

## Olympia Branch Council, The Mountaineers

# Minutes

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**11 July 2018 / 6:00 PM / Olympia Center Room 100**

### **ATTENDEES**

- Officers: Dee Ann Kline, Sharon Lang, Greg Lovelady, Marko Pavela, Kim Pohlman, Andy Weber, and Siana Wong
- Guests: Bradley Atman, Tom Eckhout, Dixie Havlak, Donna Kreuger, Monte Pratt, and Janette Zumbo

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm

6:04 pm Introductions/Welcome Guests

6:07– Approval of June minutes – All

- The June minutes were approved as amended.

6:08 – Follow-up on Action Items – All

- Julie Moore must become a leader to start a trail running committee.
  - The Program Center is working on equivalency for trail running leaders.
- Siana will share the list of considerations regarding the Becky Pin proposal with Mike Riley.
- Updated committee charters were sent to the Adventure Speaker Series and Branch Service Awards.

6:14 – Youth and Families Committee Update – Dixie Havlak

- Becky Nielsen has been hired and working 10-15 hours per week.
  - She goes to Seattle twice a month and helps the Tacoma branch as well.
- The relationship with the Children's Hands on Museum has been scaled back.
  - Educational kits were lent in exchange for recognition and in lieu of sending volunteers
- The committee is hosting a number of events and items this summer:
  - Car camp and backpacking class
  - Family picnic
  - Family camp during the first week in August
  - Climbing for kids at Evergreen or YMCA one time a month
  - Continual outreach and events, including mentoring five new leaders

6:34 – New Plaque for Olympia Branch Service Awards – Tom Eckhout

- The current service award plaque does not have room for any more names.
  - A new plaque the same size will cost \$165.00 and was approved by the council for purchase.

6:38 – New Olympia Mountaineers Pin Proposal – Janette Zumbo

- A pin and a badge or medallion will be created once someone obtains the requirements which include:
  - 20 different peaks
  - Must complete the same routes as Fred Beckey
  - The timeframe can be retro-active
  - The minimum party size is two
  - The climber does not have to be a Mountaineers member at the time of each climb, only at the time of application
- Mike will connect with Kerry Lowry and the Program Center to get this information on the Mountaineers' website.

#### 6:53– Volunteer Hour Tracking – Siana Wong

- Discussion took place on ways to recognize volunteers and track hours for those not listed on the website.
- An email to branch chairs on how they account for their time may be helpful.
- Siana asked the council to keep track of their hours and send to her so she can enter on the website.
- Andy and those involved with leadership development will work on more ideas.

#### 7:13 – Policy Manual Update – Marko Pavela

- Marko asked for adoption of the updated manual.
- The update was approved with an additional disclaimer that the manual is a work in progress and subject to change for activity committees.
- The Social, Potluck, and Adventure Speaker Series and Olympia Branch Service Award Committee Charters were approved as presented.

#### 7:27– Officer's Reports – All

- Andy Weber, Past Chair
  - The calendar and general climbing meeting has been updated on the website.
  - The climbing policy update is in progress.
  - Will continue leadership development and set a meeting date with the members involved.
- Marko Pavela, Chair Elect
  - Elections are ongoing and will close in August.
- Greg Lovelady, Director
  - Has been active on the Risk Management Committee
- Sharon Lang, Secretary
  - Discussed a filing system for paper documents
  - The records retention schedule is up to the individual activity committee
  - Sharon received two boxes of old climbing records
    - Will sort through and determine the importance of the information

- Dee Ann Kline
  - The Olympia Branch picnic is July 19 at Priest Point Park shelter #2 at 5:00 pm.
  - The first three speakers for the Adventure Speaker Series are arranged.
  - Dee Ann will be out of the area for six weeks in September and October.
    - Requesting 2019 course information for the banquet.
  - An Olympia Branch Naturalist Committee has been formed.
    - \$1,100 has been allotted for the budget.
    - Many activities are being planned.
      - Tide pools
      - Mushroom talk and forays
      - Trees
  
- Siana Wong, Chair
  - Background checks were discussed for volunteers.
  - A communications team will meet next week to discuss the website.
  - Maxine Dunkleman has added our library on the website.
  
- Kim Pohlman, Treasurer
  - Our budget is in good shape right now.
    - Bill Ashby tweaked a few things but it did not affect our bottom line.

#### 7:45 Guest Reports – All

- Tom Eckhout
  - We need a nominee for the Service Award
    - Spread the word on Facebook and eBlast

#### 7:49 – Meeting Adjourned

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- Siana will follow up with officers about estimated hours in their roles
- Siana will incorporate minor edits made by the officers council members to the Adventure Speaker Series and Branch Service Award draft charters