

In Attendance:

Dennis Miller
Evan Moses
Dan Morgan
Jim Bigelow

1. Apparently, there were problems with the email distribution list and the meeting announcement did not get out. Those attending, discovered the meeting because it was posted on the Everett website.

Dennis will resolve the problems with the website

2. We welcomed Jim Bigelow and reviewed our goals:

1. Conduct a navigation module for the climbing and scrambling courses next Spring
2. Restructure the course to a modular format
3. Find a permanent location away from Forest Park
4. Add a GPS module
5. Revise course content for consistency with Seattle, Search and Rescue
6. Offer the navigation module in the fall

3. Dennis announced that by agreement between Pam, Matt, and Dennis, Navigation will NOT be a separate standing committee. Instead, it will be a course committee under Scrambling Committee. The decision will be reviewed after a year. The 2007 courses will therefore fall under the Scrambling budget and the inter-committee transfer for tuition of the Scrambles students is a moot point.

4. The Climbing Course has invited us to their instructor workshop to recruit/prepare climbing instructors for their role in the Navigation module. The workshop is held at Forest Park on Jan 6th. The workshop is setup as a series of stations--one station for Navigation; instructors spend about 2 hrs at each station.

We agreed to participate. Dennis will follow up with the necessary arrangements.

5. We discussed holding a Fall navigation module. The idea is to offer the module at more times during the year and take the pressure off moving so many students through in Feb, Mar.

We agreed on that general direction. But details will need to be worked out later. We have other priorities, right now.

6. Dan described the Seattle course. He thought our inside portion was better than Seattle's, but suggested we do away with the latitude/longitude material (which nobody uses anymore) and spend more time on UTM. We only spend 2-3 hours with outside route finding exercises, while Seattle spends a full day; we need more time for the outdoor exercises and with less emphasis on leap-frogging.

Refinements to the course design/content will be evaluated during 2007

7. Dennis suggested reserving the shelter at Forest Park for the Feb 24 and Mar 31 field trips.

Agreed. Dennis will make arrangements with the Parks Dept.

8. Evan was given the go-ahead for a 1-day GPS course, which tentatively will be held at Willis Tucker Park in June or July. I believe we set a price, but I did not write it down in my notes, so we will rely on Evan to remember.

Evan will proceed with planning for the GPS course, including adding it to the Mountaineers website for signup.

9. We discussed compensation to SAR for use of their facility.

We will allocate 5 tuition-free slots to both the Feb 24 and Mar 31 courses. Since the clubhouse will NOT be involved in those signups, Dennis will reduce the signup limit on the website, accordingly. Also, we may consider a material or financial contribution to SAR, but that decision will be deferred until we see how the courses do, financially.

10. Next meeting scheduled for Monday, January 8th.