

## **EVERETT MOUNTAINEERS**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**APRIL 24, 2007**

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**ATTENDEES:** Matt Vadnal, Rick Proctor, Bernadette Lamarca, Penny Barker, John Laggart, Lee Wilcox, Ed Andrews, Forrest Clark, Brian Hench.

Meeting started at 7:10 pm.

Matt is looking for volunteers interested in the Everett branch chair position for next year. He will set up a Nominating Committee to select candidates for key positions.

Minutes of last meeting were reviewed, approved and moved.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **FINANCE/BUDGET – Penny Barker**

- Documentation of every transaction is important in case we get audited – we are audited by external auditors
- The club is in the process of switching banks – moving to Bank of America
- Everett branch uses a different bank
- Penny handed out the budget spreadsheet
- Penny mentioned that budget should be based on expected revenues and expected expenses to offset each other – dates are important
- Deadline for turning in the budget draft is June 1
- The clubhouse does not want to give each branch any more money. Each branch is expected to be self-sufficient. All programs should generate enough revenue to cover the non-supported programs within the branch.
- Skiing, scrambling, climbing should generate enough funds to cover overhead expenses
- Next ExComm meeting is moved to June 12<sup>th</sup> – devoted only to Budget
- Capital budget, which was supposed to be \$5000 is cut down to \$1500
- Penny suggested that 2 people sign checks for control purposes

##### **OTHER BUSINESS – Matt Vadnal**

- Everett Mountaineers at Everett Community College – the branch is partnering with MESSA (Math, Engineering & Science Student Assoc). The Whitehorse Hall is a potential location to hold the branch meetings.
- A suggestion was made that the Clubhouse should shoulder the cost of partnering with EvCC
- College Awareness Day at EvCC is on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10a – 2p.

- Get the Venturers students get involved with our branch

### **ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET – Bernadette Lamarca**

- Venue is chosen and reserved. This year's Annual Awards Banquet will be held at the Best Western Tulalip Inn
- \$1000 will be taken out of Administrative Budget for deposit to reserve the banquet hall.
- Speaker or no speaker – that is the question
- A few suggestions: summary of the year's activities in one slide show presentation
- Cut presentation short so people can visit and socialize
- Each committee provide Evan Moses pictures (e.g., highlight of a trip) that he can put together into one presentation

### **SALMON BAKE – not represented**

#### **NATIONAL TRAILS DAY – Forrest Clark**

- NTD is on June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Sign-up through the main website or email Forrest
- Seattle only giving t-shirts to those who sign up through the clubhouse – Forrest will take care of them
- We will be assigned at least 3 trails
- No goodie bags this year
- New director of Trail Maintenance – Kimmarie Ryan
- Meeting place is Darrington – 8am for leaders briefing, 8:30am for participants briefing
- Forest Service wants sign-ups down to 50, 85 max.
- Barbeque at the end of the day.
- Check the latest info about a week before NTD
- Still a lot of snow on the trails.
- All tools are honed and ready for use
- May 6 – trail maintenance crew leader workshop at Lord Hill
- Locker space is free as long as we do work on Lord Hill
- No funds for Pilchuck and 3 Fingers lookouts
- \$1500 needed for replacement on plaques and displays and pressure-treated lumber at the lookouts
- Tools metal container has been sitting in Heybrook Ridge for 3 years
- Abandoned container needs to be taken down per Forest Service but there is no money put in the grant, no money in the budget
- The Everett branch, LOTM committee and the Forest Service need to work together to come up with the money to take the container down
- LOTM is hoping to get some grant money this year
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- Skykomish Ranger Station will be closing and merging with another station, which has not been disclosed. Personnel will be cut down from 45 to 3 people
- Main office will operate as a Service Center and Visitor Center only
- Key personnel list should be updated and shared with all the branches

### **SINGLES – Ed Andrews**

- The committee is an avenue to get new members
- Matt suggested to have a sub-committee - Younger Singles

### **CLIMBING – Brian Hench**

- Basic Climbing Course has 30 students
- Rock 2 has 5 stations/5 groups – 1:1 instructor/student ratio; Field Trip (FT) went very well that the trip was cut short and students had time to explore other rocks to climb
- Leading on Rock – 15 students, 1 last-minute drop-out
  - First FT Session (A) at Leavenworth – 7 students, went very well
  - There was no injuries or accidents
  - One close call – a teaching/learning moment for everyone about paying attention to what's going on
  - B session has 8 students – the course has a system where the FT leader goes to both sessions for continuity and consistency
  - Leading on Rock is a course born out of merging the Crag Course and the Intermediate Course

### **SCRAMBLING – Rick Proctor**

- Rock FT – Rick led both boulder field for both days
  - 12 students Saturday
  - 15 students Sunday
  - Student count down to a little below 30
  - Approximately 35 signed up – people either dropped out or didn't show up
  - New this year – trying to use rope in a different manner; there is a club initiative that's been required on all Scrambles regardless of the exposure
  - Rope, bag, cleaners add to about 3 pounds of extra weight
  - Carrying the rope should be equally shared among the participants, not just assigned to the stronger, younger male in the group

### **STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (SPC) – Rick Proctor**

- Communications sub-committee
  - First meeting, February 14<sup>th</sup>
  - 8 people showed up
  - Evan Moses volunteered to chair the committee
  - 90 people in the survey are willing to participate
  - Those 90 people need to be contacted
  - Before getting these people to get involved, we need something for them to do, e.g. LOTM
  - Phone needs to be disconnected if not used much, to save money
- Location sub-committee
  - First meeting, February 28<sup>th</sup> did not happen due to freak snowstorm
  - Suggestion to move monthly meeting to either Alfy's Pizza, EvCC
  - It's time to leave the church and have the meeting at a different place

- Meetings have been held at the same place since the 60's
- Location sub-committee meeting to be moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday on May
- Modularization sub-committee
  - February 21<sup>st</sup> first meeting
  - 2 people showed up
  - Need people from various committees to get involved (Climbing, Scrambling, Skiing) to establish a common ground for the modularization
  - Lower-end/entry level courses – there's financial incentives especially if done more than once a year
  - Makes it easier for students to sign up for the main courses because they can take the introductory courses at a more convenient time
    - ✓ For example the Scrambling course – instead of a 6-evening course, it can be done in a 3-evening course, which could improve sign-ups and could get the general public to sign up
  - Navigation – Everett course is far more superior than the Seattle course but the Seattle classroom section is better than Everett. Seattle's field section is more focused on compass use. Maps are used more than a compass, which is generally used as a backup
  - Modularization benefits the students, new members, the club financially
    - ✓ Break the courses down
    - ✓ Charge a little bit more per course
    - ✓ Brings more revenues for the branch
    - ✓ Charge a small fee for orientation instead of offering it for free
    - ✓ It costs the branch to get a program set up
    - ✓ Need somebody from each committee that has courses to become part of the modularization effort; start working on agreements, outlining each individual little courses and come to an agreement as to what will in each of the courses, who's going to take responsibility for each of them and teach them
    - ✓ Hoping to get somebody from the Climbing Committee who is interested in participating to help in the lower end courses like clothing, 10 essentials, off-trail travel, wilderness ethics, and such
    - ✓ Need multiple dates to choose from to coordinate different FT schedules so that there is more flexibility
    - ✓ Standards for Climbing and Scrambling, which are in the high-level category will have to be discussed and come to an agreement
    - ✓ Rick will set up a meeting when he gets enough people to help make it happen. Right now, everything is stalled due to all the courses happening and those involved are busy

Next meeting will be on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 9pm.