

Olympia Branch Council

Meeting Minutes – 1/12/2022

Teleconference

Attendees

Officers: *Scott Carlson, Dean Taylor, Mike Kretzler, Virginia Haas, Janette Zumbo, Neal Kirby*

Guests: *Bob Keranen, Katja Hurt, Greg Lovelady, Monty Pratt, Paul Kallman*

Agenda Items

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm

Approval of December 2021 minutes

- The December minutes were approved by all.

Open House Update – Virginia Haas

- The 2022 Open House was canceled due to COVID. At this time we are not planning on offering a Zoom alternative. We are hoping to tag onto other activities to promote our classes.

Wilderness Skills – Scott Carlson

- The Wilderness Skills course is underway now with on-line material in Google Classroom. Mandi Maycumber has been appointed to take over as Wilderness Skills course chair after the final lecture on January 29.

Wilderness First Aid – Bob Keranen

- We looking for additional instructors. We are hoping to have both a spring and a fall course.

Adventure Speaker Series – Carolyn Burreson

- The January event was changed to a Zoom presentation, which went very well. The February event is canceled. The March and April events are tentatively scheduled to be in person, but they will be changed to Zoom if necessary.

COVID-19 Badge – Scott Carlson

- The Program Center will soon be launching an optional Mountaineers COVID Vaccine badge and will be seeking feedback from committee chairs.

Activity Reports

Alpine Scrambling – Paul Kallman

- There are only 17 people signed up. Wilderness Skills starts January 29. Our goal is for 8 more participants. Paul will work with Bob K. to spread the message on various outdoors sites. The first lecture has been moved to virtual. Leaders who have level 1 avalanche training will be getting a winter scramble badge.

Naturalists – Bob Keranen

- Bob recently attended a hiking summit. The Olympia Naturalists group were broken off into their own committee at the summit.

Leadership Fund – Bob Keranen

- The club has a separate fund for leaders to gain professional experience. It allows for up to \$500 per person.

Leadership – Katja Hurt

- The spring leadership course is now scheduled for March 1 and 3.

Hiking – Monty Pratt

- The backpacking class opens for registration this Thursday. We are hoping for at least ten participants in this course. There is a possibility that we may need to find a new Family Backpacking chair.

Navigation – Mike Kretzler

- We have 26 students currently registered for the 2022 navigation course.

Branch Officer Reports

Director – Mike Kretzler

- There is a board meeting next week.

Chair – Scott Carlson

- The board will meet on Zoom in February. We hope to meet in person at the Olympia Community Center in March, but we will wait to make that decision until we get closer to that meeting.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm