

Everett Mountaineers Meeting 20 April 2017, Everett PUD

Present:

Andy Tangsombatvisit
Bruce Wolverton
Dennis Miller (Observing)
Louie Coglas
Nic Tormohlen
Jodi Stebbins
Tamber Pettes (filling in for Bill Coady)
Elaina Jorgensen
Carolyn Henri
Bernadette Lamarc
Mark Glidden
Doris Hatton

Meeting opened at 7:10. Jodi made the motion to approve minutes from 1-19-17 meeting, Bruce seconded. Minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

Scrambling - Andy - 3 students dropped, have 29 students in the scramble class this year.

Social Committee - Bernadette Lamarc - Potluck will be 2nd of August. Banquet- Carrie Strandall is in charge. Banquet group should contact Mountaineers Books for speakers, because people who have books published by Mountaineers Books are required to speak to promote their books. Maybe we should have a member, non-member and student price to make it more affordable for students. Maybe change this to a volunteer appreciation party? Not change it for this year, but before we put \$ down for following year, we should decide how we want to change this event. Have to make this decision before September, 2017 for the 2018 banquet.

Climbing -Mark- No report. Has a full class.

Membership - Doris. Has Email into Masonic Park regarding deposit for the salmon bake. Parking is \$5 per person, NOT car.

Lookout and Trail Maintenance - Louie - Submitted report in MSWord document, content of which is included here: 2017 activities to date include 3 Comm meetings, 2 Basic Trail Maintenance Classes, 1 Trail maintenance Crew Leader Class, 25 participants in each class; 5 new crew leaders, 110 volunteer hours, 180 stewardship hours on public land. 300 yds of trails at Lord Hill. Give away Live Lightly on the Land book to all volunteers. Making a 3 Fingers hat. Coming up: Starting to get wait lists on classes. Crew leader class coming up in May at Lord Hill. Exploratory trip to Pilchuck in May. Will post new trail work opportunities at Lord Hill in May.

June: Natl trails day event, June 3. Also in June: Exploratory to 3 fing trail. Then will post trips to do trail maintenance. New trail work at Lord Hill. Pilchuck lookout work. July: 3-Fingers trail work, possible exploratory of 3-fingers lookout. Heybrook ridge trail work. Aug: 3-Fingers Trail work, 3- fingers lookout work. Heybrook ridge trail work. 2 new committee members, 1 resigned due to work.

LOTM Committee meetings are every 3rd Wed at PUD 7pm.

Hiking - Nic had first Committee meeting a month ago. Hiking essentials class was held 2 weeks ago, had 11 people.

Sea Kayaking - Tamber (sitting in for Bill Coady) - have finished lecture portion of current class. Have 19 students. Next up is student paddles. May 6 and 7. Baker Lake campout coming up in July. Elaina (E) asked: Do we have intermediate program? No, but it's under discussion.

Treasurer Report- Jodie - Handed out FY17 approved budget, first page current revenue to date, last page expenses to date for Committees. Budgets for FY 18 are due last day of April. New club rules state that we cannot carry over budget surplus into following year, we will lose it to main branch. Jodie has 2018 budgets from Matt, Kirsten, Climbing and some from Louie. Needs budgets from everyone else.

Discussion about Everett Branch Reserves: Elaina - If we have reserves, they will now go into general fund. All receipts need to be in by Sept 30 (end of our FY). We have a \$143,000 to spend or it will get rolled into general fund. Consensus of group is that money should be spent on something for the branch.

Ideas for spending branch reserves within 3 years: Mark: Camping property: \$89,000 at Icicle Creek. Less than an Acre, near Mountaineers Dome. Parking would be a problem. E. will find out timeline for when we have to have a plan into HQ. Might want to go in with Seattle, pool \$ and buy a bigger piece of property. Kayak Committee would be interested in buying boats, paddles, gear, and rent them out to students. Olympia branch is doing this with some equipment for climbing students. Kayaking committee will look into this. Louie would like a storage space for tools. If we want to put \$ toward Clubhouse, main club may support that, and it puts off the timeline for spending the reserves. We'll work towards 3 or 4 ideas. Go back to your committee, talk about it. E. will send out email to committees. Louie's previous motion about establishing a rock climbing facility in town has been rolled into the discussion about spending the reserves.

A committee was formed to develop 3-4 ideas for the reserves: Louie, Bruce, Dennis, Andy, Elaina, Bill Coady (appointed in absentia) (E will also ask Matt V).

Safety: Elaina - No major safety incidents this year. We've had slips and falls. She encouraged leaders to use incident report forms for near misses. E. Will send out safety report to the committees.

Elaina would like to start Safety Committee for the branch. Tony Tsuboi is branch rep on the club-wide safety committee. Purpose of Comm would be real time, patterns and reports. Climbing and scrambling have safety officers, LOTM is going to have one. Sea Kayaking doesn't have one. For now we are thinking that every committee should have a safety officer. What do safety officers do now? Not much... There will be a risk management class. Could send safety officers to this class...

Communications: Change Communications committee to outreach. Would be in charge of FB, Social Media, news letter. E proposes having a member from each activity committee on communications committee. Branch needs more public outreach. Currently not Tweeting or using Instagram. Andy made a motion to change the focus of Communications Committee to outreach and have participation by other committees. Tamber seconded. Motion passed with one against, everyone else for. Charter for that committee needs to be changed. E will make changes and send out.

First Aid Committee: Elaina wants to provide more support to FA committee. Proposing the following: If you get your WFA paid for by branch as a trip leader, you volunteer for scenarios night. We need volunteers for scenario victims. WFA course costs \$140. Table this discussion for now, go back to committees, ask if we should subsidize WFA, and if committees can provide member to FA committee. E expects to hear back from committees with what they decide.

Leadership retention discussion: How are people doing with trip leaders? Climbing needs mentors who will mentor new climb leaders. Andy's comm has about 38 trip leaders (required to do trip every 3 yrs). Sea Kayaking is OK, but not flush.

What are bottlenecks to getting trip leaders?

- Not clear what's required, people don't know if they can lead across other disciplines (i.e. can scramble leaders be hiking leaders? Can climb leaders lead scrambles?)
- Requirements can be burdensome: (i.e. navigation and FA recertification)
- Difficulty of posting hikes on new website drove away some hike leaders.

What's preventing people from being leaders, why do leaders stop being leaders, how do we increase # of leaders? Mark: Important to build a community of people who like to go out and enjoy things together. Should do community building activities. Elaina will follow up with 4 committees on building leadership - scramble, climb, sea kayak, hike.

Exec Comm recognition proposals: Jackets, Waive Membership fee, waive a class fee.

Food truck donation discussion: Tabled.

Bruce motion to adjourn, Andy seconded, meeting adjourned @ 9:20.