

Action Notes Branch Leadership Committee 19 January 2022

BLC Zoom Meeting January 19, 2022. Present: voting members (BHM B McNitt, EVT N Mayo, SEA T Wendell, OLY S Carlson, FTH B Morse, KIT G Ta, TAC C Stock, Safety B Ashby, VP Branches P Hendrickson) plus Staff (B Polglase & A Bassett) and Guests (FTH BOD James Henderson, OLY N Kirby & J Zumbo, Raftpacking L DeGrand). Not present: GADV C Hoover, EVT E Jorgensen. Approved agenda + minutes 15 Dec (Motion Brian, Nick).

Meeting Convened 6:01pm, adjourned 7:24 pm (No objections).

Branch Rounds. KIT mourning loss of leader to Covid; OLY nixed in person annual mtg, launching Naturalist Cmte; TAC, Treas position open; SEA Tess new chair, Craig Kartes chair elect, reviving Ski Cmte; FTH scramble fund raising, 2 Treas candidates, investigating virtual WFA; BHM seek chair elect, Uphill CHS launched; EVT Nick Mayo acting chair elect, Hike/BP on hiatus. Safety Near completion 2018-21 comprehensive annual report(s); GADV change focus to domestic trips, Kauaii April.

Information

>>PrCtr developing policy to guide donations directed to branches. Only accept no-strings dollars & branch determines how to spend. Focus on development, recognition & reward. PrCtr approves. Appears on monthly P/L (60% of grant to branch). No roll over to next fiscal year. Contact: Sara Ramsay.
>> COVID badge rollout next week. Contact: Sara Ramsay
>> CoAssemble eLearning platform work load is high. Public Lands 101 not yet ready.
>> Chief Operating Officer Becca Polglase (after 11 years) on two-month sabbatical starting Mid February
>> Repeat: Basecamp preferred for active committee, activity council/summit file storage location. Required for clubwide groups (BOD, Activity Councils, Summits...) Post final minutes on Mountaineers site.
>>James Henderson (current FTH BOD Rep) is presumptive VP Branches starting March 2022.

Chairs Action Notes

>> Urban Walks (2 miles or longer) can also be posted by hike/backpack leaders. Contact: P Hendrickson
>> Annual Volunteer Recognition Event, Zoom, Friday, January 21, 6 to 7pm.
>> April 2 Gala (in person) Invite branch chairs to become table captains. Contact: Amber Carrigan

Raftpacking Proposal

Logan DeGrand, former Utah canyon/rafting guide, presented a raftpacking activity proposal to be hosted in Seattle Branch. Noted the nascent sport proposal follows American Packraft Assn guidelines. Further noted many packrafters are already active in the NW where 3lb/3 liter rafts invite unique pairings with hiking, canyoning, bikepacking... existing activities. Mountaineers could fill a void in both training and trips. Experienced Mountaineers working on documents, training schemes and committee organization.

BLC Actions Taken.

>> Raftpacking Standards first reading, tabled to next meeting (Gretchen, Tess)
>> On Trail Navigation Standards first reading, tabled to next meeting (Curtis, ???)
>> Canyoning Rev Standards first reading, tabled to next meeting (Nick, Tess)
>> Hiking and Backpacking Rev Standards first reading, tabled to next meeting (Nick, Tess)

To Discuss Next Meetings.

>> Standards and Activity Council Charters: Climbing, Scramble, Trail Running, Naturalists, Urban Walks, First Aid, Sea Kayak (05 Feb), Global Adventures, Downhill Skiing, Snowshoe (24 Apr)
>> Branch Leadership Committee Charter: Peter generated initial draft of revisions for consideration.

Next Meetings: 17 Feb, 16 Mar, BOD retreat 5 Mar, 20 Apr, 19 May, 15 Jun

(Submitted 20 Jan 2022/PH)