**Minutes from January 22, 2019 EMSK Meeting**

(Thanks Dan Hale for compiling!)

Sea Kayak Summit

* Scheduled for Saturday, 26-Jan-2019 9am – 3pm at the Seattle Program Center.
* Rob King will join Doug Palm at the next one.
* Others are welcome. Signup to provide the organizers a heads up on food needed for attendees.
* Looking to update the SK ratings for many trips—most will go up.
* One result may be that an Intermediate Paddler badge to lead trips above SK3?
* Expect that there will be a discussion about a desire to expand Paddler Development Weekend to include planning and instructors from all branches.

Basic Course 2019

* Have fourteen registered as of today.
* We need six more students.
* **ACTION**: Spread the news! Promote the class!
* **ACTION**: if you plan to assist, sign-up to do so as an assistant on the Mountaineers site.
* Note: there are several separate events that comprise the overall class.
* We will have another meeting in Late February/Early March for trainers to sync up.
* Trainer the trainer (TTT) is the same day as Tacoma’s event.
* TTT for Everett is 30-March-2019
* The pool session will happen earlier than typical for the class – pool availability challenges.
* 27 and 28-April are the dates for the two initial Student Paddles at Hope & Skagit.
* Some leaders will be camping overnight at Deception Pass State Park.
* In the A loop.

Spring Course Night

* 6-Feb Everett Branch will have theirs.
* Scramble, hiking, navigation, sea kayaking will be pitched to members of the public who are in attendance.
* Bill can’t make it.
* Donna Garland will do it at the PUD.

 Intermediate Course Update

* Six or so are progressing on this five year journey.
* May have more joining this year.
* As with last year may plan an Incident Management weekend like last year.

 Other Training Opportunities

* When Karen led **Wet Wednesdays** last year at Silver Lake they were well attended, and valuable.
* What about arranging a **Pool Session** for practice in the winter time?
* Any volunteers to arrange this?
* **Rescue Rodeo** a possibility at Camano State Park? A good venue.
* Note: there are funds available within the Mountaineers to help pay for training for leaders. See Bill for more info.

Trip Planning

* Doug Garland put together the popular trips we do, with good times to lead them.
* If you did not receive it, ask Doug for a copy.
* As a club, we want to target at least one student paddle and a club trip per month.

 Leader Development

* **ACTION**: Consider whom among our members would make a good new trip leader.
* Our group tends to be seasonal with trip planning. Olympia and Tacoma plan trips throughout the year. Let’s consider doing so too.

 Scheduling more regular EMSK Committee Meetings

* Bill suggests that we schedule more meetings through out the year. Perhaps once a months?
* The next one will be focused on this year’s class.
* Maybe do one at the campfire at Baker Lake.
* We could use the meetings to help foster trip planning throughout the year, and to cover specific topics…

 Reaching out to Students

* We have a Gmail list of past students with close to 200 names on the list.
* Goes back to 2010.
* **ACTION**: Bill will mail out the class brochure to everyone to help recruiting.

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* If you have not booked a site, reach out. Plenty of room for tenting campers to share space with those of us who booked already.

 Gear Swap/Sale

* Let’s consider adding it to the third class, and at Baker Lake.