

EMSK MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 19, 2023 7:00PM TO 8:30PM

Thank you to all who attended our recent meeting on Zoom: Bill & Michele Coady, Dan Hale, Diego Gabrieli, Donna Garland, Cathie Frizalone, Michele Rushworth, Julia Otani, and Susan Dininni.

Agenda topics covered:

- The group approved the minutes of the last meeting's minutes for May 18, 2023 -- <https://www.mountaineers.org/locations-lodges/everett-branch/committees/everett-sea-kayaking-committee/documents/minutes/emsk-may-2023-meeting-minutes.txt>
- Donna Garland talked about her proposal to have the next annual EMSK Kayak and Camping Shindig at Colonial Creek Campground instead of Baker Lake. She is still looking into the matter, with the questions of how well the site accommodates RV's and which weekend the event will be held in July 2024.
- Election of officers: effective immediately, Cathie Frizalone will be our new treasurer and Michele Rushworth will be our new committee chair (per further discussion and voting after the meeting). Congratulations and many thanks to both! We still need someone to take on the job of taking and publishing the meeting minutes so please let Michele know if you are interested in taking on that role.
- Clinics and other training: Congrats and many thanks to Bill Coady and everyone who helped out and participated in the recent EMSK Towing and Emergency Preparedness Course! It was a great success. Courses like these add to the revenue EMSK can generate so if anyone has ideas please share them. Diego offered to work with Doug P to develop a stand-alone EMSK navigation course for next year, along the lines of the course Doug has helped teach with Felicia W for the past two years.
- The annual Sea Kayak Summit is on Saturday, February 10th on Zoom. This event is put on by the Mountaineers Sea Kayak Activity Council which includes all the branches with SK committees (Everett, Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia, Kitsap). Michele Rushworth and Susan Dininni plan to attend the Summit. Let Michele know if you are interested in attending.
- There is still interest in doing in-meeting training sessions like the one's we've done in the past on VHF radio use, DeepZoom, and other topics.
- Susan Dininni suggested the group look into a maritime version of the Wilderness First Aid course. She is taking such a course and provided information on the organization she's learning from. Here's the contact info for anyone interested in pursuing this idea for the EMSK: <https://www.maritimemedicalguides.org/cpr-and-first-aid-for-mariners>

The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 16, 2023 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Here is the link to RSVP for the meeting. <https://www.mountaineers.org/locations-lodges/everett-branch/events/emsk-committee-meeting-2022-10-20-2023-01-19-2023-02-16-2023-05-18-2023-09-21-2023-11-16>