The Rocky Mountain Over The Hill Gang (RMOTHG) Section of the Colorado Mountain Club (CMC) was called to order at 1:00 pm by Scott Kramer on November 11, 2019 in the Drumwright Room at the American Mountaineering Center. Members present were: Dennis Arndt, Janice Johnson, Debra Richardt, Lue Fratantuono, Kirsten Tollefsen, Carol Weir, Marty Pfefer, Ronnie Knueven, and Carol Zurcher

GENERAL BUSINESS

Secretary’s Report — Carol Zurcher

Minutes were approved and accepted.

Membership Coordinators Report — Lue Fratantuono

917 Regular paying members
56 Lifetime members
5 Social members

978 Total

There are 38 people that have opted out of CMC mailings. Lue is checking with these people via email to make sure they know what that means and if that’s what they truly want.

Treasurers Report — Dennis Arndt

Dues collected $10,300

The last data is from August it is not current. There is a lag time, waiting for Chun.

We are within budget. There are no concerns. The Monet Exhibit was a real success.

Only change was number of biking coordinators, which changed amount from $110 to $55.

Extra trips are on their own, not reflected in budget. They stand alone.

Budget was voted on, accepted and passed by the board.
SOCIAL COMMITTEE — Ronnie Knueven

2019 Holiday Party. Room rental $600.00 and she is trying to keep drinks under $200.00.

Would like to do the Christmas party different this year in terms of the menu. Instead of turkey have a couple of Costco hams and King Sooper fried and roasted chicken with mashed potatoes and gravy. It would alleviate all the time in the kitchen. More party enjoyment for everyone. We would still have the membership bringing side dishes. A count of 100ish is used in determining how much food and drinks are needed.

Also, Ronnie noticed our Christmas decorations were looking very shabby after years of use. She would like to, instead, buy poinsettias one for each table. At the end of party one person from each table would be able to take the poinsettia from their table home through a drawing.

These suggestions were approved by the board for our 2019 Christmas party.

We will still do the children’s donations with two large boxes up front at check-in for the unwrapped gifts. There will be a “nice” gift exchange game (L & R) as well as the white elephant exchange.

Proposed Social Committee Events for 2020:

January celebrate our Over 80 Members January 13 or 27, at Hacienda Colorado
February Bowling date TBD
March Cherokee Ranch Lunch and Tour date TBD
April Happy Hour at Denver Biscuit Company date TBD
May Dim Sum Dinner date TBD
June Denver Graffiti Walking Tour date TBD
July Annual Picnic Staunton State Park July 18, 2020
August Paddle Board Cherry Creek Reservoir date TBD
September Annual Meeting date TBD
October Vehicle Vault date TBD
November Happy Hour date TBD
December Holiday Party December 6, 2020

For the Annual Meeting Ronnie has a suggestion for a speaker. Lead Ranger Maryann at Jeffco Parks Department. She speaks for free. Scott said he wanted to talk specifics about Annual Meeting at a later date.

DENVER GROUP LIAISON — Kathy Kurtz (not present)

Kathy Kurtz was under the weather and could not attend. She sent the board an email going over their last meeting. Highlights are below.

-DG Councilor elections outcome Cyndi Lehr, Sue Holden and Zach Eiten we’re elected.
- Sarah Thompson is the new Schools Committee Chairman. This position had been vacant for many months.
- DS&L was approved to allow SALT support for DG knot-tying school.
- Robbie recently worked with Chun to secure free weekend access to the AMC building for all CMC schools and also a free classroom for Brad Cotten’s Avalanche Terrain Avoidance class. ATA is required for winter season trip leaders.
- Update on Day Hiker School — Functions in modular for portions of WTS. Mike O’Connor, instructor, plans to launch DHS this coming spring.
- Linda Lawson provided information on the area that the USFS considers over-used.
- They have asked us not to lead trips in those areas for the time being. We will check with Kathy about what those are.
- Leader Appreciation Night was a hit!

**NEW COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER — AMENDED BYLAWS — Kirsten Tollefsen**

The Amended bylaws (specifically Article 4, Paragraph 9) were presented at today’s meeting.

The changes to the bylaws were accepted and approved.

**NEW BUSINESS — Scott Kramer**

Things to think about and discuss at our next meeting in January 2020.

- Goals for the year, what do we want to accomplish?
- Communications with members and obtaining feedback.
- New Leaders and how we can promote our members to become leaders, provide mentoring.
  Kirsten, Martha, and Elaine will continue with their Leadership Committee. Kirsten will continue pursuing our need for a new updated website. She will talk to Lauren to get it started.
- The lack of people to do training. What type of training does our group want?
- Bobcats - is there a way to get them back in our group? A way that is beneficial to both groups? Scott will talk to Robbie and see if their is anyway to work this out. Maybe they would be willing to reconsider their position, some of them are RMOTHG members.
- Recognition Awards? Scott wants a committee to look at some kind of recognition for our leaders. Carol Weir and Debra volunteered and will brainstorm some ideas and get back to board next meeting.
  Perhaps coordinators could make a presentation.
- Reimbursement to Margie, Neil, and Ron for the hiker name tags they have been making for their hikes. Just to cover their costs.
- Lastly, the Annual Meeting in September. Any ideas? Do we want to change anything? are we happy with the venue? Our bylaws require us to have an Annual Meeting. We could put out a Monkey Survey and get feedback from members.

Meeting Adjourned At 3:15 pm
Next Meeting January 13, 2020
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted
Carol Zurcher