Bobcats Board Meeting
June 13, 2018

Board Members Present: Mark Wolf, Robbie Monsma, Vaune Pelletier, Stephanie Wright, Kevin Schaal

1) Board discussed having a 2018 Summer Picnic and selected a date and a possible location. Date of picnic to be September 9th. Potential location to be Pine Valley Ranch. Time of day was not determined. Picnic announcement was made in the weekly newsletter of June 21st along with a request for “a few more people are needed to work with Stephanie on the picnic committee”. Bobcats will provide the meat dish for the picnic, then request attendees bring potluck items. Further details to be worked out by the Picnic Committee.

2) The Board supports the idea of repeating the Leader Gathering that was held in January, 2018. No details were finalized regarding a 2019 gathering. Board felt it was beneficial for the leaders to meet and wanted to provide an event where communications between leaders would be encouraged.

3) Mark reported we had a bank balance of approximately $670 and communicated that there have been significant issues with rationalizing the balance that he (Mark) believes we have and the balance reported by the Denver Group Treasurer. However, it has been agreed to accept the Denver Group’s balance and move forward. Denver Group policy is that any funds left unused at year’s end must, by policy, be returned to the Denver Group. Therefore, the Bobcats Board prefers to maintain a balance approaching zero. Board could not cite any purchase(s) for which excess funds would be used.

4) Mark reported that we have 21 active leaders at the time of the meeting (22 as of the date of this writing) and about 600 members. That is a ratio of 1 leader to 27 members. Bobcats goal is to have the ratio be 1:25 thereby hoping to keep wait lists to a minimum. Recently it has been noticed that some leaders are not actively leading trips. The Board is well aware of life outside the CMC and does not want to set unreasonable requirements. Therefore, the Board reduced the number of trips led per year from 12 to between 8 and 10. Also, if a leader will not be leading for a month or more due to vacation, injury, or just taking a break, Board will ask those leaders to advise Vaune of when they anticipate resuming leading trip. The board acknowledges the high quality and variety of trips that are being offered, and the fact that we are doing quite well at this time but with greater participation from those leaders leading less than agreed upon trips, we could be doing even better. Mark to write thank you to the leaders stating all of our appreciation and gratitude.

5) Robbie was elected to serve an additional 3-year term as Bobcats Communications Director, expiring in 2021.

6) Mark was elected to serve an additional 3-year term as Bobcats Treasurer and Trip Leader Manager, expiring in 2021.

7) Kevin reported the difficulty John Wethey had had in getting one of the RMOTHG biking Instructor Leaders t-+++ to provide him with a bike LIT so he could begin leading road bike trips. Kevin reported that the DS&L committee would be voting on a motion he would introduce at the next DS&L meeting to waive the LIT requirement for John based on John’s excellent and extensive biking resume. DS&L unanimously passed the motion and approved John to begin leading road bike trips. In addition, DS&L presented John with the opportunity to be an Instructor Leader for approving subsequent applicants interested in leading road bike trips. John accepted the position of being a road bike Instructor Leader.

Respectfully submitted, July 4, 2018 by Kevin Schaa