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**October 5, 2017 — Meeting Minutes**

**Foothills Branch Council Meeting, October 5, 2017**

**6:30 PM, in-person meeting, Eastside Fire & Rescue HQ, Issaquah, WA**

**Those in Attendance**

Present: Cheryl Talbert (Interim Chair, Chair Hike/BP), Russ Immel (Interim Vice-Chair, Chair Snowshoe), Chris Soverel (Treasurer), Richard Bell (At Large № 1 candidate, Scrambling Exploratory Com), Amanda Albright (At Large № 2 candidate), Ryan Dubberly (At Large № 3 candidate), Steve LeBrun (At Large № 4 candidate), Jerry White (Chair Foothills Winter), Patti Polinsky (Chair Meany Program). Not Present: Dick Lambe (Interim Director, Safety Officer), Danielle Graham (At Large No.5 candidate), Barbara Folmer (Chair First Aid), Paul Thomsen (In-coming Safety Officer). Vacant Positions: Branch Secretary, At Large Member № 6, Chair-Navigation, Chair-Trail Maintenance. Attendees: Fran Troje (Nom-Com), Lisa Johnson (Nom-Com), Erin Weinfauf (Comms), Samantha Sanders, Marco Zanini, Tom Harvey, Karen Wallace, David Skurnik, Gregor Doerr.

**Issues and Decisions**

Meeting called to order 6:35 PM

* “Around the table” introductions.
* Cheryl- Welcome, everyone.

Approval of Minutes and Meeting Agenda

* Motion: To approve the minutes of September 7, 2017. (Motion—Russ)

Vote: Motion approved unanimously

Resolved: Motion carried to approve motion without modification.

Agenda hardcopy distributed to everyone.

* Motion: To approve the agenda of October 5, 2017. (Motion—Russ)

Vote: Motion approved unanimously

Resolved: Motion carried to approve motion without modification.

Announcements

* Future council meeting dates: Oct 5, Nov 2, Jan 4, Mar 1, May 3, Jun 7.
* Voting members at meetings create a quorum.
* Please post committee meetings on our Foothills calendar to coordinate room resources.

**Old Business**

* Revisiting the branch bylaws — Russ ( with Amanda and Fran)

Working on a draft, but process will take longer than expected and will not be completed before the election.

* Nominating Committee report out — Cheryl

Letter of approval sent out by the Nominating committee (Oct 1) — Lisa, Steve, Fran

* Branch elections update — Cheryl
* Scrambling Exploratory Committee report — Richard

Primary need is leaders and leader development program; build the infrastructure first

**New Business**

* Paul Thomsen, Safety Officer appointment — Cheryl

Introduction and background of Paul’s qualifications

Motion: To approve Paul Thomsen’s appointment as Safety Officer. (Motion—Jerry, Chris S.)

Vote: Motion approved unanimously

Resolved: Motion carried to approve appointment.

* Ryan Dubberly, Navigation Committee Chair confirmation — Cheryl

Ryan introduced himself and background

Motion: To approve Ryan’s appointment as Navigation Chair confirmation. (Motion—Russ, Karen,)

Vote: Motion approved unanimously

Resolved: Motion carried to approve appointment.

* Snowshoe Rentals purchase authorization review and approval (Ex-Com decision) — Russ

Motion: To approve Snowshoe Rentals purchase authorization. (Motion—Russ, Ryan,)

Vote: Motion approved unanimously

Resolved: Motion carried to approve purchase authorization.

* BLC / summits and branch self-assessment to standards; report out — Russ
* Backcountry Skiing Committee report out — Jerry
* Outdoor Leadership Program proposal and presentation (seeking to form ad hoc committee) — Richard

Goal to create an ad hoc committee to form hypothesis for the basis of a Leadership Program; create a proposal and report back within 90 days.

Motion: To form an ad hoc committee as a precursor to a Leadership Development Program (Motion—Gregor, Russ)

Vote: Motion approved unanimously

Resolved: Motion carried to approve ad hoc committee as a precursor to a Leadership Development Program.

* Treasurer report out — Chris S.
* Trail Running presentation (seeking to form activity committee, confirm Chair) — Samantha

Presentation by Samantha

Motion: To form a Trail Running committee and confirm Samantha as its Chair (Motion—Sam, Amanda)

Vote: Motion approved unanimously

Resolved: Motion carried to approve the Trail Running committee and confirm Samantha as Chair.

* Foothills Facebook Page discussion — Erin

Group discussion and debate whether to create a Facebook Page vs Facebook Group for the branch needs

Motion: To send back to Communications committee for further work (Motion—Cheryl)

Vote: Motion approved unanimously

Resolved: Motion carried to send back to Communications committee.

**Reports**

* Hiking & Backpacking Committee – Cheryl
* Meany Program – Patti
* Snowshoeing Committee – Russ
* Navigation Committee – Ryan

**Looking Ahead**

* Planning – Foothills Branch Social and Volunteer Recognition Banquet (Wed Nov 29, 2017)

**Meeting Adjourned 9:15 PM — Next meeting November 2, 2017**

Submitted by ad hoc secretary Russ Immel January 4, 2018, approved January 4, 2018 without modification