

# Olympia Branch Council

Meeting Minutes – 06/11/2024

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## Attendees

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

Guests: Mike Forsyth, Julie Dasso

## 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 May 2024 minutes
  - The May 2024 minutes were approved by all.
- Social Chair – Elizabeth Spaulding
  - St. Martins informed us that the date we had selected for the fall banquet was no longer available. We have selected a new date of Saturday, October 12.
  - The Olympia branch picnic will be held Thursday, July 18 at Burfoot park. We will be selecting a local caterer soon.

- Our branch needs volunteers to staff event-related committees. Regina sent out an e-blast requesting volunteers to serve on an Open House committee and the Social Chair committee. Please contact Elizabeth Spaulding (elizabeth.spaulding@gmail.com) if you can help!
- Director's Report – Mike Riley
  - The new board president, Manisha Powar, was introduced at the May director's meeting. Manisha replaces Gabe Aeschliman, who will serve as the past president.
  - The sexual harassment committee charter was extended to October 31 to give them time to finish their work. They are expected to make a presentation at the October director's meeting.
  - Adult programs is doing extremely well, currently \$570,000 in the black.
- Treasurer – Jeremy Hogan
  - Jeremy has distributed the 2025 OLY Budget Workbook, along with general guidelines, to course chairs and program leads. He asks that course chairs fill in their 2025 budget information (course supplies, expected expenses, etc.) by July 19.
- 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.
- Basic Climbing – Julie Dasso
  - Coursework for the 2024 basic climbing course is now complete. The final committee meeting will be held June 12. The lecture and field trip dates for the 2025 course are finalized and permits have already been purchased. We will be piloting a new course flow in 2025 with the rock content occurring before the snow content. Julie will continue be the primary chair in 2025 with two assistant chairs focusing on lectures and field trips.
- Snowshoeing – Mike Forsyth
  - The 2024 showshoeing course included a total of 20 enrollments. Of those, 13 were from Olympia (including 1 equivalency student), 5 were from Tacoma, 1 from Seattle, and 1 from Everett. Four students dropped the course before the field trip. Seven students, all from Olympia, have graduated so far.
- Wilderness Skills – Mandi Maycumber
  - Mandi is handing the course over to Rob Schanz, who has unofficially taken over responsibilities at this point. Julie intends to meet with Rob to explore ways she can incorporate a subset of the Wilderness Skills content into the Basic Climbing course.

- Secretary – Dean Taylor

- There will be no meeting in July. Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 13 @ 6pm on Zoom.

## **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:31pm