021

BLC Zoom June 16, 2021. Present: voting members (BHM J Duffy, OLY N Kirby, FTH A Davey, KIT G Ta, TAC C Stock, GADV C Talbert, VP branches P Hendrickson) plus staff (S Ramsay, B Polglase, M Song), past chair (OLY B Keranen) & BOD Rep (FTH J Henderson). Not present: SEA J Pearce, EVT E Jorgensen, SFT B Ashby. Approved minutes 19 May (Motion Curtis, Alan) Convened 6:00pm, adjourned 7:34 pm.

Branch Rounds. KIT-reviewing leader candidates, activities strong; FTH seek chair elect; OLY seeking only chair-elect; TAC open house 26 June, many chairs departing; SEA seek Branch Chair Elect and (soon) Treasurer; BHM chair elect open, potluck at last; EVT budget near completion. Succession a priority. *[Some details gathered offline.]*

VP Branches. FR10 deadlines near, Urban Walks leader training development continues.

Program Ctr. Budget development FY2022 underway. Actions:

- >>Awaiting 30 June revised Covid guidelines. State outdoor guidance no longer active.
- >>Welcomed Assoc Volunteer Development Mngr Michelle Song.
- >>December Leadership Conference (new model) under consideration by staff.
- >>Migration to new eLearning platform deadline remains 30 September.
- >>Branch budget submissions due late May are needed pronto.

Safety. No report.

Global Adventures. Iceland July trip is a go. Several Covid-postponed trips (Peru, Patagonia (2X), Turkey, Norway, Japan) are TBD.

Activity Standards. Actions:

- >>**Activity Councils & Summits** staff support will resume late summer.
- >>**Night Sky** (astronomy) courses now listed after standards approval in May.
- >>**New Activity Councils** (FY2022) will include First Aid, Naturalists, Conservation & Stewardship and Sailing. All have (or will soon have) Basecamp presence. Chairs may request membership to Basecamps.

Stewardship Status. Peter provided 2018-2021 stewardship badge awards data. Clubwide only 11% of members were badged at least once over the 3.5 year period. Engagement is uneven across activities and branches. Actions:

- >>Olympia continues to offer full suite of activities including sawyer certification.
- >>Tacoma exploring long-term development of Carbon River Valley.
- >>Kitsap investigating "Gambler 500" forest road trash removal model.
- >>Basecamp dialogue lies ahead with summit, activity council and standards to follow.

Harmonizing Election Cycles. TAC, KIT, EVT & FTH will run elections with staff support concurrent with BOD election fall 2021 (3 weeks starting 30 Oct). Other branches chose to conduct on traditional cycles with only minimal staff support.

BOD Rep Engagement. VP to contact BOD reps about engagement with branches.

Next Meetings. BLC 2021 Regular meetings 18 Aug, 19 Sep (retreat), 20 Oct, 18 Nov, 12-14 Nov BOD retreat, 15 Dec || 2022--22 Jan retreat (followed by volunteer appreciation dinner)

(Submitted 17 June 2021/PH)