BPX COMMITTEE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS
March 2 –April 3, 2021

1. March 9th and February 9th Meeting Minutes posted.
2. Pat McKinley and Mercedes Aponte appointed to Team Leader Development Team by Chair; Pat McKinley identified as Trip Leader Development Coordinator with the function having committee voting privileges once Uwe moves to Chair position and Bill and Pat move up to Trip Leader Coordinator and Trip Development Coordinator.
3. Review of original BPX Committee Organization Document identified seven voting committee functions; currently the voting functions are Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, Trip Leader Coordinator, Research Coordinator, Communications Coordinator, Trip Coordinator, General; Linda has been held both Secretary/Treasurer and Communications Coordinator thus having 6 voting functions. Adding the Trip Leader Development Coordinator and fulfilling a Communications Coordinator position increase voting functions to eight. Increasing functional voting positions requires a change in the BPX Organization Document and a vote of the BPX Operations Committee but does require approval by DGC.
4. Decrease in trip “official group size” from 4 to 3 remains at with the State Council; Keegan Young contacted as to issues needing resolution.
5. Call with Aim Adventure University representative from Outside Publication Group which has purchased Backpacker Magazine held with Keegan Young; representative found favorable the idea of CMC instructors providing field instruction for on-line programs but due to multiple acquisitions the parent company is overwhelmed currently. Follow up in 3 to 6 months. Pilot program for CMC remains open for discussion with Keegan Young.
6. Proposal for BPX Scholarships provided by Chair to cmte; no action required.
7. COTREX presentations by Joe O’Brien, Alex Alma and Randy Blosser held March 4 and March 11th. Both recorded and posted on BPX FB and on BPX Google Drive.
8. Second month of BPX non-renewal at 70% considered quite concerning. Cheryl contacted CMC staff requesting comparable CMC stats, but these are not available due to confidentiality. Consideration given to learning if Denver Group has non-renewal stats. Linda to contact Cindy Lehr, DG Co-Chair. Other suggestions as to increased activity by committee to provide additional member benefits made by multiple committee members. Consideration of a survey made in electronic communications, but it was determined that increased activities would be a better approach to encourage retention than a survey.
9. New member backpack trips considered, discussed, agreed cmte has too much on table to take on at this point.
10. Joint Trips Plan for 2022 concluded to be included in 2022 Trips Plan by Chair.
11. Trip Matrix roll out to members made on schedule on March 31 with BPX trip registration to be open on April 14th. Trips Team to activate all trips prior to April 14th. Updated Trip Registration Guidelines developed, posted to BPX webpage, BPX Google Drive and linked in notice to members sent on March 31.

12. COVID Restrictions by CMC and State; currently overnight trips are being approved on a one-by-one basis; request made for deviation from State to have all BPX trips approved with protocols in place at time followed. Noted that at the time CMC Covid protocols were not updated to March State of Colorado protocols. Keegan Young identified new protocols were to be on CMC webpage by early April.

13. Linda provided multiple spread sheets of past school grads to Pat and Mercedes as source potential BPX Trip Leaders.

14. Neil and Danielle were provided Event Coordinator Check Lists for SYC, Gear Checks, Birthday Bash by Linda.

15. Jennie Popovich resigned from the cmte effective March 9th.

16. Backpacker Magazine Gear Testers include John, Uwe, and Danielle. All had reviews in GEAR ISSUE of the magazine.


18. Keegan Young has committed to leading two BPX trips, one on the Colorado Trail and one in Lost Creek Wilderness. Linda to handle details and then turn over to Events as Keegan wants to use trips as a fund raiser for YEP. Donation of $100 per participant on each trip with 6 participants, himself, and a co-leader for each trip. Co-leaders to be invited by Keegan and selected from School Directors in all CMC Groups.

19. NEW COVID GUIDELINES POSTED BY CMC STAFF ON APRIL 1ST REQUIRE ALL TRIP LEADERS TAKE MULTIPLE ACTIONS PRIOR TO TRIPS AND DURING TRIPS. A “PLAN B” IS REQUIRED TO BE POSTED FOR EVERY SINGLE TRIP DESCRIPTION.

Open Items from Prior Month(s) Not Resolved

1. Trips completed vs Trip Days completed; issue stalled due to lack of staff available (see item 4 above).

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3. Official group size change is at State Council. Linda has inquired of State Council Chair status of issue on agenda.

3. Response received from DS&L about TLS and having BPX cmte members designated Instructor Leaders; Linda will follow up with Kevin Schall, Chair

4. Standby Pool of Members Willing to Go on Short Notice to be developed; announce to members with Advance Trip Matrix on 4/14; list to be provided to all BPX Trip Leaders (identified as technique for Slay the Dragon/Roster Churn).