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 1:00PM on Monday September 13, 2018 in the Drumwright room at the American Mountaineering Center. Board members present were: Dennis Arndt, Diana Bliss, Joanie Broder, Janice Johnson, Lue Fratantuono, Scott Kramer, Martin Pfefer, Jane VanderKolk and Carol Zucker. Kathy Kurtz, Liaison to the Denver Council was also present.

Secretary’s Report
A correction was made to the information on the Treasurer’s Report of July 9, 2018. The corrected budgeted funds spent for the year to date are $4,182.05 and budgeted funds remaining are $6,617.
Scot Kramer moved to approve the change, Lue Fratantuono seconded the motion.

Social Update
9/15 Annual RMOTHG meeting at Mt. Vernon Country Club with speaker Phillip Tedeshi
Nov. Possible meet at Dazzle Jazz Club
12/9 Annual Holiday Party

Membership Report
Current regular members=852; CMC life members=31; RMOTHG social members =7 for a combined total of 890.

Treasurer’s Report
Based on data from Chun Chong and the Denver Area Group Council dated 7/30/2018 RMOTHG has $5,716.79 remaining in the 2017-2018 budget of $10,800.

Dennis met with Chun Chong, the Financial Officer at CMC, to determine how funds are distributed within CMC’s financial reports. RMOTHG has collected $9,030 in dues and based on that amount there is an income minus expenses of $3,946.79. Discussion of the distribution/management of CMC funds in relationship to what is collected as dues and expenses for the RMOTHG group was reviewed. The information will assist in development of the 2018-2019 budget.

A copy of the draft budget for 2018-2019 was reviewed and comments made. The Board agrees to not budget RMOTHG money for trips & events (i.e. hut trips, camping) wherein the participating members of the trip are going to be responsible all costs. Dennis refers to these as “cash in-cash out” events. We may however, choose to budget a small reserve for these events in case the trip leader has a monetary loss. Additionally, a motion was made Diana Bliss for the RMOTHG to agree to pay group coordinators $5.00 for trip leaders who attends a trip planning meeting and seconded by Joanie Broder. All members agreed.

The final 2018-2019 Budget will be submitted for approval to the Board at the November 5, 2018 meeting.

New Business

Denver Group Liaison
Kathy Kurtz provided information from the September 11, 2018 Denver Group Council.
School Tuition Pricing: A study is to be conducted by Steve Billig in conjunction with a Schools Committee to potentially shake (raise) current tuition prices. Rationale is that they have not consistently been administered across all schools with some quite far below commercial/other organization charges and DGAC needs to increase the percentage “charged” for the General and Administrative account (G&A).

The Bylaws are changed to address having co-chairs for DGAC.

Other:
There was a discussion regarding DG’s treasurer requesting that RMOTHG to budget a fixed percentage of our income to be paid at fiscal yearend to DG. DAC is to start collecting a certain fixed percentage of our income to be paid at fiscal year end to DG We will continue to pay any remaining funds at year end to DG as has been historically done.

Sunday, November 4 is the Denver Group Annual dinner. The speaker is the US forest Service Manager of Colorado’s Fourteener program.

Appointment to 2018-2019 Board Member positions
Treasurer - Dennis Arndt
Secretary-Carol Zucker
Membership-Lue Fratantuono
Vice President-Scott Kramer
President-Kirsten Tollefsen
All of the above Officer’s were approved by the attending Board

BUDGET - discussion
A motion by Lue Fratantuono was made and seconded by Janice Johnson to allow, under the existing Subsidy Rules the funding of a meal allocation equal to $5.00 per Trip Leader attending each Coordinator’s annual Trip Leader Planning meetings. The Coordinator will request reimbursement from the Treasurer for an amount equal to $5.00 per trip leader that actually attends their annual planning meeting. The meal allocation benefits the whole members in that the Trip Leaders participate in these annual meeting to create the given activities trip schedule for the year. The above was approved by the Board. The practice of subsidizing funds for the Annual Dinner, December Holiday Party and Summer Picnic will continue. Any additional planned events with costs for food/meals will be paid by participants at those events and not from the RMOTHG Budget.

Next Meeting
Scheduled for November 5, 2018,

Jeff Flax will present a request for the Board to allow funding for Trip Leader meals at their annual planning meeting s. Activity Coordinators are also invited to attend. The above motion approval by the Board for the same subsidy was done in anticipation of the request. To determine parameters, we feel is prudent and will expedite the November 5th meeting.

Further, the Board and Coordinators will take the opportunity to clarify the Subsidy Rules, the actual RMOTHG income expense and budget restraints and to open to other discussions in order to “clear the air” on any miscommunication that may exist.

The meeting ended at 3:15 PM
Respectfully submitted,
Jane VanderKolk