**Agenda – March 20th, 2014**

Attending: Timmy Williams, Eivind Sleveland, Dave Shema, Erik Swanson, Eldon Ball, Anne Smart, Ed Lewin, Alan Vogt, Suzanne Gerber (Branch Liaison). Also Dan Lauren (President), Martinique Grigg (Executive Director), and Chris Williams (Leadership Dev Manager)

We were one branch officer short of a quorum, so the January minutes could not be approved and no business could be conducted.

Approve January 16, 2014 Minutes – Moved: Seconded Passed

Announcements –

* Tech 2.0 – Timmy

Testing is in progress

* Managing Committee – Timmy
  + Social Media: There is a new policy/procedure for social media coming
  + Budgets: guidance scheduled to go out on May 1st
  + Payment for Services Policy: revision of document coming up
  + Branch Emails: need someone to take position as someone who can send out branch wide emails. Timmy will follow up on this.
  + BOD Retreat: to be held this coming Sunday

Old Business –

* Friction Slabs – Timmy

Have a design, putting construction plans together, waiting on fundraising. Projected cost is about $100K

* Leadership Development Manager (a.k.a.? Volunteer Development Coordinator) – Timmy

Chris Williams has been hired to fill this position, which is now named Leadership Development Manager. Has just begun work.

* 100 Peaks at Rainier – Timmy

Had an event on March 8th

* Outside Lights – Cindy/Eivind

Recommendation is to spend $1948 for 3 lights. Could do two lights for about $1500. Anne expressed concern about members and public who are disabled, attending events at the Program Center. The Access van does pickup/drop-off out at the end of the long walkway, where there is no light. Eivind says that the open question is whether the branch wants to pay for it. Needs additional consultation with the Building Committee, which Eivind will follow up on.

New Business –

Dave Shema asked whether we have been receiving the participant survey results. Yes. Also asked whether receiving them once a month would work okay (rather than intermittently). No objection expressed.

Committee Reports-

Seattle Branch Chair – Timmy Williams. See above.

BoDRep – No report

Safety Officer–No report

Treasurer – No report

Secretary – Peter thanked Erik for standing in while he presented at a brain injury conference in SF.

Alpine Scrambling – Steve Russell/Jerry Lockwood/Mary Panza– Doing fine.

Backpacking – Mary Rohlman— No report

Climbing – Dave Shema reported that the crag course is starting tonight in Goodman C. Climbing is renewing all of their ropes. Getting cages installed in the basement to better corral and secure the different programs’ gear.

Family Activities – Becca Polglase— No report

Folk Dance – Eivind Sleveland. Seattle Parks has new staff, who have completely revised all of the schedules. While Folk dancing has had 50 years of Tuesday events, Parks was only offering Thursdays. Dance has instead found a location at the Kirkland Community Center, that they quite like. While they did lose some participants in moving to that location, they have also gained back some participants who left after the move to Magnuson. Will need to spend about $700 for computer and speakers for music at the new venue.

First Aid – Miles McDonough/Mary Panza— No report.

Hiking – Heidi Walker --- No report.

Leadership – Lawrence Landauer/Mike Sweeney— No report.

Meet the Mountaineers – Tess Wendel— No report

Midweek Hikes – Ed Lewin reported that 33 years ago, Trudy Ecob became chair of Hiking, and that even after retiring from chair, planning meetings were held at her home. Trudy passed away last month. Going all right otherwise.

Naturalists – Kay English— Dave Shema reported that course starts April 15, and trips are coming up. Lectures also coming up, including “Creatures in Puget Sound”.

Navigation – Peter Hendrickson reported still further difficulties have come to light around the accuracy of several compass models. The compass calibration station out side Goodman B and C has been completed and will be posted in Navigation Northwest. Principal architect was land surveyor and navigation volunteer Bob Boyd. Basic Navigation Course completed four pair of sessions January through March with strong student and instructor participation. Introduction to Map and Compass was resumes in April. The Navigation Northwest newsletter April issue is under construction. An Eagle Scout candidate is interested in helping move forward the development of a navigation practice course at Volunteer Park.

Paddle Sports – George Swapp— No report.

Photography – Anne Smart report that things were going pretty well. Basic had 22 students, a 50% decrease from last year. Usual enrollment was 100. Had 25 students for standalone macro class. They are planning some more little classes. Expressed concern about the transfer to the Tech 2.0 website, and a lack of photography destinations being transferred. Also concern about being able to contact rosters.

Retired Rovers – Storm Yanicks— No report.

Sailing – Alan Vogt— Classes start next Tuesday. There are 12 open spaces still, which is not atypical at one week out; hopeful of those filling up. It’s the best sailing deal in Puget Sound!

Singles Activities – Eldon Ball expressed frustration that, with the change to the current website and also in The Mountaineer magazine, Singles Committee activities have been listed under “Singles/Social”. They have been the Singles Committee for about 30 years, did not ask for this change, and were not asked about it. The change was made by staff. Suggestion was made to contact Jeff Bowman about this.

Skiing – Cindy Hoover – No report.

Snowshoeing – Erik Swanson/Jimmy Jet Klansnic reported that Snowshoe courses are finished for the season, trips running. There were 70 graduates of Basic Snowshoe, 20 completed the Backcountry Snowshoe FT, and 12 completed the Winter Camping FT. The Backcountry FT had to be relocated from Snoqualmie Campus to Skyline Ridge due to low snowpack at the campus. The Winter Camping FT also had to relocate from the location used for 20 years, as a ranger ran Tim Lawson off that spot the day before. New location is an improvement.

UTHR’s – Jack Nichols— No report.

Youth Outreach – Becca Polglase— No report.

Good of the Order–

Dave Shema displayed the Tech 2.0 website. There is no access to the activity committee websites, just a link to a summary page with very basic information on the activity, and the chair contact information. Dave was concerned that these phone numbers will be easily visible and recommended removing one’s phone number from one’s profile. Get comments about the site to Timmy (Seattle lead tester).