

EVERETT MOUNTAINEERS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 22, 2008

ATTENDEES: Penny Barker, Harlan Brown, Forrest Clark, Doris Hatton, Sandra Ingalls, John Laggart, Bernadette Lamarca, Barbara Mark, Evan Moses, Ralph Sanders, Rob Simonsen, Matt Vadnal

Meeting started at 7:10 PM.

- Attendees introduced themselves and their role in the Mountaineers.
- New venue for the Executive Committee meeting is the Snohomish County Courthouse
- Issue on who can have access to the financial statements discussed but no decision was made
- Past meeting minutes moved, approved, and seconded.

BRANCH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CLASS – Matt Vadnal

- Scheduled for May 31, 2008 at the First Congregational Church; an all-day session
- Aimed at future leaders; committee chairs to identify potential leaders; students who are interested in becoming a future instructor or trip leader
- Anybody is welcome to help in putting the class together – meeting dates are: May 5th, 21st and 29th.
- Potential presentations: Search and Rescue, Matt will talk about the history of the Mountaineers, budget presentation, invite people from other branches to do a presentation
- Expect 60 – 70 people; free lunch provided
- Break down in smaller groups, come up with different scenarios and discuss how to solve problems
- Matt to send out a notice to the branch members
- New instructors needed

LISTING ALL TRIPS ON THE WEBSITE

- Russell Dills stepped down as webmaster
- Website summit on March 2nd at Rob Simonsen's house
 - Change the Mountaineers logo
 - List contact information on each branch website
 - Need consistency in all branch website
- Changes on the website

- Scrambling Committee trips and courses are being posted on the main website
- Integration with the main website is not a priority because it is costly to pay an outside company to develop the website
- Need to decide where we see the website is going
- Rich Baringer wants us to post everything – trips, courses, events, announcements on the main website
 - Brian Booth has put together a 4-page tutorial on how to post trips, etc on the main website
 - Climbing Committee spends one night with the students to show them how to get online and look for climbing opportunities; there is a community site on the main website for basic and intermediate climbing
- Policy that all trips, courses, events (except dine-outs) be posted on the IMIS system was moved, seconded and approved

INTERPRETING MINIMUM STANDARDS – Rob Simonsen

- Require Climbing/Scrambling leaders to have MOFA card renewed every 3 years
- Climbing Committee policy gives the right to almost waive every requirement except that the individual be a current Mountaineer member
- Decision to waive requirements is up to the individual committee
- Initial minimum standards came from Seattle and is all hearsay
- It is a burden to require leaders to have a MOFA card

FUNDING REQUEST TO UPGRADE THE EVERETT WEBSITE – Evan Moses

- \$500 needed to buy web developing software
- Proposition to invest \$1000 for web developing moved, seconded and approved

BUDGET – Penny Barker

- Cash advances are not encouraged; they are a “red flag” for the auditors
- *Receipts need to be turned in by September 30
- Receipts received on October 10 will be put in 2009 budget
- There is going to be changes in donation process that the club is going through
- A lot of our activities could be supported by donations that are tax deductible – finance committee is working on this
- Next budget meeting is June 24; 2009 budget should be submitted by June 1st
- We are pushing for a balanced budget
- The club wants the money-making committees support committees that don't make money plus administrative cost for renting the meeting room
- Penny stepping down as treasurer; nobody has stepped in for the position
- Need procedures to follow on how to make check requests
- Checks are issued twice a month
- Clubhouse is willing to do the work for \$200 a month
- Table treasure position
- How should be invest the branch money
- Donations should be in the budget

BANFF – Forrest Clark

- Nothing new – venue is at the PUD
- BANFF is in the process of getting us in their schedule
- Proceeds from the BANFF will go to LOTM

LIVE LOVE LAUGH – Sandra Ingalls

- Gear grab was a success; Julie Endres donated a lot of gear – proceeds from the sale went to LLL; Pat Cook donated clothing
- Still waiting for 501C-3 status
- Looking for volunteer help to do inventory on the t-shirts
- Putting together flyers that will be circulated to get students to apply for scholarships
- Website www.livelovelaugh4youth.org
- Pam Dalan to help out

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SCRAMBLING:

- Wilderness Travel Course to be offered next Fall; open to the public

HIKING:

- Hiking Essentials Class held on April 21st geared for novice hikers
 - General information about hiking
 - How to sign up a hike
 - 10 essentials
 - Clothing and where to buy them
- Hike leader class scheduled for June 16th
- Not enough people interested in Backpacking

CLIMBING:

- Basic Climbing Class (BCC) is very strong; has 33 students; halfway through the course
- Intermediate Climbing Class (ICC) has been the weak point
 - Modularization caused a loss in the Ice and the Winter section
 - Tony Tsuboi volunteered to be ICC chair; he will bolster the Ice Climbing and the Winter Climbing
- Leading on Rock (LOR) is still very, very strong
- Plan to shrink the committee
- Build up on mentoring program
- Match students with leaders
- Get ICC students to become leaders

NAVIGATION:

- 2 classes
 - First class oriented to Climbing

- Second class oriented to Scrambling
- Class went very well as far as a joint function
- Try to get away from the “climbing” group and the “scrambling” group
- Considering another class for the hiking group

SNOWSHOEING:

- Class went well

SCRAMBLING:

- Class is smaller
- Class is excellent with excellent students
- Only 3 leaders lead the majority of scrambling trips
- Trips cancelled due to low sign-ups

HIKING:

- Not sure who will be leading hikes
- Reward program will have some variations

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY:

- Deadline to sign up is May 15, 2008
- T-shirts will be given out
- No forest pass
- 125 limit which includes leaders and staff
- There will be background checks on leaders
- National Public Lands Day – September 27, 2008
- Cancelled a couple of events due to snow

SINGLES:

- Nothing to report

SOCIAL/MEMBERSHIP:

- Another cook lined up for NTD

KAYAK:

- Great turnout for the open water field trip at Flowing Lake
- 15 students
- It was a good class
- Last year’s class was extremely strong as far as leaders stepping up and helping the committee chair and developing PowerPoint for the class

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm. Next meeting – June 24.