

Officer Committee Meeting
Olympia Center

July 8th, 2015

Attendance

Officers:

- Greg Lovelady, Chair
- Brian List, Chair-Elect
- Derek Pierson, Secretary
- Henry Romer, Director
- Mike Riley, Treasurer
- Carla Jonientz, Social Chair

Members:

- Andy Weber
- Donna Kreuger
- Bob Keranen

Greg Lovelady called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

- > Henry Romer moved to approve last meetings minutes, Brian List seconded, motion passed.

Announcements:

Greg Lovelady said that Radial Reels was confirmed for March 4th 2016 at Capital Theater, we are in need of branch service award nominations, it's time to submit your paperwork for pins and patches, the HARK event on 7/18 is in need of volunteers, Judson Lange is retiring from chairing the winter travel course, and Mike McIntosh the current climbing chair is also retiring. Greg is putting together a committee composed of alpine scrambling, basic & intermediate climbing to get the climbing chair position filled.

Henry Romer said that sea kayaking Carolyn Burreson is stepping down and Dan Halsy will be taking over.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: Mike Riley said that there was a meeting on the 29th at which Martinique focused on branches not generating enough revenue, yet most branches are tapped out as far as volunteers are concerned. He said that our branch contributes around \$65,000, though we aren't seeing the benefits from such a contribution.

Henry Romer said he noticed at the board retreat, on somebodies Power Point slide, there was a figure stating that 30% of people who sign up for activities are wait listed which he says caused a perception in "staff land" that we aren't generating the maximum revenue potential.

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Chair Elect: Brian List said that he and Greg Lovelady are going to go over the list of candidates. Brian also said that the survey system is still having issues with Comcast email as their service provider. Kristina Ciari suggested that we send a separate email to all members with Comcast as their email service provider. He also mentioned the "Get Outdoor Expo" there were a few people who showed interest in The Mountaineers.

Secretary: Derek Pierson asked about the minutes being formatted correctly or if anyone noticed any issues, Greg and Brian said they were unable to open the latest docx via their "iDevices".

Director: Henry Romer said that Martinique's last day will be in August sometime. The Executive Committee is starting on a search to hire a search consultant; in the meantime they are looking at hiring an interim director from outside. The Search Committee is championed by Erik Linxweiler. They ought to look at how to prevent a similar mistake, that is, moving the club in the direction of a corporation which has not worked.

Greg Lovelady said that he and Henry talked about providing our director, Henry, with instructions for conveying our views to the club's Board of Directors. However, due to 501c3 regulations our branch director is required to put the club as a whole before an individual branch. The hope is to remedy issues that have been on the back burner for a while now and never addressed by allowing the Officer's Committee to review the Board of Directors agenda prior to the meeting so that our comments can be brought to the meeting.

Mike Riley suggested the agenda be sent to our branch officers and either electronically or in person we address any issues or comments we have with the agenda.

Henry Romer said that even if the officers did review the agenda, formulate their comments and have him say them at the meeting it does not translate to action. He said such a suggestion would need to be in the packet itself. The packet being a 60 page document containing financials, the agenda and a heap of other sometimes relevant sometimes not documents to review before the meeting.

Greg Lovelady said maybe we should make our first issue the fact branches have no way of bringing issues to the Board of Directors.

Henry Romer suggests producing a document with the following suggestions for the next Board of Directors, the committee regularly focuses on branch issues, there is branch representation on the Management Committee and Executive Committee as well as the lack of monthly board meetings could be a cause.

- * Derek Pierson will send an email to Henry Romer, Mike Riley and Greg Lovelady as well as cc the branch officers with the above notes taken about establishing a committee to establish the proposal document.

Henry Romer said that he's noticed that board presidents take it upon themselves to create a positive culture on the board, and in the past he has received a copy of Roberts Rules of Order that he read. The board also received a handbook for non-profit organizations which talks about having a duty to their "stockholders" which in our organization is it's members.

Greg Lovelady mentioned that left over shirts from our leadership conference came in for members of our branch.

Social Chair: Carla Jonientz said that Helen Thayer confirmed being our speaker for the October 30th banquet. She also mentioned that the picnic is coming along and we still need RSVPs.

Bob Keranen asked about next year's Open House, if there is a date yet? Carla said there currently is no date for an Open House but we're in no rush.

Chair: Greg Lovelady said that he set up a possible agenda for a branch activities summit which he sent out on June 15th and asks if there are any volunteers to sit on the committee to establish this summit. Henry Romer, Brian List and Donna Kreuger volunteered to help out.

Donna Kreuger said that she sees the purpose of the summit being getting the activity chairs together and focusing on collaboration between courses and an outside speaker may derail that concept.

Henry Romer suggest grouping tables by topic and not activities and to do that he proposes that during the speaker time the "small groups" be established.

Greg Lovelady said that as a way to address any issues the course and activity chairs are having we add a time slot on the Officers' Committee Meeting. The agenda item would be named something like "activities and course chair check in".

Tulluride Film Festival

Greg Lovelady said that the exploratory committee will supply a report to the officers with their findings. He said he is unsure on a time frame on when a decision needs to be made. The exploratory committee consists of the following, Mike Riley, Michael Mellors, Brian List, Dee Ann Kline, and Bria Fast. The committee is meeting next Thursday the 16th.

Brian List said that the real question becomes how much will it cost to lease the films.

Henry Romer said that worst case scenario, it fails and we eat the loss, however if it succeeds we have another source of revenue and more course outreach.

Old Business

Greg Lovelady said that the Rules Committee will have a draft available in the near future. He also mentioned that the Club's ad hoc Collaborations Task Force's work is nearing completion and expected to go to the board in August. Greg also said that the Club's Managing Committee met and there seems to be some issues with the leadership of the committee.

Mike Riley said that in regards to the issues with the Club's Managing Committee, Robert's Rules still apply to committees, and by that token while the charter may define what the committee takes action on, however it cannot prevent discussion on any topic.

Bob Keranen said that we have two MOFA classes that we've been staging every year we have a steady increase in the course sign ups and have a backlog of people needing the course to graduate. The MOFA Committee is attempting to come up with a way to avoid adding re-certifications for instructors to a standard MOFA course. Bob also said that to be a MOFA instructor an individual has to attend third party training to become an instructor of said first aid training class before they can instruct at MOFA. He also mentioned the possibility of restricting the spring course to only Scrambling and Climbing students. The course itself is limited to 25 students, originally due to a requirement by Red Cross, currently because we're using another vender it is due to a space constraint with location at the Steamboat Island Fire District which is a great location and has no rent.

Mike Riley said that when you have 30 climbing and 20 scrambling students, combined that is 50 people trying to get into the spring MOFA course and thus requires more classes.

Greg Lovelady adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

The next meeting is August 12th at 6:00 PM at the Olympia Center.