

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE EMSK MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2023

ATTENDEES: CATHIE F, DIEGO G, DAN H, DOUG P, ROBERT C.

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Minutes for January 19, 2022 APPROVED (see minutes at <https://www.mountaineers.org/locations-lodges/everett-branch/committees/everett-sea-kayaking-committee/documents/minutes/emsk-zoom-meeting-minutes-1-19-2023.pdf/view>)

In service training topic: Take 2 - Doing More with DeepZoom, tides, currents, and beyond. 60 MINUTES. A live demonstration of DeepZoom features; going beyond its famous interactive currents and tides to explore the trip planning features, wind and weather forecasts, and Coast Pilot integration. SUGGESTED EXERCISE: FIND AN SK TRIP IN THE MOUNTAINEERS ACTIVITY GUIDE AND TRY YOUR HAND AT MAKING YOUR OWN VERSION OF THE TRIP BY CHARTING OUT THE ROUTES IN DEEPZOOM. USING THE POSTED DATE AND TIME INFORMATION FROM THE POSTING, STUDY HOW THE TRIP YOU CREATE WITH DEEPZOOM CORRESPONDS TO THE CURRENT AND TIDE CHANGES ALONG THE ROUTES YOU CHART OUT. NEVER RELY ON A SINGLE SOURCE OF INFORMATION. REMEMBER TO ALWAYS CHECK NOAA AND OTHER SOURCES OF CURRENT, TIDE, AND WEATHER INFORMATION TO CONFIRM YOUR FINDINGS.

Update from the 2023 Mountaineers Sea Kayak Summit - CATHIE F. SUMMARIZED THE RESULTS FROM THE SUMMIT. KEY FOR 2023 IS THE ORGANIZATION-WIDE COURSE STANDARDS CHANGE TO ADD WET EXIT PRACTICE WITHOUT USING THE GRAB LOOP. For the FULL Mountaineers Sea Kayak Summit minutes for 2023 and prior years, check out this link to the committee materials for the Mountaineers Sea Kayaking advisory council: <https://www.mountaineers.org/about/vision-leadership/board-of-directors/committees/branch-leadership-committee/activity-councils-1/sea-kayaking-council>

Updates from the Everett Mountaineers Branch Executive Committee Meeting (Doug P). WITH THE PANDEMIC WINDING DOWN AND OUR NEW BRANCH CHAIR IN PLACE, NICK MAYO, BRANCH EXECUTIVE MEETINGS ARE BACK ON A REGULAR SCHEDULE. STAY TUNED FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS.

FOR THE TIME BEING THE EMSK CHARTER WORK IS ON THE BACK BURNER UNTIL WE RECEIVE A DUE DATE. SOME WORK HAS BEEN DONE ALREADY AND IT SHOULD BE FAIRLY STRAIGHTFORWARD TO FINISH IT. The Mountaineers are asking all branches and branch activity groups to update their charters. For those seeking to get a jump on this before the meeting, check out our existing charter at <https://www.mountaineers.org/locations-lodges/everett-branch/committees/everett-sea-kayaking-committee/documents/committee-resources/draft-everett-sea-kayaking-committee-charter-date-established-revised/@@download/file/DRAFT%20-%20EVERETT%20SEA%20KAYAKING%20COMMITTEE%20CHARTER%20-%20-%205BDATE%20or%20REVISED%5D%20copy.docx> and the Mountaineers updated charter template at <https://www.mountaineers.org/locations-lodges/everett-branch/committees/everett-sea-kayaking-committee/documents/committee-resources/committee-charter-template-to-be-copied-edited.pdf>

Update on acquisition of one Garmin InReach Mini 2 for use by trip leaders (followup to minutes from January 19). EVERETT BRANCH GAVE THE EMSK TWO OF THESE DEVICES TO GIVE TO THE MOST ACTIVE LEADERS. RECIPIENTS BECOME THE DEVICE OWNERS AND BECOME RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THEM (NO REIMBURSEMENT FOR SUBSCRIPTION FEES ETC). ALL THE EMSK TRIP LEADERS WHO DID NOT ALREADY HAVE ONE OF THESE DEVICES WERE INVITED TO SUBMIT REQUESTS TO BE IN THE RUNNING FOR ONE. ONLY TWO EXPRESSED INTEREST (DOUG P. AND ROBERT C.).

2023 Trip leader/instructor training opportunities. Time allowed for Dan Hale to give updates on this. DAN IS WORKING WITH ALEX AT BODY BOAT BLADE TO COME UP WITH A SCHEDULE.

2023 Trip leader candidates/volunteers. This is a standing item about expanding our trip leader corp. Thanks to Cathie Frizalone for stepping up to become a trip leader! Bill Coady is helping Cathie work through the process. Meanwhile, if you're interested in becoming a trip leader, here's the application: <https://www.mountaineers.org/volunteer/volunteer-with-us/leader-applications/sea-kayak-leader-application>

2023 Equivalency events - Ongoing discussion to organize special equivalency events for small groups of experienced sea kayakers looking to participate in Mountaineers paddles. Anyone interested in helping out with this please contact Rob King. NO NEWS ON THIS FRONT. STAY TUNED.

New trip plans. A standing item to allow trip leaders a chance to talk about their upcoming plans and to discuss ideas for new trips. DOUG P. HAS A TRIP THIS SATURDAY (FEB 18) AND IS WORKING ON POSTING OTHERS. ROBERT C. IS ALSO WORKING ON TRIP DEVELOPMENT.

New clinic or other training plans, including in meeting training sessions. A standing item for discussion. SUGGESTION TO DO A TRIP PLANNING WITH DEEPZOOM CLINIC. SUGGESTION THAT SOMEONE POST A CLINIC OR PRACTICE SESSION FOR ROLLING. COULD BE AT A POOL OR LAKE (WHEN THE WEATHER WARMS UP)

Discussion on setting a date for committee elections to select officers MOVED TO THE FALL.

Dates for upcoming events:

- Basic Course related topics (per Cathie F., Basic Course Coordinator). COURSE PREPARATIONS ON TRACK. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THIS YEAR'S COURSE PLEASE CONTACT CATHIE IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY.
- Baker Lake Shindig July 7-9, 2023. Everett Mountaineers Sea Kayak Baker Lake Shindig — The Mountaineers
- April EMSK meeting
- Training topic: Jim West returns in April to present VHF Radio Communications and Training - Learn it for the first time or relearn it as a refresher! The focus will be on handheld devices like we use in sea kayaking. Jim will cover the best and proper way to communicate on a VHF Radio.

Remember to keep checking the activity guide for upcoming Mountaineers Sea Kayaking activities. And sign up for automatic notifications to get instant notifications of new events.

Thank you all for your participation in the Everett Mountaineers Sea Kayaking program! We have activities, courses and events thanks to the the engagement of our members.

End meeting APPROVED. MEETING ENDED AT 8:23PM