

Olympia Branch Council, The Mountaineers

Minutes

14 March 2018 / 6:00 PM / Olympia Center Room 100

ATTENDEES

- **Officers:** Siana Wong, Dee Ann Kline, Andy Weber, Greg Lovelady, Sharon Lang
- **Guests:** Regina Robinson, Tom Pierson, Bob Keranen, John Dunlop, Katjarina Hurt, Steve Jones

6:00 pm - Introductions/Welcome Guests

6:05 pm - Follow-up on February Action Items

- Look into gate access to Kennedy Creek field location for Navigation course
 - Mike discovered that the navigation course isn't on land that requires a permit. Problem solved.
- Work with Jim French to create blog about Olympia's stewardship challenge
 - Dee Ann and Ginger Sarver will handle the blog.
- Help promote Conservation's stewardship challenge - All
 - Jim French, unable to attend tonight's meeting, related that this will be discussed in the near future.
- Provide update on Equipment Manager vacancy
 - Siana sought someone to volunteer for this job but there were no takers. So, temporarily, Siana will take it on.
- Provide update on forming focus group to scope local Program Center
 - Siana is forming an ad hoc committee to analyze the future for an Olympia area Mountaineers' Program Center
- Follow up with committees for policy revisions for Policy Manual updates
 - Siana has heard from five Olympia branch committees and knows that other committees are at work on drafting and updating their policies. Also, it could be that some committees will not need policies.
 - Bob K. noted that it would be good to avoid certain types of terms when writing policies, including: mandatory, shall, will, and must. Substitutes might include: endeavor to, work towards, target, and guideline.
- Follow up on Dirtbag showing in Olympia
 - On Agenda
- Create pitch for Olympia Adventure Film Festival (five-minute videos)
 - (postponed to next meeting)

6:20 pm - Bringing "Dirtbag" to Olympia - Steve Jones

- Steve Jones (360-754-6286, 360-790-6641, SteveJones@comcast.net) is seeking to partner with the Olympia Branch to bring the "Dirtbag: The Legend of Fred Becky" 96 minute documentary film to our area. Other co-sponsors, Evergreen State College and Olympia Film Society, were discussed. Those in attendance said the Olympia Branch is interested in working with Steve J. on this project and, later in the meeting, recruited volunteer Mike Riley to see if something can be worked out, including date(s), promotion, and a venue.
- Need to have someone reach out to the Olympia Film Society for available dates develop a partnering plan with the Evergreen State College.

6:50 pm - Safety Committee - Bob Keranen

- Bob will provided a report on the Safety Committee Summit in February.
- It was brought up that the MOFA committee would like to hand over safety responsibilities to a separate Olympia Safety Committee which could include a member from the MOFA, climbing, scrambling, and kayaking committees.
- Tom Pearson and Siana Wong will work together to get all branch activity chairs access to view their own incident reports. Follow up will be needed to determine who will manage access in the future.
- It was mentioned that we should document goals and objectives for our safety committee.
- Katjarina Hurt has relevant experience and expressed interest in helping on the safety committee.

7:15 pm - Officer' s Reports - All

- Andy Weber, Past Chair
 - The leadership recognition event went well. Most the feedback that was received was good. Points are now on everyone' s minds and a way to define and communicate the points is needed.
- Sharon Lang, Secretary
 - Nothing to report
- Greg Lovelady, Director
 - There was not a board of directors meeting in January.
 - Eric Linxweiler is the new vice president of branches and the new president of The Mountaineers is Lorna Corrigan.
 - An ad hoc Risk Management Committee has been formed and by request, Greg has joined the committee.
 - Greg is also on a committee headed by Tab Wilkins to address satellite branches as a possible solution to some issues facing the organization.
 - Progressive climbing education is going strong. The club is still trying to raise more money to support it.

- Vision 2022 is the recently adopted Mountaineers' new strategic plan, the organization's guiding map for the next five years.
- There was a ribbon cutting at the Seattle program center for new friction slabs.
- The organization's important fund raising Gala is set for April 14th. Check the Mountaineers' website for details.
- Dee Ann Cline, Social Chair
 - Dee Ann, Siana and Mike Kretzler have been working on the website migration with Jeff Bowman. Mike will be the content manager.
 - Dee Ann showed new buttons she added on the "About us" page. Governance, Social Events, Communication, Policies and Documents, and Upcoming Events, Course and Activity Calendar, Awards, and Library were added.
- Siana Wong, Chair
 - Siana had a board retreat Saturday.
 - Becky Nielson has been hired to work with the Youth committee and will attend the next council meeting.
 - Julie Moore is interested in establishing a trail running committee and will be attending a meeting with the Foothills branch. Siana will also attend.
 - The nominating committee has been arranged by Marko. It consists of Neil Kirby, Rebecca Daughtry, John Dunlap, and Julie Moore.
- John Dunlap, Member
 - John reported that Dan Halsey is resigning as the kayaking committee chair. John will be acting as chair in his absence.

7:30 pm - Banff Update - Mike Riley

- Mike has been making contact to those that are interested in serving on the Banff committee. Jill Williams has responded. Rachel from the Olympia Film Society has not gotten back to Mike.
- Emails have started to arrive from the Banff film society. The presentation dates are December 8 and 9.
- Mike has sent a request to Michael Mellors to learn more about Telluride and if it is worth pursuing. Mike is out of town right now.
- The committee present Mike with the idea of hosting "Dirtbag". Mike agreed and will follow up with Olympia Film Society to see if they have a spring or summer date available.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:06pm