

Tacoma Alpine Scramble Committee

Meeting Minutes

Called to order on November 14, 2018, 7:10 p.m. at the Tacoma Clubhouse by David Schultz

Present Jerrick Linde, Owen Gabrielson, Shawn Warwick, Margot Tsakonas, Allan Maas, Harley Sandoval, Dave and Betsy Schultz

Approval of Minutes Approved

Open Issues

Yellow book for field trips Consensus - Leave at status quo, discussed books getting lost, leaders get expectations covered before trips

Snow 2 expectations for coaching/practice before test Consensus - Be clear on expectations, give chance to practice. Ice Axe arrest is a critical skill, must pass. Ideally some scramble trips listed with more focus on ice axe arrest practice than summit. Snow 1 snow conditions are often too deep and slow to master ice axe arrest

Need Consensus for best practice on 10E and knot training September meeting *Consensus - Lecture with time for small group hands on practice very effective* Consensus 10E and Knots are essential before winter overnight, test at Rock 2. Have a pack check prior to overnight, maybe at that lecture. Provide students a video link to 10E. Begin teaching at Rock 1.

Review the written test Discuss at a future date

– *clarify tricky questions, helps leader get feedback on commonly missed topics, holds students accountable*

New Business

Approve Manual It is Posted on Basecamp, send comments to him by November 30, 2018 so he can post to website. Approved posting of committee member contact info, just emails, attendees tonight approved, **ask the others** Remove the dates from the Manual, they are on the website.

Approve Leader process. See documents on Basecamp Margot reviewed steps so far. She missed Owen's email discussing how Basic Climb leaders become Scramble leaders. That needs to be incorporated into the process. When completed it will be sent out to whole committee to approve by email. Goal of November 30 deadline.

Land use management - policies changing. Will affect how and where we run F/T in 2019

Dave got permits for Snow 1 and 2, time sensitive, turned field trip management back to Allan and Shawn. MRNP limiting Special Use Permits to 2 groups of 60 per day. Restricted to Nisqually and Paradise Glacier areas, generally described as arrival onto the glacier, no set maps, at least 1 mile from parking area. Looked at map to see landmarks in approved Paradise area. Snow 2 date moved to June 8. Rock 2 still in flux, consider moving to [McCleary cliffs](#), near Mount Rose? Dave will get to McCleary cliffs to evaluate.

Much discussion on travel in wilderness area to reduce impacts. MRNP states

Please note that for your group size (45) that travel to/from the site location is in designated wilderness.

This requires that on trails or in wilderness:

- Parties will break into groups of 12 or less and maintain separation by time of 20 minutes or one [1] mile by area throughout the activity of travelling to/from the final location. Can practice snow travel skills to keep separation, other options possible

Snow 1 and 2 options and conflicts – No conclusion on comfort with using Paradise Glacier area. Both allowed areas full on our preferred date for June 1, Basic course had permits in hand, sounds like field trip planning needs to get permits and then post on website

Rock 2 option - <https://www.mountaineers.org/activities/routes-places/mccleary-cliffs> McCleary Cliffs instead of Little Si *From Amanda We have not yet gotten a final resolution from the folks at DNR about having larger groups at Mt Si,*

but it sounds like we're getting closer there! It looks like there should be a path forward that just requires a permit application for course-related activities/larger groups.

We have 4 separate days listed to hold spots on our website, but does that mean it is held, need permits???

Bean Basin conflict with Foothills Group <https://www.mountaineers.org/activities/routes-places/bean-creek-basin-review/bean-peak>

Advertise for current class

Maintain leader status – lead a trip in last 3 yrs. See Minimum club wide standards. We have a lot of inactive leaders

Scramble Badge Equivalency being discussed at Scramble Summit in Basecamp, Nick and Marty in Tacoma are offering to help define a path

Agenda for Next Meeting

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9 by Betsy Schultz. The next general meeting will be at 7 p.m. January 9, 2018, 7-9 p.m. at the Tacoma Clubhouse.

Minutes submitted by: Betsy Schultz