

The
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Minutes – May 20th, 2014, 7 pm

Present were P Hendrickson, T Williams, J Jet Klansnic, B Deters, S Gerber (staff), H Walker, S Russell, J Jecker, ~~A Smart~~, D Shema, A Vogt, Eivind Sleveland, E Ball, ~~E Lewin~~

Approve January 16, 2014 & March 20, 2014 Minutes – Motion A Vogt, H Walker. Passed.

Announcements –

- Website training dates were noted for May 19, 28 and 29 at the Program Center.
- Controller staff position (Fiscal and HR) is open and nominations were sought.
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Old Business –

- Friction Slabs – Timmy: Construction is on hold until early 2015 to provide more time for fund raising.
- Outside Lights – Cindy/Eivind: An email report showed no current club funding for the project. City of Seattle will not allow any lighting installations on the public street right of way. Noted that lighting could be installed on the building.

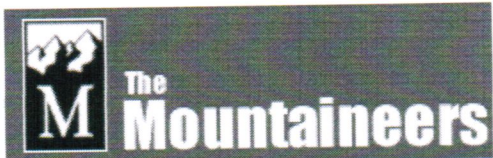
New Business –

- Olympia Branch requested ideas for marketing courses and events. Timmy will ask each chair to submit unique ideas to him for a pass-along.
- Tech 2.0 issues were discussed at some length. Training dates were noted and at least one should be taped. Anticipate 48 hour turnaround on responses to reported difficulties. Suggested a webinar and/or YouTube for continued training. Report difficulties to info@mountaineers.org. Timmy suggested a user-access problem list and workarounds tab so branch leaders could see and pass along to others. Members wished that there had been training before the roll-out. Current list of issues/requested fixes was n~100, down from 800 the prior Friday, Suzanne reported. Priorities are reset regularly, she said and FAQs are under development. Metrics for system status were requested. Currently instructors can't see activities to sign up—must contact the trip leader. Is course tracking of students who graduated (climbing?) still a feature? Tip: emails to a roster list lose the From Named Sender function. Therefore embed the From in the body of the text. Timmy will assess progress with SBC in four weeks. Tip: If seeking future activities, click high on page, then to activity in mid-page.

Committee Reports & Announcements

Seattle Branch Chair – Timmy Williams. See above.

BoD Rep – Bill Deters reported his family will soon (July) be relocating to Wenatchee so he is relinquishing meeting intensive Seattle roles. The Seattle Branch BoD position is open. He noted that BoD members are asked to contribute charitable gifts but there are many other ways to give. The new President is Dan Lauren 2014-2016.



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Safety Officer – Janine Burkhardt (Dave Shema) reported that recent monthly reports have fewer safety incidents that are normally seen. He expressed concern about under reporting, perhaps in part due to Tech 2.0 functionality for incident reporting by trip leaders.

Treasurer – John Jecker presented the financial report. Revenues year to date are \$270,553 (budget \$244,778) or \$25,775 surplus. Expenses are \$120,575 (budget \$131,716) or \$11,141 under budget. Net for the current Fiscal Year as of 31 March 2014 is \$36,916. Net contributions YTD are \$3,050; John forecast an ending balance of \$268,430 as retained earnings September 30, 2014 (close of the Fiscal Year). Current balance is \$291,978.

Branch membership trend line over the past four years is slightly positive, ~6600 January 2010 compared to about 6725 March 2014.

Secretary – Peter thanked Erik Swanson for taking the March minutes while he played in Kentish (U.K.) mud and thorns.

Alpine Scrambling – Steve Russell reported the Introductory FT has 90 to 120 students. He said ice axe arrest instruction is being more closely monitored for fidelity to branch practices. Due to Forest Service decisions, rock practicum is back at Mt Erie in Anacortes—challenging as some of the routes were over grown or skunk-snot-slick. Some trails were closed due to a land owner disputed, he said.

Backpacking – Mary Rohlman—no report.

Climbing – Dave Shema reported all is going well and the committee is considering a donation to the friction slabs project. Leavenworth climbing permits are working OK.

Dance – Eivind Sleveland—no report.

Family Activities – Becca Polglase—no report.

Folk Dance—no report.

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

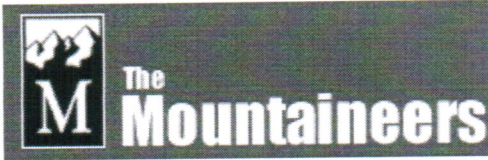
Hiking – Heidi Walker reported there are not enough hikes being offered beyond courses. There is high demand for each and moderate hikes. About 90 are in the conditioning series. Basic Wilderness Travel has about 20 students and the last Beginning Hike seminar sported around 50 students. Some new leaders are teamed with Foothills companions, about 12 per session. There are web issues to sort out.

Leadership – Lawrence Landauer/Mike Sweeney—no report.

Meet the Mountaineers—Suzanne Gerber—Next session is Fall.

Midweek Hikes –Ed Lewin is seeking a new home for regular meetings.

Naturalists – Kay English (Dave Shema)—Lectures are drawing around 50 persons and there were successful winter seminars (90-150 attendees).



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Navigation – Peter Hendrickson reported current leadership will continue for 2014-15 (Wes Rogers, Lynn Graf, Craig Schwartz, Greg Testa, Bill Ashby (emeritus) with the addition of Brian Starlin as a sub-committee chair. Graduated 257 students with ~109 volunteer days in the field and 127 volunteer nights in the classroom for 3013 workshop students. It is not known how many workshop students simply did not enroll for the field trip. Overall ration of students to instructors 2.4 to 1 in the field and at workshops. SurveyMonkey sessions feedback continues. Compass issues continue with Suunto MC-2 but there has been continued join communication with SAR to Suunto and heartening responses. The compass calibration station is up and running near the rock spires outside Goodman Hall. Muncer family relations continue to be strong. Contingency field trip plans in case of logistical failures are underway. Community sessions to library patrons, Rare Care Plan group and others continue. A BSA Eagle candidate has proposed initial work at Volunteer Park to set up a leave-no-trace navigation practice course. Calendar 2015 has been coordinated with Scramble. Assisted Smart Phone and Dedicated GPS seminar field test with instructors is scheduled for June 5. L Graf has provided technical assistance to ESAR in curriculum redevelopment. Introduction to Map & Compass continues including a class tonight.

Paddle Sports—George Swapp—no report.

Photography – Anne Smart—no report.

Retired Rovers – Storm Yanicks—no report.

Sailing – Alan Vogt reported classroom sessions were completed in April with training sails underway. Number of sails is high. Some 30 satisfaction surveys were returned, all positive compared to a mere 59 or 60 positives last year. They plan to consider an advanced sailing class.

Singles Activities – Eldon Ball reported they are still trying to sort out Singles from Social activities in program listings. S Gerber said she will solicit direct, supervisory communication to make the change.

Skiing – Cindy Hoover—no report.

Snowshoeing – Erik Swanson/Jimmy Jet Klansnic reported trips wrapped up in April. Seeking a new co-chair.

UTHR's – Jack Nichols—no report.

Youth Outreach – Becca Polglase—no report.

Good of the Order – no report.

Motion to Adjourn—S Russell, E Ball. Passed 9:10 pm.
