

Olympia Branch Council

Meeting Minutes – 9/8/2021

Teleconference

Attendees

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

Guests: *Janette Zumbo, Greg Lovelady*

Agenda Items

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm

Approval of August 2021 minutes

- The August minutes were approved by all

\$7500 for Volunteer Development and Recognition

- We have disbursed \$3500 of this money to individuals. The remaining \$4000 was allotted to committees, a few of which have expressed concerns over using their allotted dollars before the September 30 deadline. We are not able to issue an extension to this deadline.

Nominations Committee – Scott Carlson

- The results of the voting arrived Friday. Janette Zumbo has been elected chair-elect. Beth Peden has been elected to another two year term. Maxine and Virginia have been voted in to a one-year extension as social chair.

Banff Film Festival

- Sept 9 & 10 there will be two shows, at 4 pm and 8 pm. The theater will be at reduced capacity—125 persons per show. The shows for each day are different.

Wilderness Skills

- Jennifer Goodwin will complete her term as chair of the Wilderness Skills course in January 2022. The branch has begun the search for her successor.

Leadership Conferences

- There will be two smaller in-person leadership conferences this fall—one in November and one in December.

Snowshoeing and Nordic Skiing Course Prices

- We have charged \$50 for each individual course in the past. Somehow they were each budgeted at the Program Center at \$75. Course chair Tom Eckhout prefers to keep the individual course fees at \$50 and would like this corrected. Neal will contact Tom and seek a resolution.

Activity Reports

MOFA – Bob Keranen

- There is a new Base Camp for first aid. Becca at the Program Center would like to get together for a summit. Badge equivalency is a topic of discussion and so are in-person WFA scenarios. The Olympia branch will have to postpone our branch MOFA course again this year due to COVID concerns.

Branch Officer Reports

Treasurer – Beth Peden

- Course fees and ticket sales are down, so we are a bit behind our budget at this point in the year.

Director – Mike Kretzler

- There was a hybrid in-person/Zoom director's board meeting on August 19. Club finances are up from 2020, ahead of the budget. Books did well in 2020 and is doing even better in 2021. Long term building fund is up 25%. Fundraising is on pace. Membership is recovering from the pandemic drought. Voting on by-law changes are coming in October. Discussion underway on activity standards—a draft is on the way. Annual meeting coming up on September 14th.

Chair – Neal Kirby

- The Olympia Branch Council October meeting will be all virtual. We will make another attempt to meet hybrid in-person/Zoom in November.

Past Chair – Bob Keranen

- The board thanks Bob for an outstanding three years of service as a board member.

Social Chair – Virginia Haas

- Maxine has found a speaker for the 2022 banquet.

Secretary – Dean Taylor

- I'll create another series of Zoom meetings and Calendar invites for the next twelve months.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm