PRESENT: Scott Kramer, Kirsten Tollefsen, Janice Johnson, Marty Pfefer, Kathy Kurtz, Carol Weir, Dennis Arndt, Debbie Richardt, Ronnie Knueven, Lue Fratantuono, and Carol Zurcher

GENERAL BUSINESS — CAROL ZURCHER

Minutes were accepted and approved.

MEMBERSHIP — LUE FRATANTUONO

Membership appears to be growing, and is looking good.

Regular Membership       920  
Social Members                  5  
Lifetime Members              55  
Total Membership             955  

Kathy said that concurs with Denver Group Memberships. They are looking good also.

TREASURERS REPORT — DENNIS ARNDT

Ronnie received the refunds for this years Annual Picnic from Staunton Park and also for the Annual Meeting at Mt. Vernon. This eliminated items from page 2 of budget, leaving $9,900 to spend. So, we are in good shape. Scott asked if there were any updates from CMC? Dennis said no updates from CMC. Ronnie asked about a new new budget? It will be out in August.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT — RONNIE KNUEVEN

Ronnie mentioned the refunds from Staunton and Mt. Vernon. She is good with Dennis. Kirsten asked if we should go ahead and book Mt. Vernon for next year this September? We tabled it till our September meeting. Dennis told Ronnie to put it in the budget for next year. Also to put in Staunton Park. Ronnie said maybe she would wait until January to book Mt. Vernon since we don’t know what’s going on with COVID-19.

CMC DENVER COUNCIL LIASON REPORT — KATHY KURTZ

Kathy handed out a lengthy report to each of us to peruse. Some highlights: 1. Denver Group has been asked by the CMC State Board of Directors to provide a grant to help finance the CMC IT up grade. This has been under discussion for quite awhile. Everyone agrees a new website is critical to the clubs future success. 2. Approved BPX request to change backpacking classification. 3. New Trail Patch for Grover’s Trail crews. The state office covered the $300 cost. 4. DG Annual dinner will be virtual, and will likely be combined with trip leader appreciation. Sheryl Lampert hopefully will be the speaker with a presentation of her team’s summit of Denali. 5. Quick Start Navigation Lectures, by Mike Tischer. 6. CMC membership is at an “all time high” (7,285) according to Roger. However, revenues are way down. All staff have had their hours reduced to 30 hours a week and Brittany (Marketing Director) has been furloughed for 90 days. (COVID-19).
7. WFA — Jeff Flax is working with the State's provider, Backcountry Pulse (BP) to teach this online. BP will be taking over the former Denver Group sessions and plans to sometimes use the DG volunteer WFA instructors. Jeff has worked very hard to make this a reality as he is taking over the State BOD Presidency. 8. Day Hiker (for modular WTS) is starting up soon. Field days are on the calendar. 9. RE: State Council (SC) business — Kathy is on the newly formed One Club Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER REPORT — JANICE JOHNSON

She is not receiving the requested photos from Leaders and Volunteers for virtual Annual Meeting. An email blast needs to go out and remind everyone to submit their photo.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Debbie and Carol W. are working on Awards for Leaders and volunteers. Carol W. Sent out an email to the board for some ideas for awards. Dennis sent Carol a great list of ideas. This year, because of COVID-19. Carol and Debbie concluded that sending Thank You cards to show our appreciation would be a good idea as the club is hurting for money right now. Other ideas were: Ronnie suggested adding names and photos to our Newsletter. Lue said too many people to put in all their photos. Maybe just put names in Newsletter and show photos at Zoom Meeting. Kirsten suggested sending personal thank you cards to leaders and other volunteers about 60 in all. Janice said using the same text in all the cards thanking them individually via mail. Maybe the work could be divvied up among board members to send out. Ronnie volunteered to take on the project of printing Thank You cards with a note from the RMOTHG Board thanking all leaders and volunteers. Carol W. And Debbie will send her all the names and Lue will provide addresses. Ronnie will create something from some photos. She has some ideas plus Kirsten said Colleen Landry has a bunch of outdoor photos we could use. Ronnie will create something and send it to the Board for review. Dennis will reimburse her for ink cartridges. Ronnie was eager to take on this project!

Board Replacements — SCOTT

Scott reported that we have only one person, Mike O’Connor, that we know of interested at this time. He will submit a biography and photo. Marty and Dennis know of no one to fill their two positions. It’s difficult this year because of the limitations the virus has presented. Kirsten asked Susanne Spandau once again. Scott said he would give another year if no one steps forward. Bio’s need to be in the August Newsletter. Scott is putting together Survey Monkey for voting.

ANNUAL MEETING FORMAT will be ZOOM. Carol W. And Janice have been working on this. Bring your own wine and snacks and join us for annual meeting. Janice sent an email on the subject to board members. Janice suggested we recruit some technical help to have on hand just in case. Jeff Flax would be good and also Jeanne Eiss. Debbie suggested her husband Richard to host a section with pictures. We would have 2 sections with different topics and members could sign up for 2 events. Each topic would have a host that would lead the group’s discussions of that topic. There would be 8 to 10 people in each session. Each session would be about 20 minutes long. We don’t know how many participants we will have. Scott will send out a survey for signing up for events and also to find out people’s interests. The Annual Meeting (on Zoom) will be September 17, 2020 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. Kathy asked how/when
will we recognize people? That will be done in the General Session at the start of meeting. Everyone will begin in the General Session. Scott thinks we will have 45-50 participants. It was mentioned again that Jeanne Eiss and Maryann Mayer deserve recognition. Scott will ask coordinators how they would like to participate in the General Session.

NEW ACTIVITIES FOR RMOTHG — Scott

A couple of new activities are being considered. One would be RMOTHG Fly Fishing group. Celia Dunlap in talks with Scott expressed interest in that with different rules and regulations than the CMC group. This will be explored. Kirsten said Wayne is asking Board about having a Downhill skiing group for RMOTHG. Ronnie and Scott thought that was a good idea. We need to find out from CMC if we would be covered by insurance. Kirsten will check with Wayne. We will promote it.

Scott asked if there was anything else? Dennis asked do we have another meeting before Annual Meeting? We will have a board meeting September 14, 2020 to settle budget issues and present new officers. Debbie mentioned RMNP needing reservations to enter. Could something be put in Newsletter so people would know? Janice said she will notify Maryann. Debbie asked if we needed a quorum for Annual Meeting and Scott said no.

Next (Zoom) Board meeting September 14, 2020 — 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm

Respectfully submitted
Carol Zurcher