

Olympia Branch Council, The Mountaineers

Minutes

10 October 2018 / 18:00 / Olympia Center

ATTENDEES

- Officers: Marko P., Siana W., Kim P., Greg L., Doug H.
- Guests: Carolyn B., Bradley A., Tom E., Carla J., Katja H.

Meeting called to order at 18:03

18:04 - Introductions/Welcome Guests

- Introductions - I would like each Branch Council member to think about their goals for this year, and to share them along with a brief introduction.
 - o Doug -
 - Make this place better; take good notes
 - Do what I can to help
 - o Siana -
 - Make the branch in a better place than it was before.
 - Big goals; do research on a clubhouse or what that means; somewhere to meet.
 - Formed a small team to find possibilities
 - o Greg - Participate board of directors; nothing more than what the branch policy says he needs to do
 - Represent the club as a whole
 - o Marko -
 - Clean up policies
 - o Kim -
 - Start to looking forward and plan our future
 - o Bradley A. (new treasurer in training)
 - Learn the job!

19:07 – Approval of September minutes – All

- Approved the minutes

19:07 – Follow-up on Action Items – All

- Siana - Volunteer hour tracking.
 - o Started tracking as best she could; using a spreadsheet; Marko will organize Committee Summit for our Activity Committees
- Marko and Bob - Status of review of the Safety Committee Charter.
 - o Do that next month; and put that to a vote.
- Siana - Status of phasing out Olympiamountaineers.org.
 - o Julie can put the Google Calendar Link to the Mountaineers Website

- Talking with Jeff Bowman
 - The Blog on the Mounties HQ website is from everywhere and not specific to the Olympia Branch
- Siana and Greg - Status of a Committee Chair Matrix
 - Siana's talk to update the Matrix; she has had a few responses and put them into the matrix. This is in the Google Drive.
 - Maybe we don't need an equipment committee
 - Siana will take it away and delete it from the Matrix; Kirk is "off the hook"
 - Should not be an awards pins kayaking committee
 - Checked with John D. and Jean about the kayaking pin
 - Added Leading on Bolts Course to the matrix

19:28 – Mountaineers Problem Behavior Policies - Marko

- Mountaineers Problem Behavior Policies - These were recently finalized by the Program Center and Branch Leadership Council. I'll will share these policies prior to the meeting and we'll have a discussion about the type of guidance we may want to give our Committee Chairs and Trip Leaders.
 - How to inform our members about the new policies; There's a complaint form link; Member code of ethics; Prohibitive Behaviour Policy
 - Add it to the charter/branch policies for activity chairs should be people to be known.
 - We will be champions of this.

19:33 – Mountaineers Minimum Ability Policy - Marko

- Will report more on this when he knows more

19:35 – Mountaineers and Philanthropy - Marko

- Mountaineers and Philanthropy - Last week I fielded a call from a consultant the Program Center has hired to determine how the Mountaineers may ramp up their philanthropy. We should expect her to attend our November Branch Council meeting in person. I'd like for us to have our own discussion first.
 - Can ramp up calls for fundraising; what can we do; discussion about is that something volunteers want to do; how can we help out with fundraising?
 - Discussion about how to fundraise or maybe not; talk through the options.
 - There will be a representative coming from HQ to speak with us; Elizabeth Lenny in November some time.

19:27 – Committee Charters - Marko

- Committee Charters - This will be a standing item on my agendas during the next year. As a reminder, over the past year we accomplished a respectable amount of spring cleaning to our Branch Council policies. Outstanding are the Committee Charters/Committee Policy Language. I'd like to vote in or adopt changes to 1 - 3

Committees per month. I need to make sure drafts are circulated prior so I anticipate no voting this Month, just a discussion.

- o We have received many new charters and get going on approving these. And a fully updated policy.
- o Will send a note to the committee advising which he would like to discuss

18:24 – Publicity Committee - Marko on behalf of Dee Ann Kline

- Dee needs help advertising or marketing. Possible committee for this.

18:54 – Safety Committee - Katja H.

- There is not a charter yet. Tony Tsuboi is possibly offering his thoughts on the charter.
- Katja has officers; Delores S.; Lisa Katzman
 - o They will meet soon and go over goals
 - Increase communication
 - Gather data and talk about what can be done.
- Representation; a bunch of people want to be on the committee; activity chairs will assign a liaison. Put it on the activity chairs to honor someone and do we want to screen them, suggested by Greg L.
- Budget discussion; Kim is asking a rough estimate of how much it will cost for the current FY
- Safety Conference was last week
 - o Diversity is a mission of The Mountaineers; Inclusion
 - o Blog Post
 - o 12 workshops
 - How can Katja share her knowledge
 - Katja will contact activities chairs and ask her to report back

1945 - Officer's Reports – All

- Dee Ann Kline - Social Chair
 - o Will not be the social chair again.
 - o Recommends a social chair elect
- Kim P - Treasury
 - o Gabriella will work on closing FY
 - We can see revenue from the Bolts Course ect soon
 - o Another Youth Program Donation
 - It is a restricted donation
 - o Will be out of town next meeting
- Greg L - Board of Directors
 - o Nothing more to report
 - o Reported Problem Behaviors
- Siana W - Past Chair
 - o Notes for Marko on the Google Drive

Guest Reports – All

18:10 – Adventure Speaker Series - Carolyn Burreson

- 2020 Adventure Series needs to include a climber or someone the climbers or scramblers want to see.
- Discussed donation box during adventure speaker meetups.
- Starting 2019-2020 the Speaker Series schedule will change to October thru May. No September, add a November meeting- change in charter/ policy manual
- More involvement from Branch sub groups (climbing, scrambling)
 - Climbing/scrambling send their choice for Adventure speakers and preferred month for presentation to Carolyn
 - help promote the Potlucks/ Speaker Series (social media & classes)
 - support the climbing related Adventure Speaker presentations, please attend
 - Send a representative(s) to each meeting (to answer questions and to promote the climbing, scrambling program)
 - Email cbburreson@gmail.com with suggestions for speakers.
- Calendar- Olympia Branch to reserve the first Wednesday of the month for members to attend the Branch wide event. (October to May) not schedule classes
 - The Potluck/Social/Speaker Series is for all Olympia Mountaineer groups to unite. Spouses & guests can attend, mini open house with announcements of Mountaineer events & classes. Opportunity to recruit volunteers & new members, get library books, meet Branch offices and to inspire our outdoor enthusiasts.
 - Request the coordinator(s) of the Branch calendar & web Calendar to automatically post, as soon as possible each year, the Potluck/Social/Speaker Series. First Wednesday of the month, October thru May, (exception January 2020, meeting will be on January 8)

18:26 – Adventure Speaker Series Presenters - Carla J.

- Would like to do more to thank adventure speakers.
 - What we could offer them???
 - Free ticket to our banquet
 - Invite them to the open house
 - (Kim) Offered a mileage reimbursement
 - Defer to Dee Ann Kline and find out her opinions on giving the banquet and open house offerings; making this happen.

18:42 – Committee Changes - Tom Eckhout

- Winter Travel does not exist now
- Backcountry Ski Committee is new
 - Does it exist in the Branch Policies
 - Need to update the Policies
 - Asking for a badge
 - Might expand the teaching offerings
- Avalanche Committee
 - Everett/Seattle working as a single committee
 - Do we need to make another committee Marko empowers
 - How many are AIARE 1 Trained - Our members 55.

20:05 – Meeting Adjourned

ACTION ITEMS

- Marko will talk about Avalanche committee with the Branch Leadership Council and have Tom Eckhout will be our person when HQ sends emails about Avalanche Training ect.
- Katja will get a Olympia Safety page on The Mountaineers website

