

Everett Branch Council Meeting Minutes

Everett Branch Committee, September 24, 2024

6:00 p.m. Virtual

Meeting called to order by Nick Mayo, Everett Branch Chair

Participants:

Nick Mayo, Everett Branch Chair
Rodica Manole, Everett Climbing Chair
Christina Youk, Everett Secretary
Lydia Gillis, Vice Chair for the Everett Branch
Matt Surprenant, Scramble Committee Chair
Robert White, BOD/Everett Treasurer
Beck Clements, First Aid
Bernadette Lamarca, Social Committee
Dan Renfrow, Lookout and Trail Maintenance/Trail Running
Rachel Shafer, Cross Country Ski Committee Chair
Ramki Pitchuiyer, Everett Director
Jared De Aragon, Everett E&I Director
Alexandra Fetzer, Hiking and backpacking Chair

Motion

The Committee approved the meeting minutes from May 28, 2024.

Introduction

Welcome to Jared De Aragon who is the Everett E&I Director. The Everett Mountaineers is one of the first branches to create this role. Jared's role is to sit on the Everett Mountaineer's E&I Committee and make recommendations as to what things we should be doing within the programs to help us align with the E&I Committee. He will be working as a Liaison between the Board and the Committee in building the Equity and inclusion.

Matt Hansen will be the new Everett Director, replacing Ramki Pitchuiyer. Ramki will be moving into an At-Large position on the board.

Billy Anthony is the new Treasurer replacing Robert White. Robert will be moving into the Chair-Elect position.

Janelle is the new secretary replacing Christina Youk.

Climbing

2024 courses are wrapped up except for SRC which will be kicking off next week. Basic course is in the middle of counting the graduates. As of September 23, we have 15 and the projection is around 20. No graduates number for IGC as of now. 2025 courses are kicking off. Leading on Rock (LOR), Intermediate Glacier Climbing (IGC) intermediate courses have been posted. We have Basic course curriculum review coming on September 29th. Self-Rescue clinic is going to be advertised at the beginning of October by our Communication person. The course itself will start on October 30th.

We are preparing for the banquet on November 2nd. The Larry Ingalls Service Award nomination form is out there. The deadline is September 25th. The winner of the nomination will be disclosed at the banquet.

Erin had a great idea to submit a summary of the committee report prior to the meeting. That is something that we have just started doing at the branch leadership council (chairs) meeting where every branch provides a report, and we used to do it verbally like we do here. We started to do an update on a living document about 30 seconds per person. It has been working well at the last couple of branch leadership council meetings.

Our Everett Chair will set something up on Basecamp for the Committee to submit their summary report a couple days prior to the meeting.

Committee Statuses and Updates

Scramble

Over the summer, four new leaders completed their mentorship and expected to become new leaders shortly. A winter scramble seminar is expected to happen at the end of October via zoom. It is the basic seminar for any recent scramble or basic climbing graduates that want to know what to expect on a winter scramble. A Scramble course will be posted shortly with registration to open on December 1st at the same time as other branches. The price is set at \$450.00 assuming Seattle Foothills keep theirs as promised.

The scramble reunion on the first week of August at Baker Lodge was successful. The hikes included Hadley, Church, Herman, and Larrabee. If Everett hiking or climbing wants to be involved in the future years, there seems to be plenty of room at the Baker Lodge.

Lookout and Trail Maintenance

Most of the crew leaders are climbers so summertime activities have dwindled. Recently, LOTMO had a Lord Hill activity and its first logout at three Fingers utilizing the PSICC. Last week, LOTMO had a Crew Leader intro session and had a couple of candidates who are interested. LOTMO Chair met with the forest service district ranger to discuss the fate of the collapsing bridge and road washouts on FS 41. There is a huge opportunity to help design and build an alternate trail. LOTMO is planning several trail maintenance events at LH through the fall as leaders are available.

Hiking and Backpacking

The hiking and backpacking community has two new hike leaders. Alexandra is stepping down from her role as the Everett Hiking & Backpacking chair due to health and extra responsibilities on the job.

Wilderness First Aid

The WFA is using Base Medical again this year. There have been concerns about the training model that has too much information in one day and unprofessional communication but will give it another try. The Remote Medical offering raised the price from \$250 to \$275 for next year so Base Medical is still a far more affordable option.

Nordic Ski Committee

The Nordic Ski Committee is planning on getting together and providing leader training in February. Not much detail to report as of now because they are still in the planning stage.

Sea Kayaking

We have 18 graduates in Sea Kayaking course and working on planning for next year.

Treasurer Update

September 30 is the end of the fiscal year. If you have expenses or reimbursements, please submit them by October 10 so that Nick and Robert can submit them for approval by October 15. There is one concern from the Board. The Board will meet to discuss the plans on how to lower the corporate expenses, so that we don't raise the price of the courses to offset the expenses.

Update from Board

1. Financially strong behind overall on publishing like the new version of Freedom of the Hills generates the most income, but the program costs are increasing.
2. Repair work at Seattle Kitsap theater due to water leaks was \$25K unplanned cost.
3. SHSAP Update – There is a draft report being prepared and the board will review the final version before releasing to the branches.

Awards Banquet Planning

The Everett Chair is seeking individuals to help volunteer with the Banquet planning. The tasks list will be posted on the Basecamp, so individuals can read and list their names next to the tasks they want to volunteer. Robert was asked and agreed to be the Master of Ceremonies at the banquet.

Larry Ingalls Award and Nominating Committee

There will be an award ceremony at the Banquet on November 2nd. Our Everett Chair will reach out to three individuals to serve as the nominating committee to decide and approve the nominee.

Members are encouraged to fill out the nominee forms for those they think deserve the award. The deadline to submit the forms is 9/25.

Youth program Update

Matt Hansen will be the Everett Director replacing Ramki as Ramki moved up to another role on the bigger Board. The new Director will also be leading the Youth Program. Based on last year's survey, the interest in Youth Program is low, but we still want to continue building the program. The new Director will be interviewing and building relationships with a couple of parents who have young children in the right age range. Hopefully, they will be interested in enrolling their children in the youth program over time. This is going to be an initial process of building a youth program over time.

Super Volunteer List

Michelle Song will put up a Super Volunteer List in mid-October where badges are given to volunteers who have served 150 hours or above. The Everett Chair encouraged all volunteers to check the Super Volunteer list when it is available and add those names that should be on the Super Volunteer list. Matt, Rachel, and Dan are three of the many that should be on the Super Volunteer list.

Future Events

- November 2nd, 2024: Award Banquet

Next Steps and Meetings

- The next Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2024.