PRESENT: Scott Kramer, Lue Fratantuono, Mike O’Connor, Carol Wier, Janice Johnson, Kirsten Tollefsen, Ronnie Knueven, and Carol Zurcher

SECRETARY REPORT — CAROL ZURCHER

Motion was made to accept and approve the Minutes. Motion seconded, Minutes approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT — SUSANNE SPANDAU

Membership numbers as of April 29, 2021

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Susanne reported: A few new members who joined last year. Did not renew because they were not able to participate in anything. I wrote them a nice note encouraging them to read the newest Newsletter to learn of all the activities finally ramping up. Maybe some will reconsider. A couple newer members got discouraged (pre-COVID) when they were not able to get on hikes as they did not know the magic Friday 5pm rule. These were just a small number of disgruntled members and I don’t feel it’s anything to worry about.

TREASURERS REPORT — MIKE O’CONNOR

Mike said he just received a report from CMC and will go over it later and send a report out to us.

Mike mentioned that the dues seem light related to our membership numbers. He will look into it.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE — RONNIE KNUEVEN

Ronnie submitted a Social Committee Report to the board prior to our meeting. Thank you Ronnie.

First topic for discussion was the Staunton Park picnic July 10, 2021. This year the Pink Tank is serving lunch. Members bring their own drinks. We go up and place our orders. Name tags will indicate to Pink Tank that we are legitimate members/guests. Janice had a question regarding wait time…..will we be waiting in long lines to get served. Ronnie said they do this all the time and are quick. There will be hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken waffles and for vegetarians waffles with fruit.
Second topic for discussion is the Annual Dinner at Mt. Vernon, Sunday September 12, 2021. What needs to be discussed and agreed on is what to charge attendees? Our 2019 Event we charged $30/person. Ronnie thinks we might have to raise the cost to $35/person this year. This amount is assuming not everyone will order the most expensive item. She's planning for 100 people, 2019 attendance was 83. It was mentioned that 2 years ago we had a brunch and not a dinner. Ronnie mentioned that we were getting a reduced price on our selections. Mike mentioned our surpluses and that perhaps we can subsidize more for the dinners. He will look at the recent financial report he received and figure out where we stand and get back to us with a budget. Ronnie to hold off on posting amount of the dinner until she hears back from Mike and Scott. Lue brought up the fact that there should also be extra money for us to use because this year we will only have a handful on Leaders to Recognize. Also, Scott said that Jeff said we have new sponsors now and can get some good deals for jackets and hats for our leader recognition. In addition, the fact that we had no holiday party, picnic or annual dinner in 2020 is also extra money we can put to this year's Annual Dinner.

A motion was made and seconded for Ronnie to wait until Friday March 14, 2021 before signing contract with Mt. Vernon. If she is not contacted by Mike or Scott, go ahead and sign contract with Mt. Vernon. Mike said we can vote by email What to charge attendees for Annual Dinner once he looks at the numbers. Motion made to vote by email on what to charge, all were in favor. Ronnie and Mike will work on gifts for Leaders that did participate during 2020, like Bea Slingsby and Jeanne Eiss. Ronnie suggested giving them a free Annual Meeting dinner would be a nice thing. Carol Wier suggested that maybe at the Xmas Party after Summer/Autumn hikes we could recognize more of our leaders.

CMC DENVER COUNCIL LIAISON — KIRSTEN TOLLEFSEN

Kirsten submitted a report, thank you Kirsten.

Denver Safety and Leadership committee is seeking a chair person to replace Kevin Schaal and a couple of committee members.

With the advent of “One CMC” the Denver Group Council is seeking new DS&L members to help re-examine DS&L's role under One CMC.

New goal for DGC and CMC is Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Form a committee fo focus on things like women’s events, diversity of membership, diversity and equity of club leadership.

Establish a new communications goal, and sharing of information and feedback from the Sections.

There are 3 positions opening for next year's DGC. They are seeking candidates. If we know of anyone let Kirsten know.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER REPORT — CAROL WIER

Attended zoom “ New Members Orientation” meeting and was very disappointed. She could not add any input as it was muted. We were not represented well. Lots of information was
thrown out in the one hour meeting. In person might have gone better. The OTHG segment made us sound like a bunch of bingo playing walkers. We were compared to the Bobcats and told that they were a more active group. We were not described well or accurately. Carol has offered talking points to present in describing our group. We will see if they are expressed. Also, Felicia Brower asked Carol to write something about OTHG for the Rucksack. She sent it in but nothing appeared. Scott said it is important to make sure information about us is communicated correctly what we’re about, what’s our identity. Kirsten said she has updated our description on our website so it is more reflective of who we are, an active group.

CHAIRS COMMENTS — SCOTT KRAMER

There are 3 positions to be filled on our Board for next year. Have candidates by July for July Newsletter. The 3 people leaving are Kirsten Tollefsen, Lue Fratantuno, and Carol Zurcher. New Board members will be announced at the September Annual Meeting. Scott asked that a notice go in the June newsletter that we are looking for people.

Maybe it’s time to do away with “Connections” as it deters leaders away from leading trips. This was started as a result of Covid-19 as a temporary fix to get people together. Now things are opening up. Should we close it down? Motion was made to close it down all were in favor. It will be disbanded the end of May 2021. Scott will put something in the May Newsletter.

Janice, Martha, and Jeff will put a letter together to our leaders telling them how much we appreciate them and all they do. Perhaps we can work through our coordinators for feedback on what they are hearing. Encourage them to start leading again. The fact that things are opening up we can feel more comfortable getting back into leading. Mike mentioned holding off on recruiting new leaders because of such a back log of people that have to renew WFA, etc. there could be quite a wait for them. Lue mentioned we need to know from our leaders who will be coming back.

Scott and Jeff heard per Keegan that we will have more control over our money. That having a reserve account, as Mike has suggested, is a good idea. Also, we will be able to roll over money from one year to another. Keegan is good with it.

We can’t require people to be vaccinated. It’s still considered experimental.

Scott asked us if we would like to meet together in person for our July Meeting. We all said yes.

Next meeting is July 12, 2021 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Meeting adjourned at 2:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Zurcher