The Rocky Mountain Over The Hill Gang (RMOTHG) Section of the Colorado Mountain Club (CMC) was called to order at 1:00 pm by Kirsten Tollefsen on Thursday September 5, 2019 in the Drumwright Room at the American Mountaineering Center. Board Members present were: Dennis Arndt, Diana Bliss, Janice Johnson, Lue Fratantuono, Scott Kramer, Kirsten Tollefsen, Jane Vanderkolk and Carol Zurcher. Also present were: Debra Richardt, Robbie Monsma, Carol Weir, Veronica (Ronnie) Knueven and Ida Sansoucy.

**GENERAL BUSINESS — KIRSTEN**

Welcome to our new Board Members and Robbie Monsma (Co-Liaison),

Debra Richardt, Janice Johnson and Carol Weir.

Thanks to Jane Vanderkolk and Diana Bliss for all their hard work. They are leaving the board.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT — JANICE (FILLED IN FOR CAROL IN JULY)**

Minutes were accepted. Thank you Janice.

**MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR’S REPORT — LUE**

913 Regular Members  
5 Social Members  
56 Lifetime Members

974 Total Members

47 Out of state Members

**DENVER GROUP LIAISON CO-CHAIR — ROBBIE MONSMA**

New member hikes are still ongoing she is doing about 3 a month. Forty-eight ascending hikes completed so far this year. A very successful program. Jeff Stevens needs backup people for these hikes due to size. Anyone interested in being a backup should contact Jeff Stevens. The people on these hikes are wanting to learn about the club and the classes offered.

There are 3 council positions up for election for 2019/2020 Denver Council, ballots are coming. Two people in group need to quit so 2 appointees are needed Robbie has a couple of people in mind.

They are gearing up for Mountain Fest September 28-29, 2019. This is our “Signature Event” primarily for the community (per Keegan). The focus is mostly on Mountaineering/Climbing Kathy and Robbie are working on getting more emphasis on Day Hikes. Need more parody.

The Annual Dinner is November 17, 2019. Submit nominations for Annual Denver Group Service Awards to Jeff Flax.

Track File Manager is up to 354 tracks and 74 users for GPS people. It was mentioned that we need a lesson on how to use it. Robbie will work on that. Our coordinators should know about it and how we would use it as Day hikers.
There is a statewide “Diversity” Committee now and we need a representative from the Denver Group. Brittany Smith is running it. If anyone is interested or if you know someone with an HR background that might be interested please let Robbie or Kathy know.

We are getting a Backpacking section and should have approval next Wednesday. This is being put together by Linda Lawson and John Walters.

Also, we are finally getting Modular WTS. Mike O’Connor is setting this up. Instead of a 5 week commitment we will be able to do it online, then take a quiz and go out for a one day experience. FYI first year renewals are up from 19% to 28%.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER — KIRSTEN

Amended bylaws will be provided for approval at November’s Board Meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING BRUNCH — KIRSTEN

As of today we have 92 attending, 57 are paying guests and 35 volunteers are attending.

Ida Sansoucy and Veronica (Ronnie) Knueven were at the meeting representing the Social Committee. Ida will be stepping down as chairman and Ronnie Knueven and LouAnn Dixon will be co-chairing the Social Committee position for the new year. Social committee members will also include Ginny Keir, Ava Navi and Kimberley Houk.

There were discussions on how to best use leftover money for members and for recognition. Kirsten brought up the idea of drink vouchers for members who signed up and paid in advance. That amounted to $644. That still left $682 to use for something special for members/recognition. Many ideas were tossed out i.e., gift certificates from CMC, 2 drink vouchers instead of 1, handkerchiefs with the RMOTHG logo, purchase CMC books that coordinator’s could pass out to Trip Leaders/volunteers or we could place a sticker under one of the chairs at each table for a book. Dennis brought up the fact that some of these ideas should be pursued with the coordinators for next year as we are at the end of our fiscal year and running out of time and the money has to be decided now. It was decided to purchase CMC books and place a “Winner Sticker” under one chair at each table. Then, who ever had the the sticker could go up and pick out a book. Diana Bliss volunteered to get the books for the Brunch. She will pay and Dennis will reimburse her. One book per table with 12 tables......12 books.

So, there will be 1 drink voucher passed out to each prepaid member at check in. It was decided that for those members who came at the last minute (had not preregistered or paid) would not get a drink voucher. We do not want to set a precedent. Ronnie asked if we wanted her to add a title under names on the name tag to show if the person is on the board or a volunteer. We agreed that would be a nice touch.

Kirsten set the schedule for the day of the Annual Meeting:

11:00 am - Noon Happy Hour
12:30 pm - Eat
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm. Kirsten about RMOTHG and it's accomplishments over the past year to membership. Also introduce new Board.
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Entertainment, Legendary Ladies
Whether we do Mt. Vernon again next year or not will be discussed/decided at our next meeting in November.

Scott will play a slideshow during the Brunch showing our membership out in beautiful Colorado hiking, biking, snowshoeing etc.

**NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS**

Board positions up for election are Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and new Communication Officer.

Kirsten nominated Scott Kramer for Chair he accepted it was seconded with all in favor. Scott nominated Debra Richardt for Vice Chair she accepted it was seconded with all in favor. Kirsten re-nominated Dennis Arndt for Treasurer he accepted it was seconded with all in favor. Carol Zurcher volunteered to remain as Secretary it was seconded with all in favor. Lou Fratantuono volunteered to stay on as Membership Coordinator with the caveat that she wants to mentor someone for the position.

It was seconded with all in favor. New Position **COMMUNICATION OFFICER** Kirsten nominated Janice Johnson she accepted it was seconded with all in favor. Kirsten is stepping down from Chair position, but will remain on the Board. Carol Weir will be joining the Board. Diana Bliss and Jane Vanderkolk will be leaving the Board, thank you for your service Diana and Jane.

**TREASURERS REPORT AND 2019-2020 BUDGET REVIEW — DENNIS**

Income dues reported as of June 19, 2019 are $8,695.
The two items at the bottom of page (-$195.00 and -$72.00) have not cleared yet.

Treasurer’s report was accepted and approved by the board.

Dennis sent a draft out on September 5, 2019 of the Budget for 2019-2020. We will vote to approve next year’s budget at our November meeting. Kirsten asked if we had the amount of funds left from last year to this year. Dennis said we won’t know exact amount until end of fiscal year report from Chun is available after the first of next year.

All coordinators have completed their “Budget Request” forms for next year and have been reviewed. Lou made a motion to accept the new Budget Requests, it was seconded with all in favor.

Kirsten questioned the proposed budget for the Annual Meeting for the next fiscal year. There was a detailed discussion regarding the budgeted amount which resulted in the Board accepting the amount of $2,900 for the Annual Meeting as noted in the proposed budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Kirsten also mentioned that the budget request for Cycling included an incorrect number of coordinators resulting in an incorrect amount being requested for the coordinator’s meeting. The correct number of coordinators for Cycling is 11 and therefore the amount that should be budgeted for the coordinators meeting is $55.00. The Board agreed on the revised amount.

The Budget will be revised and reviewed for approval at our next meeting in November.
MOUNTAIN FEST UPDATE — Scott

Scott talked with someone named Mary Jane about a booth for our group. The hours for the booth are 9:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday and 9:00 am to Noon on Sunday. Scott explained our dilemma of not being able to man it that amount of time. Mary Jane suggested we share a booth either with the Denver Group or CMC. Kirsten suggested sharing a booth with the Denver Group.

We need volunteers to man the booth Janice said she could talk to Mary Bradley about getting some brochures/materials together to give to volunteers. She would not be available to man the booth herself. Many of us were not available on those days. I believe Carol Weir and Debra Richardt were working something out. Please correct me if I’m wrong on that.

Scott asked “what are our goals for next year” for us to think about it and pass on on any thoughts we have to him.

Thanks to Kirsten for a Great Job!

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm
Next meeting November 4, 2019  1:00 to 3:00 pm

Respectfully submitted
Carol Zurcher