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**Kitsap Mountaineers Executive Committee Meeting July 18, 2013**

Members Present:

Jimmy James, Jeff Schrepple, Dave Burton, Sue Labrie, Dianne Moore, Jon DeArman, John Krawczyk, John Davis, and Jeff McKay.

Meeting commenced at 5:37 pm

BRANCH CHAIR REPORT : Jimmy asked for and received approval for the minutes from the June meeting and then turned the meeting over to John (Davis) to cover old business.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee Results: Although this item was not on the agenda, John started by handing out a copy of the first draft proposal to fill the EXCOM positions for the next fiscal year. After a review of the Kitsap branch bylaws, he had discovered that there were only 7 EXCOM positions (instead of 9 as reported in the minutes last month) and noted that it would be necessary to have a general membership vote to change those bylaws in October if we still wanted to include the Management Committee Representative and Immediate Past Branch Chair as EXCOM members. Jeff offered to attend the Management Committee meetings in addition to acting as branch secretary so that no vote on the bylaws would be necessary to add that representative position to the EXCOM list. He stated, however, that he would be unavailable to attend those meetings in August, September, and November. Sue said she could cover those meetings in his absence. Dianne agreed to serve as treasurer again. John (Krawczyk) did not feel qualified to serve as branch chair due to his very short time as Kitsap branch member but said he would accept the position of vice chair in order to become more familiar with the organization’s operations and the members. Sue offered to take one of the branch “at large trustees” position and Dave offered to serve as the Board of Trustees Representative. Tom Thrasher would continue to serve in the other “at large” position since it was a two year position not up for election this year. There was no consensus for a change in the bylaws to make the Immediate Past Branch Chair and EXCOM position. At the end of the discussion the nominations were as follows:

* Branch Chair – TBD
* Vice Chair – John Krawczyk
* Secretary – Jeff Schrepple (also attend Management Committee meetings)
* Treasurer – Dianne Moore
* Board of Trustees Representative – Dave Burton
* Branch “At Large Trustees” Position No.1 – Sue Labrie
* Branch “At Large Trustees” Position No.2 – Tom Thrasher

Discussion of the Altwein bequest and our Planning: John Davis handed out a paper entitled “Guidance for Branch/Players Discussions (an electronic copy is included with these minutes) which was discussed at some length. At the conclusion of the discussion, the EXCOM members unanimously approved the nine talking points on this paper to serve as the starting point for Jimmy and John (Davis) to interact with the Players concerning the Altwein grant. This initial meeting with the Players is intended to open communications with that group and is not intended to be a negotiations session.

Dave offered to work up a first draft of a branch strategic plan and said he could have that draft completed by the end of next week. He noted that the Mountaineers Headquarters wanted to see 4% membership growth and said the plan would address that. In response to that comment, Dianne noted that the Kitsap branch recorded an 11% membership growth since July 2012 with 233 members currently on our books.

Also in regards to the strategic plan, it was determined that the committees would have to provide one year and five year calendars. By a unanimous vote of the EXCOM members the following committees were approved for inclusion in the strategic plan: Climbing, Hiking, Conservation, Navigation, Sea Kayaking, Trail Running, Photography, Snowshoeing/Winter Travel, MOFA, and Mountaineers Art (Painting).

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Website Testing Representative: To support a request by Headquarters for each branch to provide one tester for their ongoing development of a new webpage, the EXCOM agreed to ask Mark Thibault to act as chair for this group with help from John DeArman, Jeff Schrepple, and Jeff McKay. There was some concern that this group approach may not work within the testing plan requested by Headquarters, but John Davis agreed to contact Mark for his views. (Subsequent to the meeting, Mark declined to chair the group due to an expected heavy workload at his job during the next few months and Jeff Schrepple agreed to take on this effort. Vern Brown was offered as additional team member if needed.)

Appointment of a Vice Chair: By the unanimous vote of the EXCOM members present and in accordance with the branch bylaws, John Krawczyk was appointed as Vice Chair and Sue was appointed the Branch “At Large Trustees” Representative #1 both to fill the identified vacant EXCOM positions for the remainder of the branch’s fiscal year (through September).

Closing Remarks: Since the bylaws permit us to skip an August EXCOM meeting, the next meeting will be held in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.