

SFC Minutes

October 14th, 2019

1203 University Center

- I. **Roll Call**
 - a. All members present
- II. **Call to Order**
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6:23 p.m.
- III. **Public Comment**
 - a. *Public*: Shred the gnar.
 - *Emily*: Yeah brah.
 - b. *Public*: Heck yeah brother.
- IV. **Approval of Agendas**
 - a. *AJ* motioned to approve the agenda; *Kaitlyn* second
- V. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **10/07/19 Minutes**
 - *Em* motioned to approve the minutes; *AJ* second
- VI. **Chair Report**
 - a. **Chairperson - Greg Mihalopoulos**
 - I'm excited to have so many enthusiastic people here with us today! I'm looking forward to hearing from you all.
- VII. **Advisor Report**
 - a. **Faculty Advisor - Kash Dhanapal**
 - No advisor report
- VIII. **New Business**
 - a. **Organization for Outdoor Recreation Professionals**
 - **Local Badass Series**
 - a) *Ben B. (Vice President of OORP)*: Local Badass is an event where we bring in people from the Marquette area, mainly those that have lived here for a really long time or have roots in the area, to do a presentation at Ore Dock Brewing Company about a particular badass-y thing they've done. For instance, we've brought in Four the Water, the four guys that kayaked around Lake Superior.
 - b) *Tyler (President of OORP)*: We've also had Buggy Sailor, as well as the group of friends that bicycled around Lake Superior. We think that there are a lot of awesome people who are from around this area that have done amazing things in the outdoors. We think this event is a great way to engage students and show them that there's a greater world out there to really get. We get a couple of frequently asked questions, so I'll beat you to the punch here. Why is it at the Ore Dock? Two years ago when we started this event, we noticed a disconnect between the

Marquette community and the students of Northern. By having it in a community place, we can better bridge that gap.

- c) *Sammie*: Do you guys have any rough attendance numbers for last year's event?
 - *Tyler*: Our lowest attendance last year was 21-22 people, and our highest was about 140 something people.
- d) *Sammie*: Do you have the student to public ratio?
 - *Tyler*: I don't have exact numbers right now, but $\frac{2}{3}$ of the turnout always ended up being students.
- e) *Emily*: You have a cost for a van on here; I'm assuming that's to help the students get to the event at the Ore Dock in case they don't have their own transportation?
 - *Tyler*: Yeah, our plan is to have a van that will leave 20 minutes before and roughly 20 minutes after. We want more people to come and we don't want people stuck on campus and missing out on these awesome talks. A van, we think, will also make people feel more comfortable, as opposed to just carpooling in our personal vehicles like we did last year.
- f) *Kash*: If people don't use the transportation services from you guys the first or second time, is it going to be something you'll continue to offer?
 - *Tyler*: We're hoping it's successful and that we can continue to offer it, but what do you all think? All of us are smarter than one of us, so I'd love your input.
 - (a) *Emily*: I would say to keep it; even though it may not pay off the first time, or even the next, word-of-mouth will be your best friend in this case and if students hear that there is a van provided and know that it will continue to be provided, they may be more likely to make it to your events.
 - (b) *AJ*: As the year goes by, the weather here in Marquette gets a little more inclement. I know that I don't have a car on campus and, though I enjoy my walks to off-campus events now, the walk in February is going to be much more treacherous. I know I'd appreciate a transportation system.
- g) *Tyler*: I do agree with you guys and think it would be better to provide transportation to each event. Knowing there is a reliable way there and back will really encourage a bigger student turnout, I think. If you guys are with me, I'd love to be able to provide that every time.
- h) *Kaitlyn*: Who will be driving?
 - *Tyler*: That will be me. The stipulations are that the driver must be 18 years old and have a valid driver's license, both of which I meet.

- i) *Kaitlyn*: With you being the driver, do you have any plans in regards to safety?
- *Tyler*: We would have it advertised that I am a student driver and not a faculty member. Any student that was to take part in this service would also sign an acknowledgment of risk form, basically saying that they are aware of the situation and the possible risks that come with being in a vehicle on the road. Inside the van, we will have a first-aid kit, and we would most likely bring our own as well, which are much more intense first-aid kits. I'm also a wilderness EMT, so I would be a medical professional on board.
- j) *Greg*: Would the transportation be advertised on the posters?
- *Tyler*: Yes
- k) *Sammi*: How many events are planned, in total, for this year?
- *Tyler*: there are six events over the entirety of the school year.
- l) *Greg*: Do you already have the speakers lined up for those events?
- *Tyler*: Yes, we do.
- m) *Kash*: Would you be able to tell us who some of those people are?
- *Tyler*: Oh heck yeah, I'll give you a few. One of them is Bill Thompson, who owns Down Wind Sports and runs the Michigan Ice Climbing Festival, the largest and longest-running ice climbing festival in the world. He's one of the real pioneers of creating recreation in the Upper Peninsula. Another one is Phil Watts, he is one of the most talked-about and referenced people in rock climbing science. He's one of the reasons why Lynn Hill, who is one of the big pioneers of female rock climbing and advocates for females in the outdoors, came up here. We would really like to get him here to talk. Gordon Gearhart is a local blacksmith who's had some really cool adventures. He used to go from town to town backpacking and would take a little grill with him and make bottle openers as he went. He'd also teach middle and high schoolers throughout the U.P. how to do blacksmithing as a trade. Surfer Dan is another speaker we plan on having, and you all know who he is. [The assembly did, in fact, know who Surfer Dan is]. That's just a few of the many speakers we'd like to host.
- n) *Emily*: How would you keep track of attendance at the event?
- *Ben*: We always have someone at the door with a pad of paper, keeping a general tally of the number of people in attendance and the student to public ratio.
- o) **SFC Deliberation**

- *Sammi*: I will say, out of everyone here on campus, Tyler is someone I would trust to drive a van full of students. He's most likely driven something like this similar in his time too.
- *Emily*: Do we want to do something about a fee for the public?
- *Sammi*: The only thing is that it's a public space and it's hard to regulate people who come in and just want to drink a beer and wander up to the space, but then have to pay two dollars. There may be conflict with Ore Dock after that.
- *Emily* motioned to approve the budget on the terms that the Organization of Outdoor Recreation Professionals follows up with risk management and provides SFC with documentation
 - (a) *Kaitlyn* second; passes unanimously
- **Porcupine Mountain Fall Backpacking Trip**
 - a) *Tyler*: You like camping, we like camping, and the colors are awesome. We'd like to go to the Porcupine Mountains.
 - b) *Ben*: Last year, the previous advisor for SFC wanted some outdoor adventure for the general NMU student body to go on.
 - c) *Tyler*: Our major makes guides, and we want to go backpacking and have a chance to get that experience and allow others who may have never even been camping before to get that experience too. We want to have six trips out there that will all happen in one weekend. Three of those trips will be overnight; those will be broken down into difficulty levels. We'll also have two two-day treks, and one one-day trek. We're limited by a permit that will only allow us to have six people out there at a site at one time. This is because of the Leave No Trace effort. With each group, we want to have two guides; one will be focused on backpacking, the other will be focused on medical. The medical guide will either have a Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder certification, meaning that they have all the qualifications to help if there were to be an emergency situation.
 - d) *Ben*: Everyone will be responsible for bringing their own food as well as their own equipment. We'll be able to help out with that a little bit though.
 - e) *Tyler*: We have a large room where our major keeps a wide array of outdoor recreation equipment, but it's a limited supply, so it's likely that a lot of people will have to bring their own things. The main reason we don't want to offer food is because of food allergies. Anyone attending would have to sign an acknowledgment of risk form as well as a NMU health and wellness form. We would be requiring a physical too.
 - f) *Greg*: So this is going to take place October 25th through the 27th?
 - *Tyler*: Yes, that's when it's peak colors.
 - g) *Sammi*: That's not a lot of notice for students to get a physical done.

- *Tyler:* There are six places in Marquette to get physicals done and they would only take an hour, start to finish.
- h) *Emily:*** So the 12 total guides that would be attending are from your organization, and then there are 24 spots for students to come along?
 - *Tyler:* Yes
- i) *Kash:*** If you get more than 24 people that sign up, how will you decide who gets to come?
 - *Tyler:* It will be a first come, first served situation. There will be a waitlist compiled in the event that someone gets turned away for whatever reason. Just to clarify though, there would need to be a valid reason that is approved by me and then approved by my supervisor. There is no allowance for turning away based on personal reasons.
- j) *Emily:*** This conflicts with Make A Difference Day, how do you plan on accommodating those who want to be involved in that?
 - *Tyler:* We wanted to have different times to leave, as to accommodate people, but also we want to get out there as soon as possible (after breakfast though) to ensure we get camp set up in the daylight. So, it comes down to signing up for this or that.
- k) *Kash:*** Are your posters already designed?
 - *Tyler:* We have all of the information, we just want help from the student design center in making a nice, poppy design.
- l) SFC Deliberation**
 - *AJ:* If we look at Section 11, Article D in the bylaws, it says that there is reason to believe, or evidence to indicate, that the activity will not be of interest to a sufficiently large number of students to warrant the expenditure proposed. Within our working policies, there is a student travel section as well that talks about how student travel costs are not approved because they only benefit a small group of NMU students, and I'm wondering if we think that this applies from?
 - (a) *Sammie:* Well, the earliest posters would be able to be done would be Thursday, Friday worst case scenario. So, there's only advertising for a week, and I don't think there's enough time to get the word out.
 - (b) *Kaitlyn:* Then there is not enough time for students to get in for a physical. The physical itself may only take an hour but getting an appointment is a different story.
 - *Kash:* The thing about getting the posters up is that it's almost pointless, since the people that are interested in going most likely have already been told about the event.

- *Sammi*: Also, with it being so soon, people most likely already have plans, whether it's Make A Difference Day or something else. Also, I wish they had a more accessible trip for some people on campus with possible disabilities to be able to come with.
- *Kash*: If they were to get denied, it sounds like we would do it on grounds of not funding travel to a conference.
- *Emily* motioned to deny the budget on the grounds of Section 11 Article B or SFC Bylaws
 - (a) Section 11 Article B: The request is restricted by the special limitations established in the "Policy Regarding the Collection, Allocation, and Disbursement of Student Discretionary Activity Fees."
 - (b) *AJ* second; passes unanimously

b. Queers and Allies

- **24th Annual Drag Show**

- a) Two supporting documents were passed out to each SFC member
- b) *Henry (Copresident of Queers and Allies)*: The first sheet is the email discussion between our organization and Mike Bath, who is Chief of Police here at NMU. The other one is the protocol laid out for the TKE fraternity, who, even though they won't be standing in as security, will be helping us take numbers and be around as extra help. Mike Bath had no security concerns, his opinion is that before the event, NMUPD would do a walk-through and will stay nearby during the event, but not attend the actual event. He thought that since it is a queer event, it may be best to keep uniformed officers out, as they could make some people uncomfortable.
- c) *Emily*: So these protocol guidelines will be given to the fraternity and they will be trained in each of these before the event?
 - *Andrea (of Queers and Allies)*: Yes.
- d) *Greg*: Are there people in TKE that are CPR-certified?
 - *Andrea*: We will be looking into that, but I know many people in Q and A are, including myself and Henry.
- e) *Emily*: So who will be giving training if nobody knows things like how to give CPR and the fire routes to take?
 - *Andrea*: We wouldn't actually be providing training for some of these things, like conflict-resolution. I am trained in that, but our protocol would be to look for that and then to alert higher-ups, who would then step in. As for fire routes, we would just have printed out posters telling people where to go in the event of an emergency.
- f) *Greg*: So the TKE fraternity would be acting more so as eyes on the ground?

- *Henry*: Yes
- g) *Emily*: Would TKE have a way of contacting NMU PD?
 - *Andrea*: We were thinking of doing a big group chat between TKE and the E Board. We'll zone out the area and have people watching over each zone.
- h) *Greg*: Other than these tweaks, the budget is exactly the same?
 - *Henry*: Yes.
- i) *Greg*: Will there be security for the amateur drag show?
 - *Andrea*: It's not needed, last year had a lower attendance and we don't see that as necessary addition. Our organization will be keeping an eye out though, and we'll be following the same protocol as TKE will be for the pro show.
- j) **SFC Deliberation**
 - *Emily*: I understood the risk of having police officers at the event, but the way it was posed last year made me weary. Now though, I completely agree with them and I do think the protocol they set up will work just fine.
 - *Greg*: Other than the fact that their using a groupchat, I have no problems with this.
 - (a) *Sammi*: This may be better though. It's hard to hear on walkie talkies, let alone with the blasting music at the drag show.
 - (b) *Emily*: It's also more discreet and could avoid escalating the situation if something were to happen.
 - *AJ* motioned to approve the budget
 - (a) *Emily* second; passes unanimously

IX. Old Business

- a. No old business

X. Good of the Order

- a. *AJ*: I'd like to recognize our new member Kaitlyn
 - *applause*

XI. Meeting Adjourned

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.