

Olympia Branch Council, The Mountaineers

Minutes

11 April 2018 / 6:00 PM / Olympia Center Room 100

ATTENDEES

- Officers: Siana Wong, Greg Lovelady, Andy Weber, Marko Pavela, Dee Ann Kline, Sharon Lang
- Guests: Bob Keranen, Doug Souliere, Carla Jonientz, John Dunlap, Henry Romer, Mike Riley, Tom Eckhout, Becky Nielsen, Becca Polglase

Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm

6:06 pm - Introductions/Welcome Guests

6:07 pm - Youth Coordinator Position Introduction - Carla Jonientz

- Carla Jonientz introduced Becky Nielsen to the council.
 - Becky has sixteen years of experience and devotion to teaching youth programs.
 - New activities are being organized for youth.
 - Summer camp has been offered, giving fifteen children the opportunity to hike, canoe, climb, and learn wilderness skills. The cost is \$200 for members and \$250 for guests
 - A backpacking class is in the works as well.
 - Dee Ann Kline and Becky will meet up to discuss blog ideas.

6:20 pm - Approval of Minutes - All

- The February and March minutes were approved as presented.

6:20 pm - March Action Items - Siana Wong

- Greg Lovelady will reach out to Tom Pierson to draft goals and objectives for Olympia's Safety Committee.
- Siana Wong will work with Tom to view incident reports for the Olympia branch.

6:23 pm - Olympia Course Pricing - Becca Polglase

- Becca Polglase gave a presentation regarding a proposal to increase fees for many Mountaineers' branch courses including those in Olympia. There didn't seem to be any major objection to the draft increases but a branch town hall meeting is scheduled to continue discussion on April 16 at the Thurston County Association of Realtors.

7:57 pm - Officer' s Reports - All

- Siana Wong, Chair
 - Siana noted the town hall meeting which will be held at the Thurston County Association of Realtors.
 - Up to forty people can RSVP on the website.
- Andy Weber, Past Chair
 - Andy is assisting with the duties of Treasurer and will need rough numbers on financials to determine our upcoming budget.
 - It was decided it was time to start looking for a replacement treasurer to fill the current election cycle.
- Greg Lovelady, Director
 - Greg attended the March 17, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting and retreat in Seattle and provided the following summary.
 - Lorna Corrigan is the new president and led the meeting–retreat.
 - The consultant that was hired to report on The Mountaineers' capacity to launch a Capital Campaign determined that we do not now have enough capacity and so the decision was made to begin work to raise awareness and support for increasing revenues to further the organization' s goals as described in the recently adopted strategic plan.
 - The upcoming Gala, an important fund raiser, was discussed.
 - Bill Ashby, the organization' s staff Operations Manager (oversees finances, HR, IT and facilities), covered financials.
 - Bylaws were discussed and no significant changes were noted.
 - The next Board of Directors meeting will be held in May.
- Marko Pavela, Chair Elect
 - Marko completed a rough reorganization of the branch policy manual and shared with the council by email prior to the meeting. All agreed the format would work well.
- Sharon Lang, Secretary
 - Nothing to report
- Dee Ann Cline, Social Chair
 - The About Us section has been revised.
 - Dee Ann asked everyone to watch for the stewardship challenge blog coming out. The program center is doing a campaign on this.
 - A form is available online to add stewardship activities that are not registered through the mountaineers so members can still receive credit.

8:09 pm - Banff and “Dirt Bag” Update - Mike Riley

- Mike is scheduled to meet with Steve Jones, Olympia Film Society and a member from Evergreen State College to finalize the details for the production.
- Evergreen State College is co-promoting the event.

- May 19 or June 3 are the potential dates. The film will be available on iTunes this summer so we need to host the film soon.
- The option for funding is pay \$2,500 or split the profits from each ticket sold.
- Banff has offered a third night (Friday) of films in lieu of a Saturday matinee.
 - The cost is 50% more than both Saturday and Sunday and was decided to hold off on arranging this.

8:19pm - Meeting adjourned

Action Items:

- Dee Ann Kline and Becky will meet up to discuss blog ideas
- Greg will reach out to Tom Pierson to draft goals and objectives for the safety officer position.
- Siana will work with Tom to view incident reports for the Olympia branch.
- Continue branch policy manual update at next meeting.