

EVERETT MOUNTAINEERS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 22, 2008

ATTENDEES: Forrest Clark, Russell Dills, Donna Garland, Brian Hench, Sandra Ingalls, John Laggart, Bernadette Lamarca, Evan Moses, Rick Proctor, Joanie Pryor, Ralph Sanders, Matt Vadnal, Lee Wilcox

Meeting started at 7:10 PM.

IMPORTANT DATES – Matt Vadnal

- Next Executive Committee meeting dates: April 22, June 24 (budget-oriented), September 23, October 28
- Salmon Bake – October 5
- Annual Awards Banquet – November 8
- February 6 branch meeting - Brian Booth presenting the PCT yoyo-hike
- March 5 branch gear grab and potluck
- April 2 branch meeting – Brian Booth presenting his Bailey Range Traverse
- October 16, 2007 executive committee meeting minutes was passed around

COMMENTS ON AWARDS BANQUET

- Amount to be refunded to us has not been received
- Food was good, beef was tough
- Presentation failed due to technical problems
- Stage was not big enough to fit in the awardees
- Start checking out potential venues for next banquet

TREASURER REPORT – Matt Vadnal

- Penny Barker serving as treasurer until September 2008, find another treasurer
- Find out what the clubhouse can do for us
- Webmaster and treasurer most important executive positions in branch
- Although we could use the clubhouse to serve our needs, Matt does not like to give up our autonomy
- Projecting \$5500 loss in 2008, \$5000 of it used as seed money for LLL Foundation
- Owe the church one year's use of the facility
- Budget discussion is utilizing a major amount of time in the executive committee meeting. Need a dedicated meeting just for budget

REPORTS:

- Nordic Skiing/Snowshoeing – Matt Vadnal
 - First field trip was on January 19
 - Carrie Strandell is course coordinator
 - Dave Bliss is in charge of the lectures
 - 30 people signed up for Nordic Skiing
 - 44 people signed up for Snowshoeing
- Skiing – Lee Wilcox
 - 35 people signed up for Avalanche course
 - 12 – 13 people signed up for Back Country Skiing
 - People are interested for further training
 - According to the NW Avalanche Center, this season is the highest avalanche situation in history, we have the worst snow condition
- Sea Kayaking – Donna Garland
 - Course opens on February 1
 - The course is full
 - Course sign-up is limited to 16
 - Need a full-time pool
 - Volunteers needed to help
 - Pool is limited to 4-hour sessions
 - In the pool, the pool provides the boats
 - In open water, student can rent from Issaquah Kayak Academy
 - Personal kayaks must be pre-approved by the course coordinator
- Snowshoeing – John Laggart
 - Sign-ups twice as many as last year
 - Navigation class is still working on finding a location
 - Use Everett Community College classroom for lecture

OTHER ISSUES:

- Matt Vadnal – have course coordinators take a survey so the branch is able to know how we can best promote our courses
- Brian Hench – any potential course sign-up that is asked to check out to main website is automatically directed to the Seattle branch, hence the Seattle branch fills up their courses to about 200 people while Everett only gets 30. Something needs to be done about the inequity of the way that the webpage is structured, which is at present, not fair
- Website is structured to benefit the members more than to draw new members

HIKING COMMITTEE – Ralph Sanders

- Welcome Ralph Sanders as the new Hiking Committee Chairperson
- Committee will meet 3 or 4 times a year instead of monthly as was done in the past
- Schedule 10 Essentials Class and Hike Leadership Class
- Does not want to take on the Backpacking aspect, hardly anybody is interested in Backpacking

LOTM/BANFF – Forrest Clark

- Scheduled workshops for trail maintenance, crew leader training, water bars, tool sharpening, crew leader
- National Trails Day, June 7, will be at Lord Hill, located between Snohomish and Monroe. Time is 8am – 4pm. Potluck/picnic after the event.
- Looking/applying for grant money for LOTM
- Looking for volunteers for maintaining the lookouts
- National Public Lands Day is on September 27
- Skykomish Ranger Station will close down on June 1, 2008
- Looking at PUD for the BANFF venue
- BANFF is in the process of getting us into their schedule
- Proceeds to benefit LOTM

COMMUNICATIONS – Evan Moses

- Discuss with Rich Barringer to get all branches in the same boat
- Get together with other branches to discuss communications

LIVE, LOVE, LAUGH FOUNDATION – Sandra Ingalls

- Gave out 3 scholarships: 1 Everett Community College student for Nordic Skiing Course, 2 grade school students got gift certificates
- Sold t-shirts – successful; more promotional than money-making
- Scholarship presentation generated a positive response – there were equipment donations
- Hold off on the monetary donations until the foundation gets the 501C3 status
- Just got the tax number for the foundation
- Once the foundation is up and running, Evan will have the Herald do a write-up on the foundation

CLIMBING COMMITTEE – Brian Hench

- Basic course has 38 students
- Enrollment in Leading on Rock is low
- Modularize Intermediate Climbing into 3 modules
 - Leading on Rock – limit 8 students
 - Ice climbing – limit 8 students
 - Winter climbing – limit 8 students
- Committee added 2 trip leaders
- Intermediate Climbing Chair, Don Sanderson to resign April 1
- Winter bivy at Icicle Canyon – 4 qualified, only Brian Hench and Lafferty made it
- Matt commended Brian Hench for the great job he is doing as Climbing Committee Chair

OTHER ISSUES:

Rick Proctor

- In the 2006 survey, 20 – 40% were interested in Bicycling (road and mountain biking)
- Sent out another link to a bicycle survey but nobody has checked out the link
- Response to the survey is free for the first one hundred responses. Survey costs \$9/month for over 100 and up to 1000 responses
- Idea of the survey is to gauge interest in wanting a Bicycle Committee
- See what kind of bicycling people are interested in
- No budget for the first year, no courses, less administrative, action-oriented
- E-mail branch membership about the survey

Matt Vadnal

- Leadership workshop – focus in outdoor leadership
- Welcome to everybody present who wants to participate and contribute or any potential trip leader from each committee
- All-day event broken down as half-day lecture and the other half to focus on working out problems, scenarios. Free lunch
- Identify a date that does not conflict with any of the courses. It will be on a Saturday at the church
- Will meet with Social/Communications Committee regarding growing membership
- Is the youth a good market that we need to target
- Kids have a lot on their plates: school, sports, church
- Difficult to deal with rules and regulations regarding kids under 18, like needing parents or responsible adults to join activities
- Forrest Clark – unsafe to have kids in Trail Maintenance

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm. Next meeting – April 22.