BPX COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2021
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Zoom Conference Attendees: John Walters, Linda Lawson, Louise Campbell-Blair, Randy Blosser, Uwe Sartori, Leila Murphy, Cheryl Harmel, Danielle Piscatelli, Neil Arthur, Pat McKinley, Mercedes Aponte, Bill Greer, Dinorah Lebron

Absent: Maggie Burns, Mike Holden, Steve Wolf

Meeting called to Order: 7:10 pm  Meeting Adjourned 8:30 pm

Chair’s Opening Comments: Introduced Mercedes and Pat as part of Trip Leader Development Team. Comments focused on Operations Plan; Trip Leaders are the critical resource for BPX; all functions are dependent on sufficient trip leaders. Motion for 2022 Trip Leader Operations Plan acceptance made, seconded, and approved unanimously by voting members.

Request made of Secretary to identify criteria for voting member designation.*

The 2022 Operations Plans for Membership, Communications, Events and Research are due to committee a minimum of a week in advance of April meeting on 13th.

Action Items: An update provided by Louise will be used as base for April Action Items.

Electronic Communications: Discussion identified need for BPX Instructor Leaders to be designated by Denver Safety & Leadership (DS&L) to allow Trip Leader School grads to complete their LIT as a backpacking trip. Linda will submit Pat’s, Uwe’s, and her name to DS&L for BPX Instructor Leader designation.

It was reported the approval of an official trip as 3 rather than 4 for activities other than climbing, and 2 for climbing rather than 4 remains at the State Council; Keegan Young, CMC ED, has advised he will move the assessment along. Discussion of wildcat trips and insurance coverage ensued.

Trip Leader Coordinator Function: A phone campaign, organized by Uwe, will begin March 10 to inquire why leaders have not yet claimed a trip. Discussion ensued as to deadlines for claimed trips, rollout to members, etc. Consensus that no changes will be made in deadlines but if needed an updated Trip Matrix could be sent to members between March 31 and April 14. No BPX leaders accepted this month.

Trip Coordinator Function: Forty-two trips claimed as of March 9th of those rolled out to leaders on February 3rd. Discussion ensued as to reasons for lack of claimed trips. Of note is the need for trips to be activated to enable members to claim trips on April 14th. Steve and Louise to determine necessary actions and whether additional committee members needed to activate trips. Of note that April committee meeting is April 13th.

Events: SYC assessment completed by Event Coordinators with recommendations for future actions; recommendation not yet distributed.

COTREX Module 1 issues with audience size allowed believed eliminated for Module 2 on March 11. Recording of Module 1 by Jeff Flax allows it to be on file in BPX Google Drive; verification by Mike Holden needed. Module 2 recording to also be saved to BPX Google Drive.

Social Media Team: COTREX messaging campaign initiated for Module 2.
Suggestion made that BPX Leaders need instruction for how to “up their trip game” by posting on FB, Instagram, etc. Suggestion made that Events Coordinators consider a Zoom session for leaders with Social Media team coaching leaders to post more information. Chair identified need for daily posting on social media by committee members and leaders and unofficial goal of 1000 followers.

**Research Function:** Over 230 BPX members have not renewed membership. Requests for data made of CMC in an effort to learn whether BPX members also did not renew CMC membership. Suggested three question survey identified as a method to learn of reasons for non-renewal.

Additional ideas generated for engagement of members as “value added”.

**Communications:** Leila Murphy requested articles from outgoing Chair for March and incoming Chair for April. Newsletter to continue notice of need for Communications Coordinator.

**Backpacking School:** Denver’s BKPS has 17 registrants with 31 slots open; Pikes Peak offering has 3 registrants with 8 openings.

**Next Meeting:** April 13; Zoom call to be arranged

* The Committee Organization paper, dated August 26, 2019, establishes 7 committee members as voting members.

** As of 3/13, fifty-three trips have been claimed