**Minutes: Branch Leadership Committee 18 September 2021**

BLC Zoom (Business Meeting & Retreat) September 18, 2021.  Present: voting members (BHM B McNitt, OLY S Carlson, FTH Ben Morse, SEA J Pearce, KIT G Ta, TAC N Martinez-Paz, SFT B Ashby, VP branches P Hendrickson) plus staff (B Polglase), past chair (OLY N Kirby) & BOD.  Not present: GADV C Hoover, EVT E Jorgensen, TAC C Stock. Approved minutes 18 August (Motion Gretchen, Scott) Convened 8:06am, adjourned 8:31 am (Jared, Gretchen). Retreat followed, adjourned 11:30.

**Branch Rounds**. KIT, seeking chair elect, basic co-chair & stewardship chair; FTH Brad Peacock is chair elect candidate; OLY Janette Zumbo is new Chair Elect; TAC, seeking treasurer, others extending terms; SEA seeking candidates slate; BHM chair elect & climb chair open; EVT no report.  Safety no vacancies, Q2 (June) report completed, promoting strong risk management.

**Other.**

>> Last day to submit vouchers for recognition & reward is 05 October – hard deadline.

>>Leadership Conference (new model) 20 Nov Tacoma (n=75), 4 Dec Seattle (n=150).

>> Leadership Development Series to be virtual starting January 2022.

>> Migration to eLearning Coassemble.com platform on track.

>> Branch FY2022 budgets as appear in XLS are substantially correct and actionable.

>> Astronomy Standards minor edits deferred to next meeting.

Action: Becca will schedule branch website tutorials with chairs.

Action: Peter will add Basecamp tour & Roberts’ Rules tutorial to October meeting.

**Retreat Summary (Retreat slide deck resides in BLC Basecamp folder.)**

>>All provided mountaineers, work and personal background for relationship building.

>>Reviewed the important work of BLC

>>Provided help contacts for new branch & activity committee chairs

>>Offered First Things First list and promised Basecamp & Roberts’ Rules tutorials next mtg

Action: Chairs will consider/arrange who might be their mentors.

>>Clarified BLC role approving and auditing Activity Standards

>>Explored branch chair role in supporting Activity Councils & Summits

>>Named staff facilitators for all Activity Councils & Summits

>>Reviewed Activity Committee and Activity Council Charter templates

>>Questioned: Should Global Adventures have a summit and charter review?

>>Considered ways to support Stewardship in branches and to support novel Stewardship (and other) Summits. Questioned: Should stewardship be a core Mountaineers value?

Action: Peter will chat with Conservation & Advocacy staff about stewardship support.

 **Next Meetings.** 20 Oct, 18 Nov, 12-14 Nov BOD retreat, 15 Dec || 2022--22 Jan retreat (followed by volunteer appreciation dinner), 17 Feb

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