**DRAFT Minutes Seattle Branch Council – March 8, 2018, 6:30 p.m., Program Center**

Present:

Peter Hendrickson, Nick Howard (avalanche), Brittany Weiller (Scrambling), Sean Gorton (avalanche), David Bradley (Leadership), Alan Vogt (Sailing), Takeo Kuraishi (Safety Officer), Anita Elder (Photography), Brian Starlin (Navigation), Chuck Cerveny (Secretary), Alex Cowen (Treasurer), Courtney Carolan (First Aid)

Not Present, Submitted Report:

Loren McWethy (Avalanche), Todd Mitchell (Backpacking), Jacob Wolniewicz (Climbing), Heidi Walker (Hiking), Jimmy Jett (Snowshoeing)

Not Present, No Report:

Suzanne Gerber (Program Staff), Gordie Swartzmann (Naturalists), Storm Yanicks (Retired Rovers), Carry Porter (Nordic Skiing), Johnny Jeans (Folk Dancing), George Swapp (Sea Kayaking), Kirk Peterson (Snowshoeing), Brian Seater (20-30 Somethings), Becca Polglase (Youth Outreach), Steve Payne (Hiking)

Call to Order 18:29

Approval Minutes 11 February, 2018 (Motion Kuraishi motion, Elder second)

* Motion carried

Chair Briefing

* Strategic Plan Vision 2022 fund raising campaign interview
* Seattle Branch Committee Chair Volunteer Dinner March 12

03.12.18 at Brighton Jones, 6pm

Catering from Cactus, Brittany W. on point for activity

* SnoWest Amazon Ski Day Presence

Vice Chairperson Briefing

* No report, Vice Chair absent

Safety Officer Briefing

* Summit takeaways
  + Committee interested in near-miss incidents
  + Tie-ins with board risk-management process

Board of Directors Rep Briefing

* No report

Program Staff Rep Briefing

* No report

Treasurer Briefing

* Budget FYE2019 status
  + More Excel sheets coming soon!!
  + Deadline next week to review upcoming sheet,
* Current budget status as of February 2018
* Treasurer Priorities 2018 status

1. Help get budgets completed and visible for the branch before FYE (9/30/2018)
2. Getting revenue reporting available in some form, at least quarterly
3. Work with committees and other branches to so that our different financial practices around Leadership Development and Recognition are transparent and clear with the goal of providing the greatest incentive possible to our volunteer community

* Revenue reporting – should be starting soon
* Conversation re. Donations: can we donate to other non-profits
* Expenses to other parts of the club may not show up on spending but rather on revenue
* Next finance committee meeting in March
* Motion coming to create a vice or assistant treasurer role
* Volunteer recognition – mechanisms for sharing what committees do
* Underrepresented populations
* Curriculum updates

Secretary Briefing

* Seattle Branch Calendar
* Cards for Brittany, David, Steve Payne
* Monthly Events & Activities email sent out 03.08.18

Old Business

* Concussion seminar
  + No discussion
* Seattle Branch annual report format & call for text, photos
  + No movement at this point
* Avalanche (and other committee) charters
  + No discussion
* Rewards discussion: what do different committees do?
  + Surveyed committees in attendance, answers ranged from thank you notes to gear supply

New Business

* BOD Vision 2022 status
* Branch Leadership strategic planning Winter/Spring 2018
* Committee strategic planning Winter/Spring 2018

**Committee Reports** –

**Alpine Scrambling** – Brittany Weller

* Mountain qualified leadership (MQL) commendation (AAC)
* Participation in Foothills Intensive Leadership course
* Class report
  + 114 students
  + Planning to increase head count for next year

**Avalanche** – Loren McWethy’s representatives

* All courses are completed for the winter.
* Number of students taught ncreased from 96 last winter to 212 students this winter. Some themes of the numbers are as follows:
  + We had almost as many people cancel from classes as registered
  + This year we put in a policy of a $50 cancellation fee once the welcome email was sent out and ~2 weeks before the class, a no-refund policy went into place.
  + We also instituted a new policy if people miss lectures/field days:
    - Attendance at all lectures and field days is ***required*** to complete the class. Makeup sessions cost $75/person per lecture or $100/person for a field day
* We expanded the Avalanche Committee to to 10 people
* Clarified the [instructor development path](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TocyqoBR8zfxG_coQSuJUqkSp8XvipPCJOV-irI_NZI/edit?usp=sharing) .
* We put in for ~ $20k in reserve funds for 2018/2019 for the Pro 1 for instructors which is now required.
* BIG theme for 2018/2019 is dividing up duties more so Loren and Ryan don't get burned out.

**Backpacking** – Todd Mitchell

* The Backpacking Committee is organizing its Beginning Backpacking Class, which will be held on Saturday 7 April.  We should have 20-30 students.
* I think that the diversity effort is great.  I would be happy to teach 2 hour class on beginning backpacking to whatever audience the Mountaineers Staff can find me.

**Climbing** – Jacob Wolniewicz

* The climbing sub chairs are working on the financial budget that Alex sent out.
* We're doing a lot of work to try to improve attendance to the CC meeting. We want more people attending and get fresh voices.
* Seattle Climbing is in need of more volunteers, I'm sure this isn't new but we were too close for comfort to possibly cancelling FTs for basic students. We have a lot of students who aren't working their way into leadership positions.
* Beyond that just the usual minor updates and oiling of the cogs, no major changes happened in the meeting.
* Treasurer insists money should be spent

**First Aid** – Courtney Carolan

* Full committee has not met yet
* Last scenario night really successful
* WFA & scenarios coming up this month
* Equivalency candidates
* Planning to initiate awards program

**Folk Dance -** Johnny Jeans

* No report

**Hiking** – Heidi Walker

* The Conditioning Hiking Series is full with a very long waitlist. Orientation is March 24th and we start hiking on April 1st.
* Working with other branches on the minimum leader standards

**Leadership** – David Bradley (first meeting)

* Top priority is Outdoor Leadership seminar
* Decision making in emergencies course: working with Tacoma
* Sea kayaking has a good program and may be a resource
* Rooms reserved for classes

**Naturalists** – Gordie Swartzman

* No report

**Navigation** – Brian Starlin

* Course is currently full (Spring session)
* Fall session to open soon
* Summit in Feb
  + Freedom 9 consistency – increase tools to 5
  + Plan to pilot some topics in Fall session
  + FT locations, permitting issues

**Photography** – Anita Elder

* Landscape Photography class on 03.10, 13 sign ups
* Macro close up class coming in April
* Street photo class in May
* FT leader workshop coming up soon
* Trip Leader meeting: FTs every month through November, most weekends filled
* Considering online component for class

**Retired Rovers** – Storm Yanicks

* No report

**Sailing** – Alan Vogt

* Class starts in April and is filling fast (5 spots left)
* Kick off event 03.18, filled up already
* No problem getting volunteers with boats

**Nordic Skiing** – Carry Porter

* No report

**Sea Kayaking –** George Swapp

* No report

**Snowshoeing –** David Bradley

* Seattle SS has added 6 new Trip Leaders this year.
* Basic 88 students
  + 73 graduates.  5 need Avy Awareness.
* Backcountry Snowshoe Skills
  + 31 enrolled.  27 completed the Field Trip
* Snowshoe Skills for Alpine Scramblers
  + 9 Registered/graduated (Pilot course for Alpine Scrambler grads earn Backcountry SS Skills badge)
* Winter Camping
  + 11 Graduated
* Basic Snowshoe Equivalency.
  + 7 folks earned Equivalency
* Presented 4 NWAC Avalanche Awareness Seminars, in coordination with the Avalanche Committee.
* Supported 2 Trip Leaders course fees for AIARE 1 this year
* Support for Trip Leader to renewal of WFA
* Seattle Branch Snowshoe Committee has been making a donation to NWAC for several years now.

**20-30 Somethings** - Brian Seater

* No report

**Youth Outreach** – Becca Polglase

* No report

**Good of the Order**

* Working with Carl & MAC for photography and navigation groups
* Looking at ASA or US Sailing certifications
* Room reservation process discussion at next meeting

**Adjourn** 20:18

Seattle Branch Council meets 2rd Thursday each odd month, 6:30 pm.

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