**Meeting Minutes**

The regular September meeting of the Seattle Branch Council (SBC) was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Timmy Williams. Present were E Swanson, J Jett Klansnic, C Hoover, S Russell, A Smart, E Slevland, J Jecker, Ed Lewin, J Bowman, B Deters, E Ball, P Hendrickson

The minutes of the SBC July 18, 2013 were approved (Swanson, Smart).

**Announcements**

Seattle Branch Chair—Timmy Williams announced:

* Meet the Mountaineers, Monday, 30 September with snacks, 6 to 9 p.m.
* *The Summit*, feature-length documentary of August 2008 K2 disaster—Friday, 4 or 5 October at the Harvard Exit, Seattle. A Q&A will follow with a panel of climbers (Mike Burns, Dick XX, Jim Nelson, Jim Wickwire?, TBD.)

**Old Business**

* SBC elections were held with the following two-year terms starting October 1, 2013 filled by unanimous votes:
  + Chairman, Timmy Williams
  + Secretary, Peter Hendrickson
  + BoD Representative, Bill Deters
  + Note: Treasurer, John Jecker, will fill out the second year of his term.
* Friction slabs fund raising will soon commence with an initial $98K goal including a 20% contingency fund. If needed, fund raising could continue to cover the contingency, Williams noted. Motion passed (Russell, Deters; Deters, Bowan amend to $20K) to authorize pledging the ~~$19,600~~ $20,000 contingency reserve by the Seattle Branch.
* Outside lights project has a survey about to launch on design features. Noted that city is responsible for the steet.
* Volunteer Development Coordinator position will be addressed by an ad hoc advisory group to be named.
* Mt Rainier 100 Summits Peak Pin will be administered by Scramble through Peak Bagger app. At least 2 climbers are close to 100.

**New Business**

* A Program Center bas relief figure has been stolen. Measures are being taken to recover.
* Volunteer Dinner was proposed for Saturday, 1 February 2014 with funding up to $5,000 (Deters, Smart)—motion passed.

**Committee Reports**

BOD Rep—Bill Deters:

* Next meeting is 7 November.
* Volunteer Coordinator position creation discussion continues for planning and tabled to February 2014. Branch taxation scheme was also tabled. Anticipated annual cost would be ~$100K. Asked committees to consider roles a coordinator might play with desired outcomes.

Safety Officer—Dave Shema will retire December 30 to become climbing chair. Replacements have been identified

Treasurer—John Jecker:

* Showed revenue a little low and expenses even lower. Current net is $36,742 and anticipate new retained revenue ~$30K with total ending balance ~$138K at fiscal year's end, September 30. Membership is spiking at this time. Current branch membership is 6534.
* Seeking authorized signers from committee chairs to Leann and John.
* Also wish all expense claims in soonest—by month's end. Any additional encumberances not noted in budgets should be communicated to John.
* Budgets have been approved and will be transmitted in October.
* Room rates for 2013-14 formula driven based on prior year costs and rentals—small changes.

Secretary—Jeff Bowman pledged to support Peter in his new role.

Alpine Scrambling—Steven Russell: First meeting has been held with election of officers and dates scheduled.

Backpacking—Mary Rohlman

Climbing—Gene Yore

Dance—Eivind Sleveland: Folk dancing still moving and reported an injury by a body parts transporter from D.C.—fell off curb, fractured knee cap at Seattle Parks and Rec facility—'The Brick'. Will report lighting situation at the site to club building committee and branch safety committee. Discussed that all, including non-club members, should have a waiver on file.

Family Activities—Becca Polglase

First Aid—Miles McDonough/Mary Panza

Hiking—Robert Michelson

Leadership—Mike Sweeny

Midweek Hikes—Edmunde Lewin/Kathy Biever/Joy Toynbee

Naturalists—Cindy Luksus (Bill Deters reporting) Meeting held and Cindy is retiring. Seeking a new chair. Surveying last year's students for recommendations. Seminars are being planned with noted speakers. The natural world course is once per year with discussion about doing as two parts.

Navigation—Peter Hendrickson reported that an A-GPS Smart Phone based GPS class is under development by Bruce Crawford. A curriculum guide for the Introduction to Map & Compass is being field tested. A practice in-city, self-guided course is under consideration following the Mazamas Portland model. The fall workshop/field trip duo is 30 October/9November. A 2013-14 Navigation calendar was distributed. A quarterly newsletter is under construction

Photography—Anne Smart: Planning basic class and others.

Retired Rovers—Warner Hughes/Storm Yanicks

Sailing—Alan Vogt

Sea Kayaking—George Swapp

Singles Activities—Eldon Ball: Meeting is scheduled.

Skiing—Cindy Hoover seeks a committee and requires more trip leaders, too.

Snowshoeing—Erik Swanson: First meeting has been held.

UTHRs—Ed Lewin: Reported they will have a new chair

Youth Outreach—Becca Polglase

**Good of the Order**

* Bill Deters will be out of country in the month of October.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:28.**