BPX COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 13, 2020

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Zoom Conference Attendees:  John Walters, Steve Wolf, Linda Lawson, Louise Campbell-Blair, Randy Blosser, Sandy Heise, Uwe Sartori

Absent: Linda Taipale, Jennie Popovich, Cheryl Harmel, Mike Holden

Meeting called to Order: 7:03 pm

Chair’s Opening Comments: John introduced Cheryl Harmel and Mike Holden to the committee. As a result of Sandy Heise working on a book update for Falcon Press, she wishes to remain a BPX Leader but not remain as CMC Press Liaison.

Committee members discussed the meaning of BPX Core Values focusing on Commitment, Leadership, Excellence and Transparency. Specific focus from the discussion – Commitment is part of Community because that is to whom commitment is made – the Community; to have a viable Community there is a need for social interaction; Leadership includes committing to and following the BPX Guidelines provided in order to provide Excellence to our membership.

Action Items: A new Master Action Items document was provided prior to the meeting. The Master Action Items provides existing and recurrent duties for the BPX Ops Committee Functions of Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, Membership, Communications, Promotions, Trip Leader Coordinator, Trips Coordinator and Research.

Annual Meeting Officers & Functional roles: No one expressed interest in moving from an existing role to another. Members were encouraged to consider changing roles so that training can be completed by April.

October Brainstorming Session on Roster Churn Results: A document provided in advance of meeting laying out four topics arising from the brainstorming session: Education/Communication, Trip Limitation, Monetary Incentive, Timing Trip Rollout with strengths and weakness provided for each topic.

Because the document identifying strengths and weakness of each idea by the four topics was provided in advance discussion was intended to gain consensus on actions to be taken. Discussion of the topics was recognized as not in keeping with the Fast Track Guidelines.

Due to time limits discussion of three topics resulted in the following actions to be implemented.

Trip Limitation: 1TL & 3TL) Trip Limits not recommended; however, the Chair has provided to all committee members a document that supersedes the recommendation calling for no limits at initial registration. The Trip Rollout to Members calls for a limit of 2 trips and one standby trip at initial Rollout, but allows no limit on the number of trips for which a member may register once a trip is within 30 days of a trip start date and when the trip has openings or a wait list.

Trip Roll Out Timing to Members: 1TRT) Provide Trip Matrix two weeks in advance of single trip roll out date for all members.

2TRT) Single date Trip Rollout to Leaders of 60 pre-planned trips rather than staggered roll out

3TRT & 4TRT) Just in Time (JIT) trips rolled out 30 days in advance of trip date

5TRT) Standby pool of members willing to go on trips on short notice
Monetary Incentive:  **Dues will need to be implemented** because the existing CMC registration system does not allow for automated deposits for Trips as a category. No decision was made related to amount or timing of dues implementation.

**Trip Roll Out Timing to Leaders:**  Provide Trip Matrix two weeks in advance of single trip roll out date of February 17, 2021

**Education/Communication:** The brainstorming topic was not discussed due to time constraints. Linda will come back to cmte with suggested priorities for this topic.

The Chair identified the need for the committee to consider the KISS (Keep It Simple) approach in determining how to Slay the Dragon (Roster Churn).

**Committee Function:**  No discussion

**Membership Function:**  On September 1st BPX membership is at 1495.

**Trip Leader Coordinator Function:**  E-mail report provided prior to the meeting by Uwe. Chair noted multiple spread sheets of potential leaders were being maintained and the process needs to be simplified. Uwe, John, and Linda to coordinate.

**Trip Coordinator Function:**  Steve Wolf provided a 2021 Trip Plan Proposal prior to the meeting. Discussion ensued on need for Leader’s trip comments to update the Trip Summary, need for additional trips to be solicited by Uwe and Randy from BPX Leaders, timing of various documents as proposed was identified needing to be earlier considering the decision during the Brainstorming session the Trip Matrix is to be provided to Leaders two weeks in advance of the roll out date of February 17th.

The updates related to mileage, trip classification, camp sites, etc. can begin immediately by the Research Team.

**Research Function:**  Louise discussed need to communicate survey results to leaders and a process to make the communication as simple as possible. She also identified those stats she will give at the BPX Birthday Bash. General survey results were included in ‘Backcountry Cache’ September issue of the BPX newsletter.

BPX Birthday Bash: Saturday, October 17, Staunton State Park. Linda provided a timetable and assignments prior to the meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned:**  8:30 pm

**Next Meeting:**  November 10th; Zoom call to be arranged by staff

Submitted by Linda Lawson October 31, 2020