

Ideas for Allocating Surplus Funds of the Everett Branch September 17, 2002

Attending: Conny Anderton, Mike Bueler, George Chambers, Chris Davidson, Brian Hench, Larry Ingalls, Don Heck, Bernadette Hollister, Sandra Ingalls, Catherine Mac Donald, Phil Prins, and Ernie Zeller.

Agreed on criteria to evaluate merits of various alternatives. The first two are essential, whereas the last two are desirable.

- 1) Must benefit Branch
- 2) Must have volunteers available to actively manage expenditure.
- 3) Should benefit the Club as a whole
- 4) Benefits to Community and at least an indirect benefit to Club through recognition

The four categories were:

- 1) Facilities Related
- 2) Community Outreach
- 3) Program Development
- 4) Rainy-Day Reserve

Facilities

- Climbing Wall
 - Camp Long; Schurman Rock restoration, \$20,000 to Seattle Parks Foundation was approved from the climbing committee's portion of the budget surplus
 - Contacts: Ernie Zeller (Branch) and Karen Daubert (SPF)
- Discussion:** Essential to Everett and Seattle climbing programs. Benefits community. Prevents competition of Mountaineers with Guide Services for places such as Mount Erie.- Brian
- Lodges- Stevens and Baker are the two most often used by Branch
 - Stevens Lodge
 - Used by Scrambling
 - Needs improvements to kitchen and bathrooms
 - Committee does not meet regularly
 - Contact: Don Preston, 425-489-9608
 - Baker
 - Used by Hiking in Summer, Snowshoeing and Skiing in Winter
 - Needs a build-out on ground floor to provide heated indoor showers
 - Formal proposal in the works: \$2,000 for double paned windows and est. \$17,000 for showers
 - Contact: Jim Kurtz (360-299-4384) Branch rep. Jim Flaherty
- Discussion:** Lodges benefit Branch through use by its various activity committees as well as individuals who like to ski at low cost. Brings in new members because of family use and guest use.- Brian
Agreed, we should contribute \$\$ to lodges, how much? -Conny

Community Outreach

- Snohomish County Search and Rescue

- An all-volunteer venture, funded entirely by donations
- Fund annual contribution
- Scholarships for Graduate Studies in Environmental Sciences
 - Would require a new committee formed to administer the award
 - Love this idea, wouldn't mind being in the committee (meet once a year?) coordinate with EvCC, Dollar amount \$500.00 Conny

Program Development

- New Programs
 - Example: Climbing- Self-Rescue, Water Ice Climbing
- Improving Existing Programs
 - Leader Training- Professional Level Courses in Avalanche, Leadership, Environment, etc.
 - Improved Course Coordination
 - New member orientation

Comment: This should be coordinated by the respective committees, shouldn't be a Executive decision.
Conny
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- Website
 - Member sign in area
 - Coordination with new Club database
- Audio-Visual Aids
 - Digital Projector for presentations
 - Slide shows at meetings

Comments: Difficult to keep in good shape, storage? Outdated within years. Conny
It s the way of the future. Eventually we will lose potential speakers without this equipment.
- Member Recognition
 - Awards of Recognition- trophies, clothing, trips, etc.
 - Dues Relief- Lead three trips and pay no dues following year
 - Additional Banquet Tickets- Trip leaders and other contributors (Ex. Russ Dills, Lewis Turner)
 - Social Events- Salmon Bake, etc.

Comments: Great idea, difficult to coordinate, who would do nominations and determine who would get rewards? Conny

Reserve

- This should initially be about \$15,000 or approximately double the expected budget shortfall