The Rocky Mountain Over the Hill Gang ("RMOTHG") Section of the Denver Group of the Colorado Mountain Club was called to order by the Section Chair, Kirsten Tollefsen, at 2:00PM on Monday January 6, 2018 in the Drumwright room at the American Mountaineering Center. Board members present were: Dennis Arndt, Diana Bliss, Lue Fratantuono, Scott Kramer, Martin Pfefer, Vern Bass and Jane VanderKolk. Ida Sansoucy, Social Committee Chair was also present.

Secretaries Report – Jane VanderKolk

A get well card is to be sent to member Kirsten Jensen at Swedish Medical Hospital.

Copies of the Board Minutes from the November 6, 2018 were presented and approved.

Social Committee Report – Ida Sansoucy

More than 120 RMOTHG members attended the Holiday Party in December 2017.

There was a suggestion to schedule monthly “social hours’ for all RMOTHG members. An additional suggestion was to do these every other month and rotate them to various venues in Denver. A survey regarding a social hour activity may be in order to determine if this would be of interest to our membership. The feasibility will be further discussed at the March Board meeting.

Future social events in 2018:

June 9, 2018 – Summer Picnic at Staunton Park

September 16, 2018 – Annual Meeting Brunch at Mt. Vernon Country Club. (The deposit has been made for this venue.)

December 9, 2018 – Holiday Party

Membership Report – Lue Fratantuono

Current membership of 918 total members is comprised of: 853 Members + 5 Social Members + 31 CMC Life Time Members + 30 OTHG Life Time Members for a total of 918 Members.

Further, there was discussion regarding the 30 OTHG Life Time Members. These were Specific Life Time Members that were “grandfathered” in from the original OTHG
A decision by the Board was to delete the 30 OTHG Life Time Members from the RMOTHG Membership Roster in our database based on no contact from or with these people has been had since joining CMC in 2005. The 30 names will be retained for historical purposes and are attached to these minutes. Dennis Arndt moved that the Board approve this change and it was seconded by Scott Kramer.

**Treasurer’s Report – Dennis Arndt**

The RMOTHG Budget as adjusted for the Board’s New Trip Leader Initiative project’s costs was presented and approved by the Board.

**CMC Denver Group Council Meeting Report –**

The next meeting of the Denver Group Council is later in January. Colleen Landy will provide a report at our March 2018 meeting.

**New Business:**

1. Section Chair, Kirsten Tollefsen, suggested a more efficient use of Board Meeting time by utilizing subcommittees/volunteers from the Board as appropriate for discussion topics that warrant longer analysis or discussions. The subcommittee/volunteers would meet separately from the Board and subsequently present their findings/recommendations for final Board consideration.

2. Lue Fratantuono, as a New Trip Leader Initiative committee member, present a report on the plans associated with this project. A kick-off meeting will be held February 5, 2018 at AMC for all interested RMOTHG Members who may want to become Trip Leaders. Interest in this meeting is “high”. We anticipate positive results for these efforts.

3. Discussion by the Board to make the Social Committee Chairperson position an official RMOTHG Board position was had, however, it was determined that adding a new Board Position (requiring election and 3-year term considerations) would not be beneficial. The Board agreed that the Social Committee Chairperson position would remain unchanged.

4. Discussion by the Board to make the Membership Coordinator a position that should be held by an elected RMOTHG Board Member rather than an ad hoc position was unanimously agreed upon. The Membership Coordinator’s responsibilities and knowledge, including access and changes to the RMOTHG.org website, for membership data and communications to our new and resigning members is vital to our Section.
5. Section Chair is revising the text of the RMOTHG description page on the CMC and ORTHG.org websites. Jeff Flax, our data base director, is moving the Newsletter Archives, the Section Minutes (aka RMOTHG Board Minutes) and our RMOTHG By-Laws from RMOTHG.org to Hiking.org for membership retrieval.

6. In order to better understand our membership’s current interests and to help us plan for a successful future RMOTHG it was determined that a Membership Survey would be developed and sent out electronically to all RMOTHG members. A Subcommittee consisting of Scott Kramer, Diana Bliss and Martin Pfefer was formed to compile possible pertinent survey questions, determine roll-out and final analysis of same for presentation to the Board at the March meeting.

7. The idea of pursuing approval of pre-paid cash cards with CMC in order to assist the Social Committee Members and others in paying for event deposits as an option to them funding out of their own pockets and needing timely reimbursement was discussed. It was determined that it would be too complex and difficult to administer these cards appropriately, therefore it was not approved to go forward. Dennis Arndt, Treasurer, will meet with CMC’s accountant Chung and review the response time for reimbursement funds to members who have advance their own funds on behalf of approved RMOTHG events.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joanie Broder and seconded by Lue Fratantuono. The meeting ended at 3:05 PM. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2018 at 1 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane VanderKolk,

Section Secretary