

EVERETT MOUNTAINEERS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 13, 2011

ATTENDEES: Ed Andrews; Dave Bliss, Dave Brunner, Doris Hatton, Sandra Ingalls, Bernadette Lamarca, Carrie Strandell, Lee Wilcox

Meeting started at 7:00 PM

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SKIING – Lee Wilcox

- Avalanche and Backcountry Ski programs ready to go
- Classes start in November
- Problems with getting instructors
 - One relocated to another state
 - The other one is questionable
- Plan to hire commercial people as instructors
- Train people to AIARE standards

OUTDOOR YOUTH CONNECTIONS – Sandra Ingalls

- Nothing to report
- Working hard on the wine tasting event scheduled for January 29, 2012

HIKING – Ed Andrews

- There are about 20 hiking trips so far this year.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Dave Bliss

- Committee will meet on 9/20, 9/27 and 10/4 at Scuttlebutt
- Use the same model and the same database used before
- Positions needed – chair and secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT – Dave Brunner

- Information on membership number:
 - Everett branch – 824 in July 2010; 820 in July 2011; down by 4
 - Overall membership – 9,499 in July 2010; 9,728 in July 2011
 - Increase in membership reflected Seattle, Tacoma and Foothills branches
- 10-month statement – YTD ending September 30, 2011:
 - Actual revenue \$50,960, budgeted \$50,077. We did a little better in our income than projected
 - Actual expense \$41,431, budgeted \$47,822. We did better than projected.

- Net income is \$9,529
- Branch did better than projected in income and expenses
- Budget facts:
 - Submitted initial numbers
 - ✓ Budget upside down by \$7,000
 - ✓ Made changes to individual committee budgets
 - ✓ Submitted the budget
 - ✓ Budget (balanced budget) came back
 - ✓ Submitted the balanced budget
 - ✓ Balanced budget came back
 - Looking at gross revenue/expenses for the year of \$54, 676 to have a balanced budget
 - There were minor changes in the committee level; climbing committee absorbed the shortfall of the other committees
- Need to vote on the budget for the year
 - Lee Wilcox made a motion to keep budget as it is; seconded and approved
- Issues discussed in last excomm meeting:
 - Everett branch reserves - \$7,700 is not subject to anybody's control but ours as long as we are within the overall guidelines, which is not to exceed \$10,000 a year
 - Nobody has access to our branch reserves but us
 - However, page 18 of packet handed out to Board of Directors (BOD), Evy as our representative, mentioned that the Everett branch reserves will be debited \$7,700
 - ✓ Apparently, it was voted on by the executive committee the year before that the monies had been designated to help balance a shortfall that had been experienced in the organization's budget
 - ✓ \$4,000 for the first year
 - ✓ \$3,700 for the second year
 - ✓ Everett branch was impacted because the
 - ✓ Lorna Corrigan said that she communicated the issue to the executive committee
 - ✓ The issue should have been communicated to the entire executive committee chairs
 - ✓ Check the past meeting minutes that reflects this issue
- The organization has \$2,000,000 but it covers all the branches' reserves
- Create a sub-committee to plan/brainstorm on what to do with our reserves
 - Originally, Everett branch was going to get our own lodge.
 - That didn't pan out so we gave \$30,000 to Camp Long, monies to LOTM
 - Tacoma had their clubhouse for years. They are building a brand new clubhouse that is being funded by a \$1.2 million grant from the Mountaineers Foundation, which is independent of the Mountaineers.
 - It takes a lot of commitment to have our own clubhouse and maintain it
 - It was suggested to give back the monies in the reserves to the branch members

- Kudos to Dave Brunner's statement during the Board Meeting (BM) – he spent so many nights working hard and making some tough choices to come up with a balanced budget. Then he comes to the BM to be told that the organization will take \$7,700 from our reserves because they can't balance their budget
- When will the tap-the-branch-reserves going to end?
- Table the plan

OTHER ISSUES

- Operations Manual – nothing to report
- Branch leadership course – nothing to report
- Inactive committee – nothing to report

OUTDOORS FEST

- There is a table designated for the branch
- OYC is being charged \$180 to set up a booth outside – no deal

MANAGER'S REPORT – Carrie Strandell

- Nothing to report
- Gavin Woody forgot all about it
- Evy Dudey to keep us up-to-date on BOD meeting results

BANQUET – Carrie Strandell

- Dennis Miller needs to set up PayPal account
- Publicity flyer
- Use the same decorations as last year
- Need to call a meeting to discuss the banquet details

Next meeting October 11, 2011 at 7:00pm, Glenwood Fire Station.