RMOTHG BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

PRESENT: Scott Kramer, Kirsten Tollefsen, Lue Fratantuono, Janice Johnson, Kathy Kurtz, Ronnie Knueven, Carol Weir, Dennis Arndt, Carol Zurcher, Susanne Spandau, and Mike O’Conner

GENERAL BUSINESS

Scott welcomed Mike, Susanne and Ronnie to the Board. FYI 50 people voted for the Board election.

SECRETARY REPORT — CAROL ZURCHER

Meeting began at 1:05 pm

Secretary Minutes were voted on and approved and accepted by the Board.

MEMBERSHIP — LUE FRATANTUONO

Happy to report that memberships are up and most people are renewing their memberships.

Regular Members: 969
Social Members: 5
Lifetime Members: 55

Total Memberships = 1,029

TREASURERS REPORT — DENNIS ARNDT

Nothing new to report on budget. Nothing from CMC to date.
The new Controller at CMC is a top notch person and is trying to catch up.

Scott said there would be more talk on the budget later in meeting.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT— RONNIE KNEUVEN

As soon as she gets the OK to do something social, she is ready. Ronnie and The Social Committee are still planning a Christmas party for December 5, 2020. They will still need an OK from CMC. When things are better and we have the OK Ronnie and committee have lots of ideas and would like to have Happy Hour perhaps every other month. We will talk more at the November meeting.

We still have the CMC party room reserved for December 5, 2020. Scott will check with Keegan to see if he has anything to say about this years party with the COVID-19. We have tables for 110 people but Mike brought up the fact that we just don’t know if that will work with the required social distancing. We will discuss some other alternatives.

CMC DENVER COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT — KATHY KURTZ

Bear with me on this portion of the minutes. KEY POINTS:
New, as of August 2020 CMC State Office is in a partnership with Backcountry Pulse LLC. They will become our club’s sole WFA provider in the Denver Metro Area. Because of the COVID-19 PANDEMIC Rachel Sapp (BCP Owner) and our own Jeff Flax (Director of Denver Group WFA) worked together to revise the WFA curriculum to incorporate online learning.

We no longer have SALT. BCP will offer free training for leaders and prospective leaders. However, at this time with the pandemic and money constraints the State Office will reserve 5 spaces per WFA course session of free tuition State wide. This is a temporary measure until things get back to normal. The new tuition fee is $200.00.

Online WFA courses are now available.

- Joe Griffith is working on WTS.
- DS & L will not have have “Leadership Appreciation Night” this year.
- Reminder to use Amazon Smile when making purchases.
- Kirsten (RMOTHG) is running for Denver Group Council Liaison as Kathy is leaving. She is going to State Council and will be a Board Representative on State Council from the Denver Group.

We hope Kirsten gets on the Denver Group so RMOTHG will have representation and two way communication between RMOTHG and the Denver Council.

CMC is working towards the “one club” concept for all groups. So, different groups do things the same way as much as possible. Jeff Stevens has adapted the Trip Leader Course to online.

Susanne brought up Jeff Flax’s new position of President of the CMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS. And that his new position should be in the Newsletter. Maryann will be notified. Kathy will get it in Mile High Mountaineer.

Scott asked Mike O’Conner what’s he doing? He’s been working on an online version of Wilderness Trekking School/ Day Hiking School, he has one student so far. However, He got side lined with the virus but is starting up again. He expects Day Hiker school to start up soon. Mike has bowed out of senior instructor school because of the virus situation. We don’t know exactly what is being done with schools right now but they are working on it.

COMMUNICATION OFFICER REPORT — JANICE JOHNSON

Janice, Carol Weir, and Scott have been working on putting the Annual Meeting together. She said she has had no calls from anyone for technical support. She thinks it will go well. 56 people have signed up. Janice will ask Maryann to send out an email blast to everyone who signed up but didn’t get instructions. Scott asked the board to sign up for the practice session so we can see how well it works.

Scott said, for the Annual Meeting, we will have the General Session with Keegan and Kathy. Then thank the Board Members and present the new Board. Also, present the statistics and persons of recognition. We will then go to the break rooms with a host. People will be assigned a room. There are 5 rooms, 10 people per room (approximately). Our 5 hosts are:
ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS — SCOTT KRAMER

For the Chair Position, Scott Kramer was nominated by Carol Weir? Seconded by Kirsten. Scott accepted position for another year. For Vice Chair, Scott nominated Janice Johnson. Janice was hesitant because typically the Vice Chair later moves to the Chair Position and she is not sure she would want that. She did accept Vice Chair position. Kirsten said she really thinks Janice will be great in the position....all agreed. Treasurer Position Mike O’Conner nominated and seconded, he accepted position. Secretary position Carol Zurcher, I accepted the position for another year. Communication Officer position, open nomination. Ronnie asked what do they do? To communicate between members and board. Attending new member meetings normally, but not this year. Scott nominated Carol Weir and she accepted, seconded by Kirsten. Membership Position, Lue is ready to mentor someone and asked Susanne Spandau if she were interested? Susanne said she accepted with the provisos that Lue would be around for the year to to help her. Lue said she would be there to mentor her. Under the mentorship of Lue, Susanne was nominated and approved for the Membership position. All nominations are voted on and approved—all were in favor.

Discussion of Where we want to direct our Extra Money

Many ideas were tossed about regarding our leftover budget money. We have approximately $9,980 left from our budget. We need to decide by the end of September what we want to do with it or it will all go to CMC and then to the State. We have this amount because of reduced expenses due to COVID-19, and our desire to help out CMC (gave up gift giving for our leaders and coordinators etc.). YEP (Youth Education Program) was suggested by Scott and recommended by Jeff Flax. Dennis suggested asking CMC/Keegan which group needs the money. YEP is important but so are other groups. Kathy said she could call Keegan and get a feel of where it should go. It is a lot of money to consider.

We, the Board, need to decide how we want to distribute our money in the amount of $9,980 (approximate amount). Scott needs to let CMC/Keegan know. And it must be decided by the end of September (end of fiscal year) or it will go automatically to CMC and to the State. As I mentioned there was much discussion. Ultimately, In light of the fact that for the time being only 5 people statewide per WFA Class session will have their tuition covered; it was decided we should allocate 2/3 of our funds to a modified version of SALT for our RMOTHG Leaders to cover their tuition. It was mentioned that perhaps that money could be set aside in a savings account designated for this purpose. Also, whatever agreement we get, we need to have something in writing to back it up. The remaining 1/3 of our funds to go to YEP. Scott and Mike will put together a letter to present to the Denver Group/Keegan for approval. Mike O’Conner made the motion for 2/3 of our funds going to our leaders training and 1/3 going to YEP. It was seconded and all approved.

Ronnie offered an alternative to our usual Christmas Party. She suggested something outside with a food truck and some tables socially distanced. We will talk next meeting.
CREATING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR BOARD MEMBERS. — SCOTT

This will be discussed at our next meeting as we ran out of time.

Couple of things: Kathy suggested we don’t say SALT anymore. She will send us a copy of email from Emily. Dennis thanked all of us on the Board it has been a pleasure to work with us. He offered his help to Mike if he has any questions. Scott thanked Dennis for all he has done for us and his great work on the budget. It was a pleasure working with him, regards to Virginia.

Our next virtual meeting will be November 9, 2020 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 3:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Zurcher