RMOTHG Board Meeting – 11/6/2017

The Rocky Mountain Over the Hill Gang section of the Denver Group of the Colorado Mountain Club was called to order by Chairperson Kirsten Tollefsen at 2:00 PM on Monday, November 6/2017 at the Drumwright room at the American Mountaineering Center. Members present were Dennis Arndt(new), Dianna Bliss, Lue Fratantuono, Scott Kramer(new), Martin Pfefer(new), Ida Sansoucy, and Jane VanderKolk.

Kirsten Tollefsen introduced the new members to the Board. She reviewed that the Board's function to keep the RMOTHG section viable within CMC, to focus on meeting the members needs and to remain current with needed changes in activities and rules.

The Board minutes from September 17, 2017 were approved.

1. Social Committee Report - Ida Sansoucy
Committee members for 2018 are Lou Ann Dixon, Ronnie Knueven, Jenny Keir

- 11/3  28 attended the event at Dazzle
- 12/3 Holiday party at the American Mountaineering Center
- 1/21 Happy Hour at Simms Steakhouse
- Feb  Docent tour of Forney Museum
- Mar  Happy Hour to be scheduled
- Apr  Tour of Botanic Gardens
- May TBA
- June Annual Summer Picnic at Staunton State Park
- July TBA
- Aug Attend Rockies game
- Sept Annual Meeting at Mt. Vernon Country Club – a brunch

2. Membership Committee Report – Lue Fratantuono
Current number of members

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25 new members included in the numbers

3. Denver Group Council Liaison Report – Colleen Landy (written report)
1) Results of recent Council elections: The following Council members have been reelected to serve a 3 year term: Kathy Kurtz, Carol Munch, Wilma Shepard, and Even Sneath. There were several other candidates, and the Council is trying to recruit them to serve on the potential Member Initiative Committee. The purpose of this committee would be to continue with efforts to improve member retention and give members an avenue to communicate to the CMC how they can best be served. Mary Bradley is currently working on this in the CMC office, and this committee could be very helpful to her in her efforts. Current CMC membership statistics show number of total members at 6200. Of that number, Denver membership make up about 3854 and RMOTHG membership is a significant portion of that number.
2) The Denver Technical Climbing School (TCS) is now under administrative control of the State office—it is no longer administered by the Denver Group. One of Scott Robson's major goals for the CMC is to have unified standards and safety control across all state groups. Hiring Phillip Swiney as a Safety and Risk manager and making this change with TCS are the first steps. TCS enrollment and retention are steadily increasing, and TCS has the highest risk exposure with regards to activities. The goal is to standardize skill sets all across the state. Phillip Swiney will be administering TCS. This affects the Denver Group in the following way:

Revenues from TCS provided a significant income to the Denver Group, and this income has enabled the Denver Group to fund the SALT program as well as occasionally subsidize smaller groups such as Fly Fishing, who do not generate revenue of their own. To compensate, State has agreed to give a 15% royalty fee to the Denver Group for Denver group members who enroll in TCS classes. The State office will also take over the administration of the SALT program, and their hope is that it can be expanded to other groups across the state. They will also make sure that subsidies are available to smaller groups on an as needed basis.

3) Vickie Gits, the editor of the Mile High Mountaineer, is retiring in January. The Denver Group is actively looking to recruit a replacement.

4. Treasurer's Report – Dennis Arndt

4a. Review of the 2016-2017 Budget:
The Board noted the remaining funds from our 2017 Budget provided by Chun Chang (CMC) was a larger amount than reflected on our original 2017 Budget, however, the “official” calculation of income provided by CMC will be used for our “YEP” donation since the Board voted to donate all remaining 2017 Fiscal Budget monies.

4b. Treasurer Dennis Arndt, presented the “Oct. 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018 Draft Proposed Budget” to the Board for discussion and approval. He went through each line item to explain its origin (i.e. figures obtained from CMC Treasurer, Activity Coordinators, Social Committee), including the item entitled “Estimated Income”, which is an underestimated amount established by the Treasurer based on RMOTHG dues income (a non-static income figure caused by our membership dues being paid throughout the entire fiscal year and affected by varying membership numbers). There were two income terms that were unclear “Event Revenue” and “Banquet Registrations”. The Treasurer will obtain definitions of these from the CMC finance officer who provided those figures.

It was decided by the Board to have the following changes made to the Proposed Draft Budget:

1. Remove the Operating Expense item entitled “Leader Support”
2. Remove the Operating Expense item entitled “Summer Camping Event Expense”. All monies related to that line item no longer are valid budget items since March 2017 when the Board voted not to subsidize for activities/events unavailable to all Members.
3. Add an estimated expense amount to be determined by the Board’s sub-committee for the “New Leader Initiative”, which will cover the AMC Building room rental and food/drink associated with a leadership recruitment kick-off function. This function will be open to all Section Members.

4. Adjust all Activity Coordinator’s budget line items to remove funds requested for “food for Trip Leader Meetings”, as the Board voted in March 2017 not to subsidize food/drink expenditures for activities/events unavailable to all Members. As the Activity Coordinators were not notified of this subsidy restriction prior to their budget request submissions, the Treasurer will send each Activity Coordinator a notice stating the amount of their approved 2017-2018 budget and Kevin Schall for the snowshoeing line item; the amount will remain as requested since that meeting has already taken place.

After discussion was complete, the Board approved by a vote of 5 “yes” and 1 “no” vote that the “Proposed Draft Budget” would be revised by the Treasurer subsequent to the November Board Meeting’s adjournment to include the above cited four changes, and thereafter shall be considered the final approved “2017-2018 RMOTHG Budget. A copy of the final 2017-2018 RMOTHG Budget will be distributed to all Board Members for their records.

The proposed 2018 Budget with the revised changes was approved by Scott Kramer and seconded by Jane VanderKolk

5. NEW BUSINESS

New Trip Leader Initiative Report

Members developing the New Trip Leader event are Lue Fratantuono, Elaine Shirley, Martha Mustard and Kirsten Tollefsen.

The goal is to enlist more Trip Leaders and perhaps thereby expand our activities offered. There will be a kick-off meeting Feb. 5th at AMC Building at which the Board, Activity Coordinators, Trip Leaders and the head of the Trip Leader School, Kevin Schall, will participate. The meeting will be offered to all members, sign-up will be on-line, current trip leaders will be asked to bring 1 or 2 members who are active as potential new trip leaders.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lue Fratantuono and seconded by Diana Bliss

The meeting ended at 4:20 PM

The next meeting will be on January 8, 2018 at the American Mountaineering Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane VanderKolk