

RMOTHG BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 8, 2021

PRESENT: Carol Wier, Mike O'Connor, Scott Kramer, Ronnie Knueven (via Zoom), Janice Johnson, Susanne Spandau, Dennis Baumfalk, Laurine Rowe, Jim Guerra (via Zoom)

SECRETARY REPORT – RONNIE KNUEVEN

Motion was made to approve and accept the September 7, 2021 minutes. Motion was made and was seconded. All approved.

Emergency Contact was made to Annette Mickle on November 5, 2021 on behalf of RMOTHG wishing her a speedy recovery.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – SUSANNE SPANDAU

Roster was last updated on October 31, 2021 at 11:33 am

Unexpired Membership as of the first of November:

Regular	904
Social	5
CMC Life	56
Over the Hill Gang Life	0
Total:	965

New Memberships:

This Month	0
Last Month	16
Year to Date:	244

Expiring Memberships:

This Month	45
Next Month	39

Expired Memberships:

Last Month	48
All as to today (November 7, 2021)	93

Discussion among the board regarding membership numbers and how few of the 965 members are actively participating - 265. Scott will do a survey of members likes and dislikes to determine what might be changed in order to encourage more to engage or what might attract others to join.

TREASURERS REPORT – SCOTT KRAMER

Original Treasurer’s Report was put together by Mike O’Connor. CMC is still working on closing the books for the fiscal year October 1, 2020/September 30, 2021. Balance left in our budget from previous year is swept into the CMC.

After further discussion, a motion was made, all in favor, and motion to accept Treasurer’s Report was approved.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE – RONNIE KNUEVEN

Annual Meeting at Mt Vernon Country Club - Sunday, September 12, 2021 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. \$30/Members, \$45/Non-Members. Attendance: 59 signed up, 1 no show. The Candlelight Mystery Players entertained us during dinner – a murder mystery customized to our function.

Date	Description	Cost	Balance
	Budget for Event		\$3,000.00
1-16-21	Deposit for Mt. Vernon	- \$300.00	\$2,700.00
9-12-21	Candlelight Mystery Players	- \$300.00	\$2,400.00
9-12-21	Paid Participants per CMC website	+ \$1,695.00	\$4,095.00
9-12-21	Check to Mt. Vernon for Dinners	- \$2,835.92	\$1,259.08
9-16-21	Check to Mt. Vernon for Drink Round	- \$544.74	\$714.34
9-13-21	Reimbursement to Lou Ann Dixon for Mums (Used on table/door prizes)	- \$107.88	\$606.46
9-1-21	Reimbursement to Ronnie Knueven for nametags and place setting cards	- \$29.83	\$576.63
9-12-21	Payment of meals for Marion & Jim Dries, Jim & Jenene Stookesberry	- \$120.00	+\$456.63

October 5, 2021– Lunch/Happy Hour at New Terrain Brewery in Golden, Colorado on Tuesday, October 5th, Noon to 2. Write-up was in September newsletter and on website. Barb Edwards was Chair. Members paid for own tab. 24 people attended.

November 6, 2021– Dim Sum Dinner at The Empress Seafood Restaurant on Saturday, November 6th, 5 pm Cocktails, 6 pm Dinner. Ginny Keir was Chair. Cost was \$35 per person. Posted in September and October newsletters and on CMC website. Deadline for sign-up was October 18th. 37 people signed up.

November 9, 2021 – Volunteer Opportunity – Give Thanks by Helping Those with Food Insecurity, 789 Sherman Street, Denver/**Happy Hour** following at Carboy Winery, 400 E. 7th Avenue. Elaine Shirley and Janice Johnson are chairs. Posted on front page of November newsletter. Open to 20 participants.

December 3rd, 2021 – Holiday Party at Golden Hotel

Per Carol Wier: "A special email meeting of the RMOTHG board was called to approve the funds for the contract with the Golden Hotel for the Holiday Party. The vote on Oct. 4, 2021 is as follows: Voted yes - Scott Kramer, Carol Wier, Ronnie Knueven, Dennis Baumfalk, Laurine Rowe, Susanne Spandau. Voted no - Janice Johnson, Bob Barday, Mike O'Connor. The majority approved the funds for the Holiday Party contracted for Dec. 3, 2021 at the Golden Hotel."

The Holiday Party will be Friday, December 3rd with 4:30-5:30 Cocktails and 5:30 pm Dinner. On October 5, 2021, Carol Wier and Ronnie Knueven had meeting at Golden Hotel with Sales Manager, Alex Mikula. After discussion, we felt comfortable in signing contract. The contract can be changed with the number of people attending. There will be no \$3,000 minimum. *Contract is flexible.*

Date	Description	Cost	Balance
	Budget for Event		\$2,000.00
10-5-21	Deposit for Golden Hotel (Contract Signed) *	- \$875.00	
12-3-21	Golden Hotel – Bartender Fee	- \$100.00	
12-3-21	Golden Hotel – Bar Set-up Fee	- \$100.00	
12-3-21	Room Fee	- \$500.00	

**Deposit of \$875 will be taken off final bill.*

Our Social Committee Budget is \$2000. Since there is a 23% (\$8.97) service charge on the \$39 plated dinner the total cost per person would be \$47.97, so members pay \$35 for their dinner,

and \$50 for non-members. The RMOTHG would pick up difference - **\$47.97 minus \$35 = \$12.97**. If 100 people came that would cost the RMOTHG \$1,297. Possible costs (All under \$2,000 Budget): \$1,297 for 100 RMOTHG members (worst case scenario), \$100 bartender fees, \$100 setup fees. TOTAL: \$1,997 IF OUT OF SOCIAL COMMITTEE BUDGET.

The Toy Drive for the Action Center has been set up. Tawney Eisenbraun, Marketing and Communication Manager, has asked that we deliver to their donation dock at 8755 W. 14th Avenue on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday from 8:30 am to 9:45 am or Noon to 1 pm. Cindi Pelletier has made up donation boxes, wrapped and large enough to hold gifts. The donation boxes will be at check-in.

As of November 8, 2021, 9:30 am – 22 are signed up for Holiday Party.

Social Committee Meeting – November 1, 2021. - The meeting was held at The Old Mill in Golden at noon. The following Social Committee members attended: Judy Barday, Anita Connors, Lou Ann Dixon, Barb Edwards, Ginny Keir, Ronnie Knueven, Kathleen O’Riley, Judy Sears, and Cindi Pelletier. Absent: Kathy Tandy, Linda Thompson. All full schedule of social activities made through September 2022. **QUESTIONS FOR BOARD: Annual Picnic – Do you still want at Staunton State Park? Do you still want in July or late June? Annual Meeting – Do you still want at Mt. Vernon Country Club? Do you want brunch or plated dinner? Do you want on different day than a Sunday?** RESERVATIONS NEED TO BE MADE AT BOTH PLACES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR DATES WE WANT. CONTRACTS NEED TO BE SIGNED AND DEPOSITS MADE. The Board decided to vote and discuss Annual Picnic and Annual Meeting at our January 10, 2022 meeting.

CMC DENVER COUNCIL LIAISON – JIM GUERRA

Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 10, 2021. Since Jim Guerra new in this position, he has nothing to report. Hoping RMOTHG communications will be better with Denver Group to get more people engaged.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE REPORT – JANICE JOHNSON

Janice will be attending the New Member Zoom meetings each month, but not preparing them. Asked why Jeff Flax isn’t putting newsletter on website. Minutes haven’t been posted since May.

Because of By-Laws, there are no subsidized luncheons on bike trips because not available for all.

On trips, no politics, religion, sexism should not be mentioned.

There is a new category of hikes on the calendar - the Octogenarians led by John Walters and Linda Lawson. Not part of RMOTHG. Some of RMOTHG members might like to join their hikes but calendar postings are in advance and not in sync with RMOTHG weekly entries. John Walters will be contacted to explore communication.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS – CAROL WIER

Carol Wier reported on **CMC Denver Group Council Liaison Report for November 4, 2021 – by Kirsten Tollefsen**: “1) This year’s Denver Group’s Annual Meeting will be virtual and held November 15, 2021 between 7-8pm. We have a good agenda planned with interesting guests (Ben Lee, Madeleine Buchner-Lane and Keegan Young) to bring everyone up-to-date on all that’s CMC. We will also be honoring our leadership volunteers and our 40-year CMC Denver Group Members. Consider this is your personal invitation to attend. Please sign-up on CMC.org Calendar under Events. 2) Denver, Safety & Leadership Committee is being reimagined and renamed. The new committee will focus more on the support and recognition of our trip leaders and maintain less of a focus on policy/safety/incident reporting. Specifically, CMC is rolling out a new incident tracking software product (Navex-corporate name, Ethics Point-software tool.) This eliminates the need for a Denver Committee to track and review incidents (accidents in the field as well as member issues/complaints.) In addition, Safety Policies can now be made directly to State Council and/or state staff for *consideration* to update the trip leader manual. Also, CMC Staff has expanded to include a new position: Trip Leader Support Manager. The position has been filled with an internal candidate who will start 2/1/22. This committee will have a direct link to CMC staff for support. Currently, they are beginning their efforts and gathering the new committee volunteers, which include your new liaison, Jim Guerra. 3) RMOTHG’s request for retention of funds at fiscal year end and offer of 10% payment to Denver Group for administrative costs is still in the consideration stage...actually I’ve been in contact with Scott K who kindly provided more back-up info and once Wilma Shephard, Treasurer DG, frees herself from year end budget work you will get DGC’s response. 4) We would appreciate receiving a *brief* report on the accomplishments/stats of RMOTHG’s past year. Perhaps that which was shared during the RMOTHG Annual Meeting. If you could send that to me at (kmt1950@icloud.com) by Nov. 12th that would be great. That info will be included in the Denver Group’s Annual Report. 5) Of course, you can find full information on what’s up with Denver Group Council by going to CMCDenver.org and reading the meeting minutes, but these are some of the highlights I wanted to share.”

Next meeting proposed agenda items:

1. Discuss badges to identify accomplishments, reference Mountaineer website.
2. Focus for next year might be recognizing long term leaders.
3. Newsletter distribution to only small number (about 200) of members as great majority op out - what to do?
4. Review of by laws for possible changes.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm. Next meeting January 10, 2022 at 1 pm (Location to be determined)

Respectfully submitted,



Ronnie Knueven
RMOTHG Secretary