

EMSK (Zoom) Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2023

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In attendance (12): Praveen T, Doug & Debbie Palm, Bradley Mitchell, Dan Hale, Cathie Frizalone, Bill & Michele Coady, Robert Christensen, Donna & Doug Galand, Justin Sylvestal

AGENDA

Approval of the last meeting's minutes for November 19, 2022. Link was provided before the meeting. Move to approve was seconded and approved by all present.

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The in-service training topic, Doing More with DeepZoom, was postponed due to technical difficulties. We'll pick it up at a future meeting.

Review of trips since our last meeting: Christmas Lights Paddle on Utsalady Bay. There were no others to review at this time.

Announcing EMSK's representatives to the Everett Mountaineers Executive committee's branch-wide events planning group: Lauralie Huddleston and Praveen T. Apologies! Forgot to say these two will be representing the EMSK at the Everett Mountaineers Branch level for branch wide social events.

Updating the EMSK activity committee charter. The Mountaineers are asking all branches and branch activity groups to update their charters. Doug P asked that all members review our current (draft) charter, compare it to the Mountaineers updated charter template, and offer suggestions for improving our charter. We'll review at the next meeting.

Here is the link to our current draft: <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%5BDATE%20or%20REVISED%5D%20copy.docx>

and here is the link to the Mountaineers updated charter template <https://www.mountaineers.org/locations-lodges/everett-branch/committees/everett-sea-kayaking-committee/documents/committee-resources/committee-charter-template-to-be-copied-edited.pdf>

Special topic - Doug P gave an update on the acquisition of Garmin InReach Mini 2's for use by our two most active trip leaders. Because these devices cannot be shared in any practical manner, they will be gifted outright with the recipients taking on full responsibility of ownership, including for all activation fees, subscription costs, etc. Doug P asked the members present to advise on how best to proceed. Based on that dialog, he later reached out to the trip leaders who do not have this type of device to find out who might be interested in competing to get one. The winners of the competition will be the two EMSK trip leaders with the most trips posted by the end of March 2023. At the beginning of April, Doug P will tally the trips and award devices to the two EMSK trip leaders with the highest number of trips posted for this year.

2023 Trip leader/instructor training opportunities. We have \$1200 budgeted for "recognition and development" our leaders and instructors. Like last year, these funds will be used for group training sessions such as Incident Management, paddling in current, rolling classes, coastal kayaking, ACA/BU certification, and other skill building courses. Many thanks to Dan Hale for volunteering to once again coordinate this special training for trip leaders/instructors! If you have ideas for courses, please contact Dan.

2023 Trip leader candidates/volunteers. This is a standing item about expanding our trip leader corp. Thanks to Cathie Frizalone, Robert Christensen, and Justin Sylvestal for stepping up to become trip leaders! Bill Coady is mentoring them through the process. Meanwhile, if you're interested in becoming a trip leader, here's the application to get you started: <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. Thanks to Robert Christensen for offering to help interface between the EMSK and the North Sound Sea Kayak Association.

2023 EMSK Basic Sea Kayaking course (revised)- The course is on track to happen this April- under Cathie Frizalone's leadership. At the meeting she reported the course is full with one on the waitlist. Many thanks to Diego and Evan for taking on the navigation sections, Robert C for Safety, Michele C for followership and Consuelo for taking on the cold water safety training lecture, and the many volunteers helping with the pool, open water and other aspects of the training

Future of the EMSK Intermediate SK track - Many thanks to John Morton for heading the EMSK Intermediate Sea Kayaking track and for his other involvement with the EMSK for the past many years. John's priorities have changed and we respect his decision to move on. Doug P asked the members what they think we should do about the EMSK's Intermediate SK course. After some discussion it was decided to have Doug P contact the enrollees (DONE 1/20/23) and let them know we will no longer offer the

Intermediate SK course, effective immediately. All enrollees wishing to continue with an Intermediate Sea Kayaking course should contact the head of the Tacoma Mountaineers Intermediate Sea Kayak course, Michael Everett (mikeedvm@aol.com). Only the EMSK Intermediate SK course is involved in this decision.

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. No new trips were announced but the year is young. Meanwhile, Doug Garland said he will send trip leaders his annual list of recommended trip dates for popular venues; its produced using a program that analyzes and reports on tides and current data. Many thanks to him for this helpful information!

New clinic or other training plans, including in meeting training sessions. A standing item for discussion. Bill Coady promised he will put on a towing clinic this year! Many thanks to Bill for this important training! Look for more news from Bill after the Basic SK course is finished this year.

Dates for upcoming events:

- Sea Kayak Summit: February 11, 2023 from 9am to 1pm. Thank you to Cathie and Bill for volunteering to represent the EMSK!
- Basic Course all on track for April 2023 (per Cathie Frizalone, Basic Course Coordinator)
- Baker Lake Shindig July 7-9, 2023. If you plan to come, please RSVP at the following link so we know: [Everett Mountaineers Sea Kayak Baker Lake Shindig — The Mountaineers](#)
- Next EMSK meeting: February 16, 2023.
- Training topic (UPDATED FOLLOWING THE JANUARY MEETING): Take 2 on Doing More with DeepZoom. Jim West will return for our April meeting to present VHF Radio Communications and Training.
- Report from the Sea Kayak Summit (Bill and Cathie)
- We will set the date for election of EMSK activity committee officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary)
- Charter review.

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.

At about 8:00pm the chair moved the meeting be concluded. The motion was seconded and approved by all present.