

# Olympia Branch Council

Meeting Minutes – 11/11/2020

*Teleconference*

## Attendees

Officers: *Neal Kirby, Bob Keranen, Dean Taylor, Mike Kretzler, Virginia Haas, Beth Peden, Max Dunkelman*

Guests: *Julie Dasso, Donna Kreuger, Dee Ann Kline, Paul Kallman, Monty Pratt, Greg Lovelady, Michelle Garcia, Mike Riley*

## Agenda Items

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Virtual Open House – Virginia Haas and Maxine Dunkelman

- Will take place on January 7 @ 6:00 pm
- Each activity is asked to present about three minutes of content (a slide or a live presentation) – please try to provide three main takeaways
- Maxine collected contact information for each activity to streamline communications as we prepare
- After the main presentation there will be breakout rooms for each activity
- We are expecting the Program Center to provide a 15% discount to join The Mountaineers for all those who attend
- Maxine and Virginia have ideas for advertising, which includes The Olympian, an official press release, and emailing the attendee list from the Banff Film Festival

Approval of October 2020 minutes

- The October minutes were approved by all

Super Volunteer list – Neal Kirby

- A list of “super volunteers” was recently distributed via email. Neal asked that we all help verify that the list is correct

Planning Calendar – Greg Lovelady

- A draft month-by-month Council Planning Calendar was proposed to help the chair outline agenda items for the year. The sample calendar was first developed several years ago but never used. One of its features is that it provides time for a rotation of course and activity leads to make 10-15 minute presentations during each meeting such that, after 12-months, most of the branch courses and activities would have had an opportunity to present to the council their goals, challenges, plans for the future.
- Mike K. noticed that the effort needed to prepare the yearly service award is worth adding to the calendar
- It was agreed that we would initially store a copy of this document in the secretary's Google Drive "Archive" folder and later look for a location on the website once the document has been updated.

#### Activity Leaders – Neal Kirby

- Welcomed Julie Dasso as climbing division chair
- Marko Pavela has agreed to continue as leadership chair for 2021

## Activity Reports

#### Communications Committee – Dee Ann Kline

- Trying to get a "Mountaineers Mini-series" started, short clips of Mountaineers-related topics that we can use for marketing purposes
- Continued efforts to streamline the email traffic to Regina, who coordinates the monthly e-blasts
- Want to promote success stories, particularly from activity chairs, want to highlight our Olympia branch members
- Mike K. will add Dee Ann and Dean as Communications activity contacts on the branch website
- Our communications should support not only the Olympia branch, but The Mountaineers organization as a whole

#### Scrambling – Paul Kallman (via email)

- The committee is looking at using Google Classroom to supplement our virtual learning and we have a scrambling summit on Saturday (Nov. 14) where we hope to collaborate with other branches on their plans for next year

## Branch Officer Reports

#### Treasurer – Beth Peden

- Beth sent out the budget information to everyone and encouraged committee chairs to use the information contained within to plan their 2021 activities and courses

- As a whole the club is not doing too bad, considering the challenges we have faced this year

Director – Mike Kretzler

- Attended the recent director's meeting. Both revenues and expenses are down. The club has built a budget for next year that appears sustainable
- Mike has made changes to the About Us and Committees pages, also built a Committee emails list

Chair – Neal Kirby

- Will be out of town for the next two and a half weeks and has asked Bob to fill in at a club meeting during that time

Secretary – Dean Taylor

- Has taken on the role of Zoom Master and will be coordinating the Olympia branch Zoom account. He is in the process of learning the system with the help of the Program Center.
- It was requested that the draft minutes be sent out for review closer to the day the meeting took place rather than right before the meeting they will be approved. This will help people that missed the meeting to stay apprised of branch decisions in a more timely fashion.

## Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm