

# Olympia Branch Council

Meeting Minutes – 12/8/2021

*Teleconference*

## Attendees

Officers: *Scott Carlson, Dean Taylor, Mike Kretzler, Beth Peden, Virginia Haas, Janette Zumbo*

Guests: *Bob Keranen, Greg Lovelady, Carolyn Burreson, Michelle Song, Mike Riley, Dee Ann Kline*

## Agenda Items

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm

Approval of November 2021 minutes

- The November minutes were approved by all.

Program Center – Michelle Song

- She is a new Associate Volunteer Development Manager at The Mountaineers program center. A few of her duties will include Leader Lines, magazine articles and Navigation Committee summits.

Wilderness First Aid – Bob Keranen

- There was a recent First Aid summit. Olympia has a larger program than the other branches. We have a WFA Base Medical program that we can run again this year and may do so in March-April, however this does not include CPR and therefore is not considered a full replacement for MOFA. We are hoping to do a MOFA program this year, which will probably occur in the Fall and not in the Spring. Bob hopes to list classes soon and is seeking new instructors.

Adventure Speaker Series – Carolyn Burreson

- We will be following COVID rules for the remainder of the adventure speakers season (Jan-Apr), requiring vaccination cards for entry and wearing masks. No potluck or beverage served. An RSVP is highly recommended.

Open House Update – Virginia Haas

- An in-person event has been set for January 6. We are now working on publicity. A poster now exists and is ready for distribution. Volunteers and attendees are highly encouraged to RSVP via the event on The Mountaineers website.

Branch Policy and Rules Manuals Update – Dean Taylor

- The Branch Policy manual and the Branch Rules document do not match each other with regard to the name of the social chair position and which year elections are to be held for the social chair position. The branch council voted in favor of changing the Branch Policy Manual to refer to the position as Community Relations-Social Chair and to hold elections in odd numbered years. We will find a replacement to complete year two of the current social chair's term and officially elect a new Community Relations-Social Chair in 2023.

#### Banff – Mike Riley

- The theater is now open at half capacity. We will hold Banff on April 30-May 1 (Sat-Sun). There will be virtual packages at the end of the year that allow viewing some of the films via the internet.

#### Naturalists – Dee Ann Kline

- Dee Ann requests that we move the Naturalists out from under the Hiking committee so that it is its own stand-alone committee. Seattle is arranged in this matter. The branch council agreed to this change and will contact the Program Center to make this change official.

#### COVID Guidance – Scott Carlson

- There is updated guidance which gives leaders some discretion, allowing them to choose whether they want to require the COVID vaccine or not on outdoor trips. Leaders may also choose to require a rapid test for everyone in their group before participation in indoor programs.

## Activity Reports

#### Safety Chair – Mike Riley

- Mike is the Olympia safety chair. The club safety chairs are in the process of categorizing this year's safety incidents.

#### Navigation – Mike Kretzler

- The 2022 navigation course has been posted.

## Branch Officer Reports

#### Chair – Scott Carlson

- Attended last month's leadership meeting and reports that the Program Center continues to offer Base Camp as a way for increased communication and document sharing. The Program Center would be willing to help our branch set that up if we wish.

#### Director – Mike Kretzler

- The Fall retreat was focused on a high level revision of the club's strategic plan. Scope and objectives were discussed as well as Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats.

Chair – Scott Carlson

- The board will meet in person in January at the Olympia Community Center with a virtual option. We will follow The Mountaineers COVID indoor rules.

## **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm