

## **EVERETT MOUNTAINEERS**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 20, 2007**

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**ATTENDEES:** Matt Vadnal, Joanie Pryor, Rick Proctor, Bernadette Lamarca, John Laggart, Lee Wilcox, Ed Andrews, Russell Dills, Connie Campbell, Sherri Chisarik, Sandra Ingalls

#### **FAMILY COMMITTEE – Sherri Chisarik:**

- 27 people signed up for the February 24 Sleigh Ride at Easton – a sledding adventure
- March 16 – 18 is a Special Family Weekend at Baker Lodge, children rate is \$10/night
- Weekend at Michael Tippy's (sp?) cabin at Lake Wenatchee TBA
- Anybody who knows anybody who wants to be on Sherri's email list – let her know

#### **UPDATE ON UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING EVENT (JAN. 20) – Matt Vadnal:**

- 5 new members signed up
- Setting up a table at similar events is a cost-effective way to promote the club
- Keep our eyes and ears open to where and when these kinds of events happen
- Waiving the \$35 initiation fee is a good initiative for people to sign up

#### **Matt had the meeting in order and welcomed everyone who was present.**

- Schedule of upcoming ExComm meetings - April 24, May 15 (budget only), July 17, October 16
- There will be no branch meeting in July because it falls on Independence Day – Matt to ask Penny if we have to pay if we don't use the facility
- October 7 is Salmon Bake
- November 10 is the Annual Awards Banquet
- Rick Proctor made a correction to the last ExComm meeting minutes, a typo on Everett branch membership – 943 members in 2006 instead of 2005
- Minutes from previous meeting were approved and seconded.

#### **WILD SKY WILDERNESS – Matt Vadnal**

- There was a presentation at the last branch meeting about the Wild Sky Wilderness, which may be approved
- If there is a commemoration or dedication event, we need to represent the Mountaineers

#### **100-YEAR HIKE – Matt Vadnal:**

- It was a success
- There were 19 re-enactors
- There were about 90 people who supported the event

### **SAFETY REPORT – Brian Hench not present, Matt Vadnal presided**

- Most hazardous activities are Climbing and Scrambling
- Accidents caused by people who did not have a lot of experience in ice axe arrest
- Recommendation to teach people to self-belay instead of self-arrest
- One Saturday last March, 3 climbing classes all practicing ice axe arrest had 9 injuries
- Accidents are caused by people making poor choices

### **FINANCE REPORT – Penny Barker is sick, Matt Vadnal presided**

- Checks not given out ahead of time for the Nordic Course
- If there is a specific expense expected, get a check made out to the recipient.
- Giving someone a large advance is not a good idea
- Sherri mentioned that it makes sense to make a payment arrangement with PUD, for example, and Penny writes one check for use of their facility
- Same goes true with Evergreen Printing
- It is confusing to bill each committee

### **STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE – Rick Proctor**

- Communications Committee meeting last Feb. 14, 8 people showed up
- Evan Moses will be chairing the committee
- List things people can do as volunteers
- Call those 90 some people who signed up as volunteers at the survey
- Modularization Committee meeting on Feb. 21, expect to have at least one representative from each activity
- Plan to modularize the big courses and breaking them down into small blocks
- Location Committee meeting on Feb. 28
- Purpose of committee is to find a common location for courses
- Common location that helps us establish our identity in the community
- Tacoma and Seattle each has a clubhouse; Everett is “homeless”
- Matt to talk to Steve Costie and building committee to set aside a wall for the Everett branch where we display our Awards plaques

### **BUDGET SCHEDULE – Matt Vadnal**

- Some committees’ budget are very complex; some are simple
- Operations budget – make assumptions on how much we are going to make
- This year, moneys are down, e.g. Alpine Scrambling, 50 sign-ups projected, so far only 15 signed up; Snowshoeing, 30 signed up
- Matt needs the committee chairs to submit the list of courses offered, number of students expected to sign up and the cost of each course
- Snowshoeing and Navigation are both under Scramble – John Laggart
- Keep the courses within the committee
- General observation – courses have been down a little bit
  - Snowshoeing projected 32, 30 actually signed up
  - Scrambling projected 38, sign-ups around 35
  - Navigation projected 25, sign-ups in the 20’s
- First Aid – Russell Dills. 80 projected sign-ups, close to 50 have signed up, cost is \$60

- Sea Kayaking – Connie Campbell. Limit of 16, 17 signed up, cost is \$150. Unable to increase the capacity due to pool limitations. Connie can only get a half-day pool.
- Nordic Skiing – Lee Wilcox. 30 projected at \$55
- Back Country Skiing and Ski Mountaineering – Lee Wilcox, 7 students signed up, cost is \$145 for 3 modules, which includes Avalanche
- Avalanche – Lee Wilcox, 32 students signed up as a stand-alone course at \$85
- Cost of printing the manuals is not cheap
- April and May – spend time on the budget
- Cards – the clubhouse will make business cards for those who would like to have them. Contact Rich Barringer.

### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE – Matt Vadnal**

- Last year's Salmon Bake – 90 people attended
- Last year's Awards Banquet – ask Dennis Miller how many people attended
- This year's Awards Banquet: Bernadette Lamarca is in charge.
  - Holiday Inn costs almost \$4000 for 120 people – food is already included
  - Need a speaker for this year's Awards Banquet – ask Brian Hensch for suggestions
  - Other suggestions: Floral Hall, Elks in Lynnwood, Nile Country Club, Normanna Hall, Knights of Columbus, Everett Community College – all these places, we will need a caterer
  - Joanie suggested a good caterer that will prepare good a Filipino buffet
- Instead of a speaker, we can have a Magic Show, or have the Kitsap Players to show excerpts from past or future shows, or have a presentation of a consolidation of slides from different committees that Evan Moses could set up
- Motion to authorize Bernadette to make a down payment to reserve a place for the Awards Banquet will be made via email
- More discussions on setting time limits for the program and awards

### **MARKETING COMMITTEE – Matt Vadnal**

- University of Scouting opened up avenues on how we could promote the Mountaineers
- Learned about the Venturers and Explorers Programs
- Need somebody who can dedicate time to attend Explorer weekly meetings
- Approach leadership of a large group of troops and tell them what our program is all about and also introduce the Live, Love, Laugh Foundation and offer scholarships to our courses
- Sandra's suggestion – have maybe Evan put together a PowerPoint presentation of the different activities. We need a venue where we can present the show to Scouts or youths at the YMCA or YWCA. Transportation is needed to shuttle the youths to these places or we can take the show to them.

### **LIVE, LOVE, LAUGH FOUNDATION – Sandra Ingalls**

- "Find My Spirit Here" poster passed around

- Market survey on products and design were handed out at the REI event
- Sandra had talked to people to help set up the Foundation, which could take a while
- In the interim, we can start selling t-shirts online to bring in some funds
- Attend each branch meeting and market the product(s)

#### **TRUSTEES REPORT – Matt Vadnal**

- Building or converting the building at Magnuson Park that originally cost \$2.75M  
now costs \$3.35M
- There was a plan to create a fund to buy another clubhouse

#### **BANFF FILM FESTIVAL – Matt Vadnal**

- Not going to happen in 2007 because there is not enough time to plan the event
- First find a venue – suggestions:
  - Everett Civic Auditorium
  - Everett Theatre
  - Train Station

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **KAYAKING – Connie Campbell**

- Class is full, class is happening
- Need an all-day pool to accommodate more than 16 people
- Jan Steves invited to become co-chair
- Connie is taking on a new adventure and will not be as available as she has been

##### **CPR/MOFA – Russell Dills**

- 10 people signed up
- Need MOFA (March 24 – 25) victims
- MOFA – 15 registered
- Course has to be revised because Red Cross revised the Standard of Care

##### **SNOWSHOEING – John Laggart**

- 22 students finished

##### **SCRAMBLING – John Laggart**

- Numbers are still low but looking forward for more sign-ups
- Orientation is March 1
- First slide show is March 8

##### **BACK COUNTRY SKIING – Lee Wilcox**

- Total of 7 students
- All survived building the snow caves at Artist Point
- 6 of the 7 are taking the Ski Mountaineering course

##### **NORDIC SKIING – Matt Vadnal**

- Out of 20 students, about 15 finished the course
- New coordinator is Kelly Keith

**SINGLES – Ed Andrews**

- 20 – 25 people attended the last meeting
- Need Membership application forms
- Winter activities are mostly dine-outs and low elevation hikes

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- August picnic meeting at Legion Park
- March 7 potluck and gear grab meeting

**Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm**

**Next ExComm meeting will be on April 24, 2007**