



Branch Leadership Committee
Meeting Agenda for June 15, 2022
6:00pm to 7:30pm via Zoom

Meeting Information

Zoom Meeting Link

Branch Leadership Members

- James H, Brian M (BHAM), Elaina J (EVE), Ben M (FH), Gretchen T (KIT), Scott C (OLY), Tess W (SEA), Curtis S (TAC), Cindy H (GA), Bill A (Safety), Nick M (EVE - Potentially incoming Chair), Brad P (FH - Chair Elect), John M (KIT - Chair Elect), Janette Z (OLY - Chair Elect), Craig K (SEA - Chair Elect), Sara R, Becca P
- Attendees:
 - James H
 - Kristina Ciari
 - Sara Ramsay
 - Brian McNitt, Bellingham
 - Nicholas Mayo, Everett
 - Brad Peacock, FH
 - Becca
 - Janette Zumbo, Oly
 - Scott Carlson, Oly
 - Gretchen Ta, Kit
 - Curtis Stock, Tac
 - Criag Kartes, SEA

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions--James
2. Review and approval of the meeting agenda for June 15, 2022
Motion to Approve: Brian McNitt; Second: Nicholas Mayo; Approved
3. [Review and approval of the Minutes from May 18, 2022](#)
Motion to Approve: Nicholas Mayo; Second: Brian McNitt; Approved
4. Mountaineers Survey (Sara to capture discussion)
 - Discussion about the branch survey results with Kristina Ciari
 - How widely have the results been distributed? Can they be distributed to branches?
 - Every year a survey is done. Summary of key findings is done. 2022 findings were put in the chat. Please share the results as needed.
 - Can you provide a survey overview for branches?
 - Yes, will add to a potential agenda item for Olympia branch



- Next survey
 - January 2024—member and volunteer surveye

5. Branch Reports—Mountaineer Branch Chairs

- Open leadership positions
- Relevant Updates
 - Kitsap: Finished Basic Climbing class for the year. Sixteen students completed the course. Leadership openings for treasurer and chair-elect.
 - Bellingham: Basic Climbing course to be completed in two weeks. Monthly potlucks starting next month. Currently five leadership positions are open—Secretary, Chair-Elect, Board Representative, Conservation Chair, Basic Climbing Course Coordinator.
 - Olympia: Climbing class going well even with weather. Scrambling had a good conclusion and graduated 20+ students. Social-summer picnic is scheduled for July 28. Fall award ceremony on Oct 15. Open leadership positions include: Social Chair, Secretary, and Leadership Coordinator. Exploring the Banff Film Festival as a potential fundraiser. Looking at how to participate with that program and support the branch.
 - Everett: Some significant weather challenges for Basic Climbing Course. Leading on Rock has been completed. Had some trouble staffing two snow field trips. Exploring if Intermediate course students could support Basic Climbing snow field trips. Current open leadership positions include: Vice-Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, Basic Climbing Chair and Intermediate Climbing Chair.
 - Foothills: Students scrambles had a lot of turnarounds due to weather and snow conditions. Students are concerned about whether they can graduate on time. Open leadership positions include: Treasurer, Vice-Chair and Board representative.
 - Tacoma: Basic climbing course is completed and now focused on getting graduates on climbs., Open leadership positions include: Treasurer, Secretary, and Board Representative.
 - Seattle: Basic Climbing course is concluding. Scramble course has been extended due to weather.

6. Committee & Organizational Reports

- Safety –Bill
 - Safety Updates & Lessons Learned
 - Update Q1 information and provided to the Branch Leadership Committee, Risk and website on safety folder. Compared year to date vs year to date last year.
 - Contacted by another organization that they are experiencing a unique environment in the alpine—snow and more rock falls. Ingalls basic route climb team experienced a significant rock fall



event. Will put info on basecamp so that branch leaders can send it to their committees.

- Global Adventures—Cindy
 - No update.
 - Operations - Sara & Becca
 - Becca: Thank you for your budget submissions. First review in August. September—opportunity to make small adjustments. October presentations to Board and approval.
 - Sara: Foundations of Leadership Course. Content being updated and finalized. Thinking about how to get the course soft launched later this month or early July. Allows to test and refine. Two courses: leadership and instruction. Based on feedback from branches. Not intended to replace branch leadership training. Will be on an e-learning platform.
 - Brian: how do these new courses relate to existing how to become a leader and branch chair?
 - Sara: This will replace the how to become a leader course. Separate from branch and committee chair. Targeted at trip and course leaders.
 - Becca: New course should be more relevant and easier to update.
 - Brad: Is there information that provides a short overview about becoming a branch/committee leader?
 - Sara: Don't have one because of the different types of activities.
 - Becca: Bill, did Seattle have a leader video?
 - Bill: Yes, will ask.
 - Brad: just want to wet their appetite.
 - [Branch Leadership Charter](#)
 - Status of draft provided by James as it relates to the Mountaineers bylaws changes.
 - BLC Retreat
 - Sara will send out a poll to identify a date in September or October.
 - Encourage all to attend.
7. Standards, Summits & Activity Charters ([Matrix](#))
- [Cross-Country Skiing Charter](#)
 - Second reading and vote on the charter agreed to by Branches/Lodges (Everett, Olympia, Foothills, Meany).
 - Motion to Approve: Nicholas Mayo; Second:, Gretchen Ta: Approved
 - [Sea Kayaking Council Charter](#)
 - First reading and discussion of the charter agreed to by Branches (Everett, Kitsap, Olympia, Seattle, Tacoma).



- Sara: similar to other charters. Summit in February and provided an updated charter. Seeing a little personality in the charters which is what was hoped for.
 - Motion to Approve: Curtis; Second: Nicholas Mayo; Approved
 - [Packrafting Activity Standards](#)
 - First reading and discussion of revised standards. Revision to standards reflects changes in operations identified during activity launch.
 - Agreement by Packraft Committee (only currently offered in Seattle).
 - Sara: trend with new to the mountaineers activities. Trend a group gets together to write standards, implement activity, and re-write standards based on activity. No changes to standard but updates to website
 - Nic: 2nd major area under definitions. Change easily missed to easily avoided.
 - Motion to Approve: Nicholas Mayo; Second: Gretchen Ta; Approved
8. Information Items
- Gretchen: looking for ideas for fundraising. Want to establish a scholarship fund to take leadership courses.
 - Becca: Branch giving resource can be used for leadership development. Will send a link in chat.
 - Brian: monthly fall rendezvous for graduation. Have a raffle with local vendors. Start a month or two out.
 - Becca; please work with staff to make it work.
 - Sara: will connect with the development team to help with putting something together.
 - Bill Seattle purchased personal location beacons for trip leaders. Climbing made them available to all activities. Could be a good way to help leaders.
9. Adjourn
- Next meeting August 17, 2022