Bobcats Board Meeting May 31, 2022

All Present: Sue Ahlberg, Abbie Gentry, Jim Guerra, Linda Jagger, Susan Quechenberger, Rich Schiebel

Meeting started at approximately 1:30 pm, and adjourned at approximately 4pm

Agenda Items:

1) Vote for approval of January changes to our Bylaws: All changes approved.

2) New CMC website rollout: CMC staff supporting the rollout of the new Olympus software are requesting that each CMC section recruit trip leaders to help support others transition to the new system. Susan will send an email to all of the Bobcats trip leaders on this front.

3) Schedule Annual Leader Meeting, location, division of labor: Date set for November 16, 2022, 11am. Due to the lack of a Social Coordinator, Susan will look into the costs of catering, the primary focus being on Chipotle (or something similar), and will obtain the conference room costs at the CMC building. Sue Ahlberg, as Leader Manager, will lead the meeting.

4) Schedule Annual Picnic, location, division of labor: Date set for Saturday, Sept 10th, at a city park or state park local to Denver. Board members mentioned it would be nice to have the picnic at a location that also provided opportunities for walks or hiking. Susan and others offered to look into possible sites, costs, and availability.

5) Trip leader criteria to maintain leader status: Susan reported that the image and reputation of the Bobcats section has not improved, then reviewed a list of seven infractions, and informed the group that observations were reported by a number of Bobcats members and CMC trip leaders. Susan shared that this was primarily due to a single trip leader's actions, which was in opposition to CMC and Bobcats guidelines and code of conduct. Susan requested support from the Board to take action. The board ultimately instructed Susan to take this up to the State CMC, via Claire Joseph, our designated support person. Abbie agreed to publish the monthly newsletter at 5pm on the 15th of every month, so our members will know when the Bobcats hikes will be activated. The hope was this helps us get closer to providing equal opportunities for our
members. There will be a follow-up board discussion on this front after Susan has reached out to Claire Joseph.

6) Bobcats Facebook page, content, maintenance: Susan shared that she had just received an email communication from Bill Broderick, who had offered to provide information on other CMC sections that had instituted Facebook pages. If asked, he was also willing to be the Facebook administrator for our section. Bill’s email was read aloud, and Susan was asked to forward it to everyone for reference. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the various aspects of instituting a Facebook page for our section. In the end, it was decided that we would need to have a separate board meeting later this summer that would be dedicated just to this topic.

7) Updates to the existing Bobcats web page and photo: The board agreed that we needed a new photo to represent the section. Anyone with good Bobcats group photos was encouraged to submit them to the board for review. It was noted that Abbie may have a good repository of photos since she manages the newsletter, and Jim because he is well known for his photography. Susan agreed to get content updates submitted, noting that the updated bylaws and the secretary notes from this meeting would be needed.

8) Open board member roles: The Communications Manager and Social Coordinator roles are unfilled. It was mentioned that Jan Brady & Stephanie Wright might be good candidates for the Social Coordinator position and Abbie offered to reach out to them to assess their interest level. The board felt the Communication Manager position could be assigned to the individual who would manage the Bobcats Facebook page, providing that functionality is approved by the board and implemented down the road.

9) Archive of Bobcats newsletters on CMC website: This issue was not discussed as we ran out of time. Susan will address this with Abbie offline as it is a simple task and does not require a board discussion or approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Jagger, Secretary
Susan Quechenberger, Co-Secretary