Kitsap Mountaineers Executive Committee
January 3, 2019 Quarterly Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Jerry Logan, Branch Chair; Bill Bandrowski, Vice-Chair; Christine Grenier, Secretary & Hiking/Backpacking Chair; Jeff Schrepple, ’18 Treasurer; Leah Layman ’19 Treasurer; Sue Labrie, Board of Directors; David Burton, Trustee At Large; Ciara Sampaio, Trustee At Large; Suzy Diesen and Jeremy Schooler, Scrambling Co-Chairs; Barney Bernhard, Kayaking Chair; Marilyn Wright, Navigation Co-Chair; Debbee Lynn Straub, Youth Outreach Chair/Basic Climbing Course Co-Chair

Not present: Jeff Galey, Climbing Chair; Troy Hubbs, Navigation Co-Chair; Phil Chebuhar, Naturalist Chair

Meeting was convened at 6:00 PM at the Program Center in Bremerton.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Sue moved to approve the September 29, 2018 Ex Comm Meeting Minutes and David seconded. A friendly amendment to add names (Scrambling Co-Chairs Suzy Diesen, Jeremy Schooler, and Naturalist Chair Phil Chebuhar) to the slate of officers was accepted, and the minutes were approved as amended.

1. Safety Officer

Bill reported that Nathan Starr has quite a background and that Nathan is very interested in becoming the new Safety Officer.

Sue moved to appoint Nathan Starr to the position of Safety Officer and Suzy seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Future Dinner with Tom Vogl

Jerry suggested several dates for Ex Comm to meet with Tom Vogl (Mountaineers Executive Leadership). Marilyn moved to accept February 21 as the date of the meeting and Leah seconded. The group agreed unanimously to Thursday, February 21 after 6:00 PM at Bremerton Bar & Grill in Bremerton as the first choice for location.

1. Wild Society

Jerry shared a proposal from Wild Society to partner with Mountaineers on youth outdoors programs. This would involve paid administrative staff to manage the program and possibly coordinate day camp activities. Olympia has tried this out and preliminary revenue and expense data was shared. There were general comments in support of the idea, but that further information and a “pitch” would be needed before considering more seriously. This would help meet the needs of our membership and help grow our membership. This might also tie in well with the Naturalist Program. Jerry agreed to get more information on this proposal.

1. Coastal/Sea Kayaking Certification

Barney reported that to continue the Kayaking Program, advanced certifications are needed. He is requesting financial assistance to pursue the certification. Barney has also applied for scholarships towards the course. The course total is $1,379. Renewals would be far less but would come later.

Jeff discussed areas in the budget that we could draw from and there was general support from the group, and additional comments about allocating this in the budget in future years to certify an additional leader/instructor, and to consider the renewals.

Sue moved to allocate $400 towards the Sea Kayaking Certification and Christine seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Program Center Calendar

Jerry shared how the new Program Center Calendar is set-up; and how to check availability of the meeting space.

1. Status of Wilderness First Aid Course

The WFA course originally scheduled for January 22-24 in Port Townsend is being cancelled. The organizers are trying to reschedule, possibly at the Program Center. Jerry agreed to follow-up on the new date of the course.

1. General Business

Sue announced that the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 26 in Seattle; and that she plans on attending. She encouraged attendance and support at this great event. Also, the Annual Gala Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, April 13 featuring Jimmy Chin.

Jeff announced that Leah will be the new Treasurer and he is working with her during the transition. Jeff also indicated he would like to “pass the baton” for coordinating the Meet-Ups/Social Media.

David discussed the past success of photography shows. He would like to build up materials with art and photos, possibly in time for the annual meeting and/or a separate show. This is something that could be a plus for our membership again.

Jerry gave the group a quick tour of the building, shared how to access the gear box, and pointed out progress made on improvements for the climbing students.

 Next Meeting – TBD

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.