Kitsap Mountaineers Executive Committee
September 23, 2021 Quarterly Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Debbee Lynn, Branch Chair; Gretchen Ta, Branch Vice-Chair; Christine Grenier, Secretary; Bill Bandrowski, Treasurer; Jerry Logan, Board of Directors; Ciara Sampaio, Member At-Large; Tom Finley, Member At-Large; Eric Lee, Member At-Large.

Also present: Mark Goodro, Ed Lucas, Mike Harlow, Climbing; Meryl Lassen, Suzy Diesen, Scrambling; Jordan Knott, Navigation (also Intermediate Climbing); Ralph Wessels, Eric Enges, Climbing; Barney Bernhard, Kayaking; and Nathan Starr, Safety Officer; and Crystin Stingle (Secretary Elect).

Meeting was convened at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

Chair kicked off the meeting with pronouns; Native Lands Acknowledgement; inclusive vocabulary and behavior for meetings; break out sharing rooms; shared that Branch Chair history will be posted on the website; and welcomed any more information on the founding members; asked that we take a few moments of silence to recognize loss, environmental disasters, and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; encouraged leaders, activity chairs, and others to sign the Code of Ethics Agreement annually; discussed the need to consider mental health training for leadership; announced that a potential board slate may be voted on at the October 14 Executive Committee Meeting.

There was a brief discussion about $1,500 (previously approved on May 27) in Leadership Development to be spent before the end of the fiscal year. This would be used for recognition, gift cards, climbing gear/removable repelling anchors, etc. Activity chairs need to follow-up with Debbee before September 30th on how they want to proceed.

Ed proposed a new location (Treasure Island, Allyn) for the Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 23 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. The meeting would be free and outside with a dock and picnic area to allow for easy social distancing.

Motion was made by Jerry and seconded by Nathan to have the Annual Celebration at Ed’s location (in Allyn) on October 23. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Reports

Board of Directors – Jerry announced there will be a separate process to vote for a candidate for Branch Volunteer.

Treasurer – Bill congratulated folks who are graduating or close to graduating for the climbing program; announced that program supplies are still assigned to programs; and with low revenue, high expenses can be challenging, and asked that we talk to leadership about whether we should continue spending or be conservative at look at overall picture.

Secretary – Christine will include info on Annual Meeting in the Branch Newsletter and on Facebook. Also, the Meeting Minutes for the May 27 ExCom Meeting were approved unanimously.

Gear – Tom reminded everyone if any gear purchases are made, to let him know, so those items can be added to the inventory list at the program center; and requested help with the annual inventory check by year-end (Jerry and Christine).

Safety – Nathan mentioned that due to the recent weather and significant melt out, less ice means more rock, so there will be increased risk to watch for on trips. Suzy shared questionable terrain crossings that came up this summer.

Hiking – Christine is seeking interest in the hike chair position and hoped to focus on continuing and new leader education; participated along with Dave Burdick in “Urban Hike Leader” Module development with lecture; and reviewed 1st backpacking equivalency skills badge application.

Forest Theatre/Naturalist – Debbee announced that Little Women is being performed at the Forest Theatre. And Tina is working on Naturalist Committee

Navigation – Jordan announced that there is a field trip on Saturday; he’s attending a Navigation Summit on Sunday in Seattle with Tina; and shared that the online learning module is switching from Litmos to Coassemble.

MOFA – Gretchen commented that it’s nice to defer to an outside provider to teach this course. This allows continuity and consistency in material, and frees up leaders for trips.

Climbing/Scrambling – Ralph, Ed, Eric E., Jerry, Mark, and Eric discussed the Basic Climbing Course for next year; Stewardship and Alpine Climb were included; and going to McCleary Cliffs and Hurricane Ridge, along with splitting the groups worked well this year. Jerry announced the Ice Climb module is finished and that Eric will help with the last fieldtrip. Suzy thanked leaders that lead scrambles and that the program is good to go for next year. Eric suggested a Sport Climbing module to be held after Basic Climbing is done next summer, so that won’t compete with other courses.

Conservation & Stewardship – Gretchen announced that there would be projects planned in November/December at Green Mountain. Debbee hoped to reconnect partnerships we’ve had previously with Kitsap County and State Parks.

Trail Running – Mark will be attending the December 1 Trail Running Summit on December 1; and the NOLS Risk Management Conference in late October.

Debbee thanked everyone for driving the branch and for the opportunity to be the Branch Chair; and announced the next meeting on October 14 at 6:30 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM