

# Olympia Mountaineers Council

## MINUTES

DECEMBER 14, 2016

6:00PM

OLYMPIA CENTER ROOM 200

MEETING CALLED BY	Andy Weber at 6:09pm
TYPE OF MEETING	Officers meeting Olympia Mountaineers
FACILITATOR	Andy Weber
NOTE TAKER	Sharon Lang
TIMEKEEPER	Sharon Lang
OFFICERS ATTENDING	Andy Weber, Chair Henry Romer, Director Brian List, Past Chair Siana Wong, Chair Elect Kim Pohlman, Treasurer Donna Kreuger, Social Chair Sharon Lang, Communications Bob Keranen, Member Dawn Thomas, Member

### Agenda topics

**6:09PM** **APPROVAL OF MINUTES/ACTION ITEMS** **ANDY**  
**RESOLVED**

DISCUSSION		
September minutes were presented to council members by email prior to the meeting. September minutes were approved. November minutes were also approved.		
Sharon and Andy have been working with committees and branch chairs on adding events, field trips, etc. to the calendar on the mountaineers.org website. Bob was previously able to post events, but now is having difficulty.		
The cover letter for the Gear Exchange Rental program has been sent.		
Members with Comcast email addresses were unable to receive election emails from The Mountaineers. This is because the server space we were renting appeared to be spam to Comcast. This has since been fixed and members with Comcast emails are receiving messages.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Post September and November minutes to the website.	Sharon	1/11/2017
Work with Bob and other members that may be having difficulty posting events to the mountaineers.org website.	Sharon and Andy	Ongoing
Contact Jeff Bowman regarding updating the Olympia Branch page on the mountaineers.org website.	Sharon	1/11/2017

**6:20PM** **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** **ANDY**

DISCUSSION		
Review and discussion of succession planning / documents		
Andy asked the committee to start brainstorming folks for committee positions. Institutional knowledge is good, but it's also good to have newer members as a fresh viewpoint will be good for the branch.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Continue to think of members that would be good candidates for committee positions.	Entire Committee	Ongoing

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COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT

ANDY AND SHARON

DISCUSSION		
Officer's council photos and individual photos were taken for use on mountaineers.org Olympia branch webpage.		
Sharon contacted Ada Love and was quoted \$142.28 for 200 business cards. Henry said we should push back on the price. Kim mentioned that since they would be used for outreach to publicize the mountaineers, there really should be no cost. Since we are ambassadors of their brand, we could be willing to hand out whatever they want. Henry mentioned Christina is in charge of part of marketing and Bill Ashby is in charge of the staff. It may be beneficial to reach out to them if we don't receive a lesser price working with Ada.		
Bob mentioned sending the board meeting invitations out to all activity chairs will increase the opportunity for participation in the meetings.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Contact Ada to see if they can meet a better price. See what marketing materials they will give out at no cost.	Sharon	1/11/2017
Invite activity chairs to board meetings	Andy	1/10/2017

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BRANCH POLICY MANUAL UPDATE

HENRY AND SIANA

DISCUSSION		
Henry stated he and Siana had not done much with this project due to the holidays. Siana has read through everything. They will work on this more after the holidays.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Review and remove necessary items from Branch Policy Manual	Henry and Siana	Ongoing

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OPEN HOUSE

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DISCUSSION		
Flyers will go out the weekend of December 16 <sup>th</sup> . The Open house is listed everywhere online and we boosted an ad on Facebook. There is no RSVP, so we're unsure of how many people will make it. Bob will also post on meetup.com.		
Upcoming event dates: 1/5/2017 - Open House at St. Martin's College 3/23/2017 - Spring to Summer Activity Fair at Roosevelt Elementary 7/13/2017 - Summer Potluck at Priest Point Park or Burfoot Park. 10/28/2017 - Banquet at St. Martin's College 1/4/2018 - Open House at St. Martin's College		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

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OFFICER REPORTS

DISCUSSION		
<b>Andy Weber, Chair:</b> Andy met with Bill Ashby and Jeff Bowman regarding the branch tab on the mountaineers.org website. They understood the reason for wanting to add it and are basically in agreement. It has been put in line of importance behind other things needed on the website.		
Banff went very well. Saturday sold out and there were 50 tickets left on Sunday. Andy believes we brought in close to \$12,000, but is still working on the numbers with Ken Nelson.		
The branch reserve request was approved without any scrutinizing. The Gear Exchange program was brought up and there was concern with liability. An example of a sledding accident and lawsuit at Snoqualmie was mentioned. Kim said that the Gear Exchange should take liability of the equipment, but we need to be sure that's included in the contract so we don't get involved in a lawsuit.		
It was mentioned that there is some money available in the climbing budget to bring in outside help. Andy wasn't sure on the exact number. Although they did request \$5,000, he was comfortable saying \$2,500. Bob mentioned subsidizing AAIRE (American Avalanche Institute for Research and Education) instruction would be a large benefit. Kim asked to hold on to those thoughts as the extra money is spread around. Regardless, the climbing committee must get approval to spend those funds.		
<b>Henry Romer, Director:</b> Henry brought up that he attended the weekend retreat at Steven's Pass in November. The highlights were Tom Vogel spending a lot of time on core values of the organization. What he saw was very reassuring. Some outrageous ideas were discussed and Henry wasn't excited about them as they don't fit with the club. He however isn't sure anything will actually come from the discussions.		

**Kim Pohlman, Treasurer:**

Kim presented the 2016 Actuals vs. the 2016 Budget and what we expect for 2017. All in all everything looks good and we may have an opportunity to find funds for extra needs. Andy mentioned the need for a second projector and it was decided to wait for now. Climbing did well on budget with room to spare. MOFA greatly overspent on supplies, but we may get that back with the instructor course. Wilderness Skills over spent on printing. Kayaking did well. Kim will make another pass through and make additional notes regarding Banff. It was mentioned that Oly Copy is the cheapest place in town. Andy asked if there is a way to get a contract with the printers. Also suggested putting the paperwork online for Wilderness Skills for students to print themselves.

Kim mentioned she will be leaving town for a month. Brian offered to check the PO box for her while she is out. Brian will take pictures of any pertinent information and send to Kim.

**Siana Wong, Chair Elect:**

The nominating committee was discussed. Some names were mentioned, but kept in mind that these people cannot be committee members. Bob suggested to invite people who have been members for a while. Siana asked how many members would be needed. Andy said as many as she thinks in necessary. Bob mentioned in the past there have been three. Andy will send Siana all the nominating committee information from last year.

**Brian List, Past Chair:**

Nothing to report

**Sharon Lang, Communications:**

Sharon mentioned that if we decide to move forward with the business cards, The Mountaineers can create it so there are two blank lines for our personal information.

Mike Kretzler had expressed interest in making suggestions on how we utilize our newsletter. Sharon offered to meet the first of the year.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Look into getting a contract with printing companies	Andy	Ongoing
Check PO box while Kim is out of town	Brian	1/11/17
Follow up with Mike Kretzler regarding newsletter	Sharon	1/11/17

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### GUEST REPORTS

DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<p><b>Bob Keranen:</b> Bob brought up ideas on how to spend \$90,000 in the next four years. The mention of a climbing wall comes up often. Bob met with Judson Lange. They met with the City of Olympia and the Hands on Children's Museum to see if they'd like a joint venture. They are interested but there is not much area for a wall. Also, since the museum is focused on small children, the wall would be limited. Mike (LAST NAME?) was very interested. He invited Bob to a meeting at the city building. They are going to look at the walls at Spire Rock. Downtown Olympia was discussed as a location, but that is asking for trouble. Bob suggested the north side of Priest Point Park. Trees would need to be removed which could make things difficult. Grass Lake was suggested, but parking may be an issue. At this time. The plans are unsure, but Bob noted we'd like to donate up to \$50,000, although we cannot fund the entire project. Kim suggested The Rack, but the City of Lacey may not be as friendly. REI may also be interested.</p>			
	None		

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### ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION
<p>Andy mentioned that there was a meeting on 12/12/16 with all climbing committees which was very well attended. It's expected we will change how we teach climbing. Professional leader training, hiring guides and other experienced individuals are some of the changes to come. More time will be allowed for stewardship, party size reduction is being considered, and we're working with American Alpine on developing standards in climbing. They'd like to create a system within The Mountaineers where climbers can post to a page and ask for people to join them on a climb. This will give climbers the ability to view the others profiles and see if they feel safe climbing. This will help those climbing on private trips stay active in the club. An equivalency program is badly needed. E-Learning is also in the thought process. There was universal support for these items. There is no solid answer on how we will pay for this, but a financial model is being built.</p> <p>Andy reminded everyone that we will be meeting in room 100 from here on out.</p>

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:47PM**