

Everett Branch Exec Comm Meeting May 17, 2018

Attending:

Barry Hershly	Bill Coady	Louie Coglas
Nick Mayo	Liz Dawson	Doris Hatton
Elaina Jorgensen	Justin Sylvestal	Andy Tangsombatvisit (via speaker phone)
Carolyn Henri	Bruce Wolverton	Nic Tormohlen
Jodi Stebbins	Bern Lamarca	

Meeting began @ 7:00 pm. Introducing Justin Sylvestal, our new branch communications chair.

Minutes from last meeting: Jodi motioned to approve, Bruce 2nd. Minutes approved.

Everett Program Center Report (Bruce)

Mike Hendrickson and Rob Holman have joined the team. Want to have project plan together by September that can be delivered to Seattle branch. Focus of the group will be on finding existing building, due to budget constraints. Start small and build on over time. Mike H will be helpful in finding something appropriate. Potential buildings include churches, schools, other places with high ceiling. Purchase of an existing building is better for code constraints. Focus is to get a lot that's big enough to build in future.

Partnerships with other groups in the space may or may not be way to go. Different goals between nonprofit and a for-profit businesses could create conflicts. Might restrict our ability to rent the space. Tacoma makes 70K/yr from rental fees.

Committee: Mat Vadnal, Bruce, Carol Darman, Mike Hendrickson, Rob Holman, Liz Dawson

ACTION: Committee chairs need to get space requirements to prog center comm ASAP.

Committee Updates:

Scrambling (Andy):

Had last class. Field trip was Sat before Mothers Day. Now students just have to complete course requirements. Injuries or near misses -- Snow field trip: Snow was soft, trapped people's legs. We did have a sprain. Last field trip: two people with pretty bad sunburn.

LOTM report (Louie):

- Committee has been around since 1990, started on Pilchuck. Meet every 3rd Wed at PUD.
- Natl trails day coming up June 2 (Sat). working on 8 mile trail (3rd yr working up there). Meet @ 8:30 Darrington Ranger station. Sign up on website under stewardship. SWAG: Everyone will get a tee shirt. Will be dinner and raffle afterwards.

- Pilchuck: Road not open yet due to snow. Work party cancelled for now. Next month will open up the lookout. Every 3rd Sat thru October, with option to stay the night. This yr 4 more shutters to do. Hoping to get heli lift. Painting, winter repairs.
- Three fingers: Work tentatively scheduled for Aug 24-Sept 3. Plan to have crews come up every couple days. Andy has group coming end of August. Road conditions remain to be seen. Tubsell Pass often has passage trouble.
- Lord Hill: Training 4 new crew leaders at Lord Hill. That's the committee's springtime work.

Hiking/Backpacking (Nic):

Committee approved expansion of committee to include backpacking. Elaina motioned to approve expansion of committee, Bern second. Motion approved.

BC Skiing (Barry):

Still planning for next yrs BC Ski class. Trying to get info from Foothills branch chair on prices, class sizes. Working on timelines, lectures. For now plan to mirror what they're doing at Foothills so we don't undercut them. Will start with \$200 for members, \$250 for non-members, 24 students. Registration before x-mas.

Climbing (Nick):

- BASIC: Down to one more field trip first weekend of June, couple more lectures.
- 44 students in class.
- Lost fewer people at this point than in previous years. This year students signed a commitment letter before starting course. No recent safety incidents.
- INTERMEDIATE: finished 2nd LOR trip, have two more. Alpine ice class will be offered this summer.
- Problem with Everett students signing up for basic climbs in Seattle before they've graduated: Not a good idea? Students should get permission from climb committee chair? Climb leader should follow up on students (s)he does not know. Is there an IT solution to this problem? i.e. Student gets flagged if they sign up as a student, committee chair gets notified, has to approve...
- Louie and Nic will attend climbing class on May 30 to recruit for LOTM and Hike/BP leaders respectively.

First Aid (Liz):

- Had successful scenario night at Taylors Landing.
- May 30 next scenarios night. 6-9 pm.
- Liz duties as First Aid chair were reviewed for benefit of committee.
- Discussion: Recruit subjects for scenario night from high school drama departments? Need to check on age limitations. Kids get volunteer hours.

Social/Membership (Doris):

- BBQ Oct 7nd. At Masonic Park on Mountain Loop, Free parking, suggested donation of \$200. Rent out their big kitchen for \$25.
- Picnic August 1st. Have branch provide burgers and dogs. This was approved.

Banquet Discussion: Liz has list of caterers. Carrie S. has not gotten back to Liz. ACTION: Elaina will ask Carrie to follow up. Banquet is Nov 2. Free for students, no more than \$10.00 (+/-) for others. Idea is to be community gathering, not fund raiser. Budget: \$1,500 or less. Buffet. Budget may be too small? Trying to get 300 people. Last year had approx. 100.

Kayaking (Bill):

- In April finished basic course. 19 students. Students are now completing their 2nd student paddles to get their badge. Great group!
- Justin (Sylvestal) training to be paddle trip leader.
- Annual Baker Lake trip coming up July 13-15. 30-50 boats on the lake. Not an official Mountaineer paddle. Talk to Bill if interested.
- Have cleaned up equivalency application process, will be much smoother.
- Expanded trip leaders: 2 last year, 2 in pipeline

Communications (Justin): Learning the ropes. Regarding posting activity pictures on Everett Mountaineers website: Committee chairs should be able to post directly to the Everett FB page. Working on blog posts that can go on Mountaineers website.

Financial Report (Jodi):

- Current revenue to date \$82,731.
- Expenses to date \$41,879.

Elaina --Seattle program center (PC) is on no spending budget. Guidance from PC: We are to grow revenue rather than expenses. PC does not want us to exceed 10%-15% of activity budget on volunteer recognition. 10% on food.

PC new pricing recommendations: Doubling price of climbing classes in next 3 years. All of the activities fees will increase. Reasons for this? Seattle is struggling to get volunteers, this may be reason, need more staff, improvements to website. Program center staff going to different branches, trying to sell the idea. Not clear when they are coming to Everett to speak to this issue. Quite a bit of discussion among members on this point, much of it negative in nature.

Misc Business:

Elaina proposes to make posters for Everett activities. Branding across activities. Advertise. Each poster is \$700 to make (original artwork). Do one for each activity, start with LOTM, hiking/backpacking. Use them as donations and gifts, it will be a nice piece of artwork. Should be able to recoup some of investment.

Next Exec Comm meeting is Thursday, **September 20**, Pizza at 6:30, meeting starts at 7 pm.

Bill motioned to adjourn, Bruce seconded. Meeting adjourned @ 9:03 pm.