Bobcats Leader Gathering Minutes January 9, 2020

Leaders Present: Tom O’Connor, Chris Larson, Richard Schiebel, Jim Guerra, Carol Munch, Ralph Shroba, Stan Moore, Mark Wolf, Durrie Monsma, Robbie Monsma, Mike Rees, Rich McAdams, Susan Quechenberger, Jeff Stevens, Ken Ruiz, Roger Leikas, Abby Gentry, Suzy Allexan, Martin O’Grady, Sue Ahlberg, Kevin Schaal, Tom Jagger, Linda Jagger

Leaders Absent: Ken Yaphe, Cheryl Ames, John Whethey, Bob Collins, Jeff Damp, Bob Watkins, Russ Peterson, Victoria Seacrist, Cynthia Lehr, Jerry Roe, Sarah Maurer

A copy of the Bobcats history was handed out. This is available at CMCDenver.org
Also available there are revised Bobcat Bylaws

The year was very successful. 211 trips led, 1881 total participants, average roster size of 8.9, trips with wait lists 32 or only 15%, Total wait listed members 141, membership increased from 583 to 729 or 25% growth. 50 people attended the picnic. We have 32 leaders with a leader to member ratio of 1/23. Our original goal was 1/25.

Since the founding of the Bobcats our mailing list/members has tripled from 237 to 729. The number of trips led per year has doubled from 108 to 211. The average number of trips per month has doubled from 9 to 17.5. The total number of trip participants per year has doubled from 962 to 1881. The average number of participants per trip has remained steady at approximately 9.

Each leader present was asked to introduce themselves and the current board members were introduced.

Robbie Monsma-Communications
Mark Wolf-Leader Manager and Treasurer
Susan Quechenberger-Trip Coordinator
Abbie Gentry and Sue Ahlberg-News Letter Publishers
Suzy Allexan-Social Chair

Six new leaders were introduced: Rich McAdams, Ken Ruiz, Richard Schiebel, Abby Gentry, Chris Larson, Stan Moore

Treasurers Report: We started the year with $283 in our account. We collected $200 for the picnic. We spent $256.28 on the picnic. So we finished the year with $226.72 in our account.

The 2020 Summer Picnic will be on Friday, September 11th, 4:30 to 8:30. The location is to be determined.

The Bobcats policies are identical to those of the CMC.

We have revised the Bobcats Mission Statement as follows.

*The Bobcats’ mission is to provide a variety of challenging CMC trips, mostly on weekdays, for our mostly age 50+ constituents.

We don’t have dues or elections and we invite all CMC members to sign up for any Bobcat trip.

We send out a monthly email with all the coming month’s trips just after they are activated. You can also search the CMC Calendar for Bobcats trips any time by using an asterisk ( *) in the “Keyword Search” box.

To join our free mailing list and become a Bobcat member, write or call CMC Membership services at office@cmc.org or (303)-279-3080.
We have new email addresses for our newsletter and trip coordinator. They are as follows:

Newsletter and picture submission: cmcbobcatnews@gmail.com
Trip Coordinator: cmcbobcattrips@gmail.com

It is no longer necessary to submit your trips to the trip coordinator after you have posted them. Just BE SURE you have placed an asterisk after the trip name and the coordinator will find your trip and post it to the schedule for the newsletter publishers.

Several Jeffco trails have been closed due to muddy conditions. To avoid going to one of these trails and being disappointed that you can’t hike there call 303-271-5925. The Website where all the current alerts are is https://www.jeffco.us/1531/Alerts-Closures
You can sign up for email alerts at https://jeffco.us/list.aspx This may be the easiest way to keep up on closures.

Robbie handed out our Bobcat business cards to give to prospective hikers who would like to join our mailing list. Also, she passed out a signup sheet for people who would like to go to New Member Night and talk up the Bobcats.

Several of our leaders are also leading for the new Backpacking Section. On January 21 there is a “Stake Your Claim” meeting where leaders can identify the preplanned backpacks.

Rich McAdams is trying to develop a course that emphasizes Backcountry Incident Management. It is a topic only superficially addressed in several schools but needs more of a primary focus. He is looking for assistance with course development especially as regards the field trips and potential instructors.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Wolf