

Olympia Branch Council

Meeting Minutes – 05/14/2024

Olympia Center, room 200

Attendees

Officers: Mandi Maycumber, Dean Taylor, Elizabeth Spaulding, Jeremy Hogan

Guests: Scott Carlson, Donna Kreuger, Mike Forsyth, Regina Robinson, Scott Beckwith

Agenda Items

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm

- Norms Review – Mandi Maycumber
 - Stick to the agenda
 - Be open to ideas
 - Address ideas not people
 - One speaker at a time
 - No side chatter
 - Okay to disagree, not okay to be disagreeable
 - Respect each other's time
- Approval of April 2024 minutes
 - The April 2024 minutes were approved by all.
- Branch Service Award – Donna Kreuger
 - If you know someone who has gone above and beyond for our branch, please nominate them for the Olympia Branch Service Award. Please send nominations no later than August 15 to Donna at djkreuger@comcast.net
 - Be sure to include why this Olympia Mountaineer is special by listing their sustained, long-term service to the Olympia Branch and any other important contributions to The Mountaineers.

- Recipients of branch awards will be honored at the annual Olympia Mountaineers award banquet in October.
- Hiking and Backpacking Committee – Donna Kreuger
 - The hiking and backpacking committee is seeking Hiking and Backpacking Committee leadership members. Qualifications to apply include being a current, active hike and backpack leader. Special consideration will be given to active leaders who are also Urban Walk leaders and/or international trip leaders. If interested, contact Donna Kreuger at djkreuger@comcast.net
- Volunteer Recognition Updates – Mandi Maycumber
 - Nalgene bottles and Buffs were distributed at the meeting to various Olympia committee members in attendance.
- Wilderness Skills – Mandi Maycumber
 - Wilderness Skills is looking to move the field day to February 1, 2025. Mandi has enlisted Rob Schanz to help out with the course as her time will be limited due to a temporary relocation out of state.
- Social Chair – Elizabeth Spaulding
 - We may need to push the Open House from October back to January to separate it from the Banquet unless a new social chair or other event committee help is identified. Snowshoeing prefers the Open House to be held in October/November after seeing a rise in enrollment after that arrangement last year and receiving feedback that students benefited from having their shopping list in place before Christmas.
- Treasurer Update – Jeremy Hogan
 - Discussed the possibility of memorializing the process for a committee to request ad hoc funds. This topic arose after the board approved a \$375 tools request from Stewardship earlier in the week. No formal decision was made on this topic, but it was generally felt that the most appropriate action would be for the chair of the requesting committee to make these types of requests by presenting them to the branch council either by email or in person.
- Secretary – Dean Taylor
 - Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 11 @ 6pm on Zoom.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm