

# Minutes

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**9 SEPTEMBER 2020 / 1800 / Meeting held via Teleconference**

## **ATTENDEES**

- Officers: Bob Keranen, Marko Pavela, Greg Lovelady, Virginia Haas, Neal Kirby, Doug Hansen, Maxine Dunkelman, Beth Peden
- Guest(s): Various folks from around our Branch because this was held via Teleconference

Meeting called to order at 1803

1803 Introductions/Welcome Guests

1804 – Approval of AUGUST minutes – All

- ALL APPROVED

1807 – New Covid-19 guidelines- Aug 26 update - Bob K.

- <https://www.mountaineers.org/blog/mountaineers-programming-and-the-corona-virus>
  - o Removed the home county of the member had to be in the “right” phase to participate in trips/activities
    - Now any member of the club can join
  - o Simplified the risk profile for leaders
  - o Revised the “high risk” population; it’s now up to the member to accept the “risk” to joining the trip/activity
  - o Marko expressed a possibility that we should consider the governors guidance and [coronavirus.wa.gov](https://www.wa.gov) when planning activities rather than just looking at the guidance that is put out by The Mountaineers Program Center

1809 – Covid and Club's Financial situation - Bob K.

- <https://www.mountaineers.org/blog/ceo-update-covid-19-challenges-and-financial-health-review>
  - o See the link above for more information from Tom Vogl
  - o The Board of Directors voted that we might have to dip into the long term building fund which is standing at around \$3 million.

1822 – Plans for Banff - Mike Riley

- BANFF says they are not sending out any road warriors
- The Olympia Film Society is trying to think of how to open the theatre and thinking they can’t
  - o Mike is thinking that he would like to move the dates to March and reassess and be flexible

- BANFF itself will be remote this year instead of there in Canada
- The council gave their blessing to allow Mike to use his judgment to move it.

### 1830 – Banquet Alternatives? January Open House? - Virginia/Maxine

- Banquet will be virtual and making it in early November
  - Looking for ideas and have every committee come with something for it.
  - Dixie and Dee Ann are working on some ideas
- Open House???
  - Virginia attended the Program Center open house and was surprised how nice it was
  - There's another Program Center Open House on Sept. 29th and it's on the website.
  - Bob suggested that a virtual open house be revisited during next months meeting

### 1840 – Adventure Speaker Series, Potluck, Socials, Mini-Open House - Carolyn Burreson

- They will hold off until January 2021 to even hold a meeting and that all speakers are “on hold”
  - They have folks scheduled from January through May but will be agile in how things will play out
- Expressed opinion as shown in Appendix A that virtual is not the direction the Adventure Speaker Series to go “virtual”.
- Also (See APPENDIX A)

### 1850 – Clinics on "Redesigning Outdoor Education" - Planning for the virtual classroom - Bob K.

- Starts September 14 Mondays through November
  - <https://www.mountaineers.org/events/virtual-events-activities>
- Bob expressed everyone should look into this

### 1854 – Please submit all 2019\2021 FY expenses ASAP - Bob K.

- Please submit them for reimbursement

### 1812 – Olympia's 2020\2021 FY Budget to be finalized in Oct - Bob K.

- Worked on this recently based on what we have done in the past and cut out in person meetings and room rentals
- Cut out meal supplementation and volunteer recognition.
- Very strict budget for the coming year.
- Foothills was having folks possibly donate when they sign up for a activity

### 1854 – Volunteer Recognition - Bob K.

- What can we do for this?
  - The Program Center is thinking of doing some sort of item, but the Activity committee chairs were not keen on this.
  - Thank you notes that can be passed on to leadership as well
- Nothing is going to happen if it does until January

### 1858 – Basic Climbing Course - Julie Dasso

- They will create smaller groups somewhat like the SIG Groups in Seattle
  - They will need more mentors
- All lectures are online

### 1858 – Trail Running Committee - Julie Dasso

- Julie are doing trail runs a couple times a week
  - But been doing it privately
  - She added the committee webpage to reach out to Julie to chat with her
  - Would be okay if she screens folks and could post to the website

### 1909 – Meetup and The Olympia Mountaineers - Bob K.

- He's going to letting go of Meetup and send a final message to the members of that group

### 1915 – Thank you to Bob Keranen as Chair - **RESOLUTION** - Greg Lovelady

*Resolved, that the 2019-2020 Officers' Council of the Olympia Branch of The Mountaineers hereby convey their appreciation to Bob Keranen for successfully completing a second term as Olympia Council Chair and guiding our branch through an exceptionally difficult year while being tested by a pandemic which has led to severe budget obstacles and related difficulties.*

*And be it resolved and acknowledged that Bob's hard work, preparation, good humor and cool approach to addressing the issues, while dutifully and actively participating in the many meetings required by this office has assisted immensely in his ability to meet the challenges of this office.*

*And be it resolved that this expression of appreciation by the Council shall be read into the meeting minutes of this date and signed in a certificate of affirmation by its members.*

### 1921 – Thank you to outgoing Officers! - ALL

#### TIME – Officer's Reports – All

- Greg Lovelady - Director - See APPENDIX B
- Doug Hansen - Secretary - Expressed appreciation to all volunteers that give their time
- Marko - Past Chair - Leaving Branch Council and recognizing Greg Lovelady for his good work on the Board of Directors
  - Update on Intermediate Climbing committee
  - Update on the Leadership Course
- Neal Kirby - Chair Elect - had officer elections below are the results
  - Dean Taylor - Secretary
  - Scott Carlson - Chair Elect
  - Mike Kretzler - Director
  - Tom Eckhout would like to search for a new Scrambling Chair and the report on this is seen below on Dean Taylor

- Maxine and Virginia - Nothing more than what is above
- Beth Peden - Treasurer - She is BACK!
  - Expressed appreciation to Bob to get the Budget done
  - **Rent rooms under The Olympia Mountaineers and have it billed directly**

#### 1828 – Guest Reports – All

- Mike Riley - Donated Gear from Dee Ann -
  - Will be used by climbing courses quickdraws, Gri Gri, and rope
- Dean Taylor - Finding a new Scrambling
  - Got together recently
  - They have a list of 6-8 names of folks
    - Still looking as well

#### 1924 – Meeting Adjourned

## ACTION ITEMS

# Appendix A

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Olympia board meeting, September 9, 2021  
Future of the Olympia Mountaineers Speaker Series

## COVID19 and the Adventure Speaker Series.

We will not be able to start the Speaker Series as usual in October. With the uncertainty of group meetings, we will not consider meeting until January 2021.

## Advertising and web posting of the Adventure Speaker Series

We can hold off posting the Series until we believe it is safe to hold a meeting. The Adventure Speakers scheduled for 2021 are willing to be on hold

## Scheduling the Adventure Speaker Series

When we are able, we will return to the first Wednesday of the month, with no meetings held during the summer and early fall, June thru possibly November

## Room reservations and fees

Friends Hall will reserve the dates, credit any prepaid nights towards 2021 reservations.

## Change the Speaker Series to a virtual venue ?

We believe a Zoom or other format would defeat the purpose of the meetings. To list a few of the purposes of the Speaker Series:

- 1) To provide a social event for all groups within the Mountaineers to unite, to build community, to connect and share their outdoor enthusiasm
  
- 2) To enhance the mountaineers community with an inspirational speaker (opportunity for the speaker to educate, possibly sell books, to connect and feel appreciated by the Mountaineer community)
  
- 3) To promote upcoming Mountaineer events, classes and volunteering with announcements, poster board displays of activities, classes and handouts.
  
- 4) To have officers, committee chairs, and members meet and mingle, to welcome new members or nonmembers attending the function
  
- 5) To introduce nonmembers to the mountaineers and to encourage membership

Other meetings, classes and lectures work well with Zoom, but we feel that the goals of the speaker/potluck/social event cannot be met with an online presentation.

I am open to your comments and ideas regarding the future of our Adventure Speakers Series social gatherings.

# Appendix B

1. August 20 Board of Directors' (Zoom) meeting
  - i. Toast to Huge Conservation & Advocacy Win: Great American Outdoors Act
  - ii. Meeting conducted by the new board of directors' President – Vik Sahney
  - iii. Staff/Committee Updates
    1. Development, Amber Carrigan:
      - a. Gala recap (\$465,000)
      - b. September event 9/24 A BeWild-style event focused on climate and outdoor recreation. Open to our membership (tix \$12-\$15).
      - c. • Sept 25: Similar to the Evening of Advocacy last year. A moderator will host a conversation about climate, featuring Conrad and potentially two others with varied areas of expertise. Invitation only, focusing on our Peak Society
    2. Governance Committee, Gabe Aeschilman: At-large slate of candidates; motion to approve 11 at-large directors to coincide with fall elections
    3. Books updates, Tom Helleberg: 60th Anniversary of our beloved Mountaineers Books; Operational and financial update, distribution partner updates, FY21 budget assumptions.
  - iv. Old Business • Executive Session, Tom Vogl & Lorna – Litigation Committee update on the Keta Foundation
  - v. New Business • FY21 Budget status update, Tom V.: FY21 budget, key planning assumptions