

14 NOVEMBER 2018 / 1800 / Olympia Center

ATTENDEES

- Officers: Dee Ann, Doug Hansen, Bob K., Marko P. Greg Lovelady, Siana W., Kim P. (via phone)
- Guests: None

Meeting called to order at 1807

1807 - Introductions/Welcome Guests

1809 – Approval of MONTH minutes – All

- Approved

2004 – Follow-up on Action Items – All

- 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.

1819 – Katja Hurt has resigned from her post as Safety Chair - **MARKO**

- Process of looking for another one. Delores Sweeny was on the committee (kind of acting as Safety Chair).
 - The search is still on and we are close to finding someone new; and maybe might have another person to help with him/her.

1912 – Volunteer Recognition Efforts - **MARKO**

- I will update folks on what's being done with Super Volunteer Status, etc. We may also discuss Club Wide Service Award Nominations, depending on what type of responses I get from the committee chairs. I want to make sure we know about this program, we can also discuss how we might put it to best use for our Leaders

1919 – Leadership Development Fund - **MARKO**

- Form online can submit the form; Fund the training “this is what we will do with it in our committee”
 - Progressive climbing is front and center, but other committees *may express interest*
- Becca Polglase said that if the branch is willing to contribute to the cost then the program center (finance committee of member volunteers) is more likely to approve them.
- Come up with a process before spring time to have someone to come up with a application

1834 - How do we start a new course??? - **MARKO**

- Self Rescue???
- What we need is to talk with other branches
- Chris Hill, Roland Lanoue, Tim Nagle could be people that start with it.
 - Mike Riley could also be interested.
- Policy says that it is started in a Committee
- Greg mentioned, under some circumstances, that if there needs to be a new committee then they need to come to the branch council
- If the new course is neutral then they don't need to come to council
- Trail Running
 - Olympia is interested; then setup a new committee; there is an Olympia Branch individual that is a trail run leader; we could have some more of our people in our trail run leaders.

1846 – Activity Committee Chair Summit - MARKO

- Location - Thurston County Realtors Association
- Agenda Items
 - Volunteer Initiatives
 - Problem Behavior Policies
 - Bill Ashby and Becca Polglase
 - Kim and Siana discuss reserve funds
 - Leadership Development Fund
 - Policy Updates
 - Greg L. several topics that could be discussed at the 11/19/18 branch summit. Greg L. noted several topics that could be considered as summit agenda items, such as video conferencing gear, philosophy of philanthropy, and how to promote organization-wide unity.

1810 – Policy Discussions - MARKO

- I'd like to give us a month off in the Summer, I am leaning towards July. We can discuss pros and cons.
- Missed some of Gregs comments, so we will address them and vote. Safety committee charter; role is limited to Mountaineers activities and events (published on the website); problem behaviour investigation policy (need to know basis);
- NEW safety chair will be able to review the policy before we approve the policy. Maybe some changes to the committee (only need 1 person);

1845 - Officer's Reports – All

- Siana - Confirmed Edgeworks AIARE L1, Rescue Course, AIARE L2
 - 5 Spot reserved for AIARE L1; 5 spots combined L2 and Rescue March 5-8
 - Siana will work with Rich Irwin; List L1 as Leader Permission only; Priority to for Climb Leaders and Scramble Leaders;
 - Google Calendar is on our website Mountaineers.org

- o Dixie, Siana, Capital Land Trust, Inspiring Kids Nature Preserve, they are in talks about what is happening with it, a lot of potential with a partnership on the property or just with them. Will present that at the activity summit.
- Marko - Month Off; Not going to happen
- Greg L. - Several topics discussed at various retreats:
 - o Once in a lifetime event K2 Summit
 - o Approved the FY 2019 Budget
 - o Video conferencing solution for the “zoom setup”
 - o Philosophy of philanthropy - Member at the open houses and Mountaineers inputs; the current strategic plan calls for money; new program centers ect.
 - o Membership is at an all time high, 13k Members
 - o Popular blogs on the website; remembrances of Stephen and Laurie
 - o Staffing updates
 - o BANFF
 - o Progressive climbing education; Nick Block; Sara Ramsey will be handling volunteer dev.
 - o AAC, Colorado Mountain Club, and Mazamas for standards in climbing
 - o Risk Management Conference in PDX
 - o Leadership Conference 100 registrations
 - o Youth Programs
 - o Permitting Bill
 - o Land and water conservation fund
 - o Fixed anchors in the wilderness
 - o Mountaineers books local author - Snow Falling on Cedars guy
 - o Vision 2022
 - o Whatever we can do to push that we are one organization; not splintered cells
 - o Also; organization-wide reserves may be in the \$200k range
 - o Developing a culture of philanthropy
 - o Donors provide the largest source of organization funding
 - o The board is working to address “teaching and gathering places”
 - o Ad hoc Satellite branches Committee; The Mountaineers was contacted by a group that regularly meets in Boise, ID; they want to be affiliated with us.
 - o The recent Bylaw change that increased the board size should help with raising funds.
 - o Our big Gala fundraising event is in April
 - o At last weekend’s Mt. Baker Board of Director’s retreat there were many positive remarks about the Olympia Branch
- Doug - Records Retention
 - o See action items
- Dee Ann - Annual Banquet
 - o 146 people showed up
 - o 18 were grad tickets
 - o 10 were bakers
 - o 6 guests
 - o Eventbrite taking a cut; certain people didn’t like it that they were taking a cut.

- o Spent less on wine and beer
- o The Speaker was impressed with our Mountaineers Community
- Bob K - Climbing summit meeting
 - o Equivalency committee; for all thing equivalency
 - o UIAA; Registered organization is AAC;
 - AAC has approached Mazamas, The Mountaineers, and Colorado Alpine Club, Appalachian Mountain Club
 - Trying to develop standards for all kind of climbing
 - o Talk about finding private club climbing property in Leavenworth
 - o E-Course for Leadership on the website; on the Leadership Tab.
 - o Skill badges for our courses
 - Crampon clinic
 - Rope scramble clinic
 - Rappelling clinic

1826 – Buying new ropes and rack – All

- New ropes and some rock pro.
 - o Marko suggests one rack for the club;
- The climbing committee will discuss this
- Budget for program supplies
 - o Approved 5k Siana commented

2017 – Meeting Adjourned

ACTION ITEMS

- Go through records and keep things that could be historical or needed - Doug Hansen
- Get all the new Super Volunteers to Doug Hansen - Marko P.
- Policy to evaluate Leadership Dev. Fund requests - Marko P.

