

Olympia Branch Council, The Mountaineers

Minutes

8 MAY 2019 / 1800 / Olympia Center

ATTENDEES

- Officers: Bob Keranen, Marko Pavela, Siana Wong, Greg Lovelady, Doug Hansen, Dee Ann Kline
- Guests: Christine Lawrence (TESC Student), Jim French, Becky Nielsen

Meeting called to order at 1800

1800 - Introductions/Welcome Guests

1800 – Approval of April’s minutes – All

1805 – BUDGET PROCESS - Marko

- The chairs got the spreadsheet that was sent by the program center to kick off the budget process.

1835 – ALPINE AMBASSADORS - Marko

- JiSoo Han and Jeff Williams are going

1837 – TREASURER -Kim Pohlman (absent; report provided by Marko P.)

- Wait until Branch elections to replace our current Treasurer.

1838 – BRANCH RESERVES MOTION (SEE BELOW MOTION) - Greg Lovelady

- *“Moved that the monetary assets informally known as “Olympia Branch Reserve Funds” are hereby frozen and held to be used solely for planning and other purposes closely related to the creation of a clubhouse-meeting-and activity facility for The Mountaineers organization in Thurston County; except that any of these funds previously approved by the Olympia Branch Officer’s Council shall remain as formerly approved. It is further moved that this adopted motion shall be transmitted to The Mountaineers’ Executive Committee for concurrence.”*
- ALL APPROVED

1848 – ELECTIONS AND COMMITTEE - Bob K.

- Committee, Jennifer Fortin, Jennifer Goodwin, and Dawn
 - o Would like to get one more person for this committee
 - o Branch Policy precludes more than 2 people run for each position.
 - o Nominees need to come forward by May 31, 2019.

1900– Officer’s Reports – All

- Marko, chair - Volunteering and instructing and leading trips
- Doug, secretary - Nothing to report
- Dee Ann, social chair - Branch picnic is Aug 1, 2019. It's at Pioneer Park in Tumwater.
- Siana, immediate past chair -
 - Get something or article together for the Paul Wiseman Bench in Olympia
 - Met with Greg and Laurie Mott to see what people need to create a meeting and activity space in Thurston County
 - See motion adopted elsewhere in this meeting summary
 - There will be a questionnaire sent out
- Bob -
- Greg - Board of Directors Meeting
 - Last board meeting was in March on which Greg reported in the April council meeting
 - Special fund raising effort currently underway for Mountaineers Books
 - They are looking for donations and gift giving ideas
 - In response to a question, Greg replied:
 - Before the Mountaineers became a 501c(3), The Mountaineers Foundation was created to received donations to further the organization's mission
 - In recent months there have been ongoing discussions among the "Foundation" and The Mountaineers to determine if the respective missions of the two organizations remain sufficiently compatible.
 - The Mountaineers Foundation is now called the Keto Foundation

Guest Reports – Seen below

1811 – STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE and BACKPACKING COURSE - Jim French

- The challenge continues; but would like to track our Branch a little better so folks can get the Stewardship Badge
- Wynoochie Lakeshore stewardship last weekend
 - 28 people total most from our Branch
- Was thinking about how to raise funds for our Olympia Branch grants
 - Doug mentioned RCO.WA.GOV
- Possible investment in our Stewardship Committee
- Backpacking Course will have to be cancelled again
 - Jim and others will still meet with the 4 people that were signed up to give them some materials.
 - The Backpacking course didn't produce many students on Mountaineers backpacking trips
 - Thoughts are doing it every other year, Donnie K. and Monte P. could have
 - They will be setting up some trips. They already setup Lake Sylvia and Friend's House, Jim will need to see if he can recoup some fees.
- The Southern Resident Orca population is in serious trouble and an endangered species. In order to survive, we must address four main sources of danger:
 - Declining Fish Populations- up to 85% of their diet is salmon, most are Chinook salmon

- o Toxic Exposure
- o Surface Impacts
- o Cumulative underwater noise of vessel traffic.
- The Olympia Branch is invited to relocate the mountain goats from the Olympic Peninsula.

1823– YOUTH PROGRAM/ EXPLORERS CLUB - Becky

- EXPLORERS are age 7-13 (Current program)
 - o Meets 2 times a month to teach different skills
- Wants to build 2 more programs this next year
 - o PIONEERS ages 4-6
 - o MAC (Mountain Adventure Club) Older youth 14-18
 - More nervous about this one, because of the folks that are there currently don't have the skills per say
 - The skills needed are Multi-pitch Trad and Glacier Climbs
 - Becky is hoping that these would feed into our courses for adults and for our leadership.
- Youth summer camp can bring in quite a bit more revenue
 - o 2 weekends are setup now for 30 total available spots and more than half are full already
 - o \$1700 plus dollars can be collected from those alone
- “Mountain Workshops” are things in our community The Mountaineers are helping with and currently is free but Becky hopes to not offer that for free in the future.

1828– CHILD PROTECTION POLICIES - Becky

- Becky attended a convention or conference about how to protect children better
 - o Learned from this conference to be more proactive
 - o And that we are doing this. . .
- Process of improving the Youth Handbook
- Mike Riley is also involved in this as well

1913– BASIC CLIMBING COURSE UPDATES - Julie

- Permitting is a problem with Mount Baker and other places

1917 – Meeting Adjourned

ACTION ITEMS

- Marko - Climbing Chairs need to have the budget process
- Bob K. - Will contact folks on Meetup.com for the backpacking course to make sure they will sign up for this years course or get the word to them it is cancelled.
- Dee Ann - Will get a blog out there for a request for candidates. Dee Ann will also get them onto the Facebook Pages as well.
- Siana - will continue to meet with her “Olympia Clubhouse Committee” to develop an approach to creating a Mountaineers’ activity center in Thurston County.