**Everett Mountaineers – Alpine Scrambling Committee Minutes**

 Regular Monthly Meeting      3000 Rockefeller Avenue – Public Meeting Room #2      May 10, 2021 – 7pm-9:00 pm

Attendance via Zoom:

Richard, Brian, Matt S., Mark B., Mike R., Carol, Tom, Jason G.

**Agenda Items and Minutes:**

1. **Jason – Recap of Snow Field Trip -** All individuals did just fine. Minor issues: Leah could use better equipment. Peter needs to support until he becomes more comfortable traveling in the mountain. Primary feedback was desire for this trip to be a two day trip which would allow more time for self-arrest practice.
2. **Attendance Coordinator** -  Need to determine students who have dropped and determine pro-rata rebate for those who didn’t finish course.
3. **Tuan - Experience Field Trip Status Update –** Trip is ready to go. Tuan needs to coordinate with Mark for equipment needs.
4. **Review scrambles posted and make plans for more to be posted** - Need more trips to be posted.
5. **Carol review finances** - Budget extremely tight this year. Difficult to get reimbursement for expenses from Seattle Mountaineers Office (Corporate). Waiting for Corporate to determine charge rates for next year. Budget is up in the air. Would like to add back many of the traditional allowed expenses. Waiting for input from Corporate and then a budget will be produced by Carol.
6. **Richard course dates for the following year's course** (1+  years ahead). Richard shared his draft calendar. Course calendar based on assumption COVID is over.
7. **Jason** – See Agenda item 1 above.
8. **Brian discuss changes for next year Rock Field Trip**
   1. Difficult for instructor to teach Rock Station. Navigation is difficult for some instructors.
   2. Brian is still of the opinion that we continue to do the trip as “Pods” of students and instructors together all day.
   3. Forest Service is taking over the management of Sam Hill which might change the size of individual groups as well as overall group size. Waiting for updates from Forest Service.
   4. Skill stations do have different time commitments which creates “down time” during the day.
   5. Digital navigation did not work well. Suggestion to move this learning to the Experience Field Trip.
   6. Walking to the site from the Arts Center worked well. Suggestion to walk on future trips.
9. **Joel / Carol report on possible changes to nav based** –
   1. Discussion of how to do online lecture and try out skills before field trip. Maybe keep the online part and them do an onsite lecture to practice the skills before the field trip.
   2. Half hour allocated to sign-in at field trip is not necessary going forward.
   3. Joel is considering making other changes to the trip.
10. **Group discussion of changes that might be made to classroom sessions next year** –
    1. Some benefit of online video. Good knowledge transfer.
    2. Lack of face to face time was a major shortcoming of Zoom meetings. Need more in-person meetings.
    3. No clear preference for pre-recorded vs. Zoom meetings. In person Field Trips are clear winner in popularity based on student feedback.
11. **Other Business**
    1. Agreement to do future Committee Meetins via Zoom
    2. Richard to send out email requesting graduating students participate in Mountaineers.