RMOTHG BOARD MINUTES – JULY 11, 2019

The Rocky Mountain Over The Hill Gang (RMOTHG) Section of the Colorado Mountain Club was called to order at 1:00 PM by Kirsten Tollefsen on Thursday, July 11, 2019 in the Drumwright Room at the American Mountaineering Center. Board Members present were: Dennis Arndt, Diana Bliss, Janice Johnson, Lue Fratantuono, Scott Kramer, Kirsten Tollefsen and Marty Pfefer. Also present: Kathy Kurtz and Ida Sansoucy.

GENERAL BUSINESS

BOARD NOMINEES – Kirsten Tollefsen

The new Board Nominees, Debra Richardt and Carol Weir, were invited and will come to our September meeting.

Lauren Schockey will help Mary Bradley with the ballot, which will go out on August 1, 2019.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Kirsten Tollefsen for Carol Zurcher

The May 2019 Board Minutes were approved.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE COORDINATOR’S REPORT – Ida Sansoucy

The 2019 Annual Picnic went well, despite the rain.

The 2020 Annual Picnic will take place in July at Staunton State Park. A $100 deposit is needed to reserve the location.

Upcoming social activities:
- August 24th - Broncos tour. Cost is $15.
- September 8th - Annual meeting and brunch. Ida will need a $300 check for entertainment by The Legendary Ladies.
- November - Monet Exhibit. Already full. Ava will work with Dennis on money for museum.
- December 8th – Holiday Party. Ronnie will coordinate.

Social Committee Chairperson and members:
- Ida is stepping down as Chairperson and no one has expressed interest in replacing her. Kirsten volunteered to attend the first meeting to review and train members on CMC reimbursement and refund process and procedures for social activities.
Lue reported that Kimberly Hough is interested in joining the committee.

**MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR’S REPORT – Lue Frantantuono**

Current Regular Members  
916

Lifetime Members  
56

Social Members  
6

**TOTAL:**  
978

Lue will have numbers on members who now live out of state at the September meeting.

**TREASURER’S REPORT - Dennis Arndt**

Treasurer’s Report for the Period of Oct 1, 2018 to Board Meeting Date of July 11, 2019 (under separate cover). The report is based on Financial Data from Chun & Denver Group dated May 31, 2019 and Check Requests As of July 5, 2019.

- $880 above last year on dues.
- $56 under budget for 2019 picnic.
- $178 increase in expenses over last year.
- $701 increase in net profit over last year.

Questions – Dennis will follow up and report on at the September meeting:

- $250 Board Meeting room charge for May
- $100 Bike Committee Meeting room expense

Dennis will send out Budget Request forms on August 1st and request return by August 10th.

**DENVER GROUP LIASON REPORT – Kathy Kurtz**

32 Ascending hikes completed so far this year.

3 Councilor positions up for election for 2019/20 Denver Council

Submit nominations for the Annual Denver Group Service Award to Jeff Flax.

Council is working on using Slack for Council member documents and communications.

Track File Manager now has 245 recordings and 65 users. Jeff Stevens is working on enhancements to the system to make it more user friendly.

Quick Start Schools, managed by Cynthia Lehr, have been well attended.
Kirsten and Kathy discussed whether RMOTHG will be asked in the new fiscal year to provide a set percentage of funds to the Denver group, instead of just receiving the RMOTHG’s remaining budget at fiscal year end. Kathy said that the Denver Council had not discussed changing the existing method (remaining funds rolling up to Denver Group), but that if it changed we would be treated consistent with other Denver Group Sections. Kirsten mentioned that the RMOTHG 2019-2020 fiscal budget will be finalized and approved at the November 2019 Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER – Janice Johnson and Lue Frantantuono

Proposed responsibilities presented (handout) and discussed. This would be a Board and Officer position, which would require a change in the bylaws. It would not be an additional position on the Board. Kirsten will write an amendment to the bylaws for this position to be voted on in September.

The position was approved by the Board and nominees will be voted on at our next meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING AND BRUNCH – Kirsten Tollefsen

Agenda – Kirsten Tollefsen
  2018-19 Fiscal Year accomplishments by the Board
  - Changes based on survey feedback
  - Increase in number of trip leaders
  Introduce 2019-2020 Board members
  Volunteer Recognition and Appreciation
  - Coordinators will present statistics
  - Photos will be included. Send to Scott for coordination.
  - Entertainment – The Legendary Ladies
  - Message from new Board Chair regarding focus for next fiscal year and new Board Communications position

Budget & Available Funds – Dennis Arndt
  $1320 covers the deposit and all other items.
  $2376 available in the budget for recognition awards.

Volunteer Recognition Ideas – Scott Kramer
  The Board discussed a variety of options:
  - Gift Cards, which are limited by CMC policy to merchants who contribute to CMC.
    To date, CMC has received $787.77 from Amazon Smile.
  - Apparel, which would take more time than we have to order for appropriate sizing
  - Cash
- Dues subsidy, which the current system will not support (see Kirsten’s handout)
- Annual Meeting meal subsidy (see Kirsten’s handout)

The Board approved subsidizing the Annual Meeting meal for volunteers the year. We will discuss offering choices of apparel for coordinators to distribute to volunteers in the coming year.

**NEW LIT INSTRUCTORS APPROVED FOR RMOTHG – Kirsten Tollefsen**

Wayne Tomasello, Biking Coordinator, and Martha Mustard, Hiking Coordinator, were approved as LIT Instructors.

Ed Scutellaro and Carole Adler are also LIT Instructors.

**“YOU’VE GOT QUESTIONS” ARTICLE – Janice Johnson**

Received our first question from a member, which will appear in the July newsletter. Janice will coordinate a response with Hiking Group Coordinators.

**NEW LEADER INITIATIVE 2019 – Kirsten Tollefsen**

The New Leader Committee members are Martha Mustard, Elaine Shirley and Kirsten Tollefsen.

“Why I Became a Trip Leader” – monthly feature article is now being appearing in the newsletter.

New Leader Event on May 9th:
  The committee is following up with attendees as classes become available and also providing materials as needed.

**REMINDERS**


Mountain Fest is September 28 and 29, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Johnson, acting secretary for the meeting