



RMOTHG Board Meeting Minutes November 6, 2023

Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 1:29 pm by Kathy Crawford (Chair). In attendance were Dennis Baumfalk (Vice-Chair); Bob Barday (Treasurer); Kathy Nordine (CMC Denver Council Liaison); Carol Weir (retiring Social Events Coordinator); Linda Dermyer, Elaine Shirley, LeeAnn Donovan & Laurine Rowe (Members-at-large); Andrew MacGregor (Secretary). Absent board members: Ginny Kier (Communications & Membership).

Minutes, Review and Approve: Meeting-motion to approve the minutes from Sept 18 2023, as submitted was made by Dennis Baumfalk and seconded by Bob Barday. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report, Review and Approve: Balance of \$278 as of the end of September. However, \$1083 Room charges (only through June) will not be billed by Denver, so balance is now \$1361. See talk about Carryover further down. Scott has been advised as to which rooms and how many times we expect to use them. Current understanding is that Denver group will also pay for RMOTHG rooms at CMC in 2024. Next year's budget, as submitted by Bob and approved by Denver Group, was drawn up assuming room charges, which should now be excluded. \$1,720 extra available if we do not have to pay for rooms.

Action: Bob to revise 2024 budget and send it to Scott. Ask him to confirm that this is accurate. Decision made for Bob to submit revised budget for consideration at the next Board meeting.

Reports of Officers

Membership Report Addendum 1 from Kathy Crawford

Based on member names, the Sept to Oct difference is 31 new members. and 12 lost members.

We budgeted for 560 members. On Salesforce RMOTHG roster has 726, but many people have not paid.

Of 495 regular memberships, 69 have not yet paid RMOTHG fee.

Of 224 family memberships 104 have not yet paid.

5 CMC Forty-year members

12 CMC Lifetime members

12 CMC staff

To rectify all this, in January we will email, asking them to go to the Membership or Special Event (Family memberships) pages on the website and sign up as appropriate. Ginny and Andrew will work with Kathy C. on email words plus letters to New members, to have these ready before the start of January.

Scott has said that these membership issues will get fixed sometime.

Open question, can we flag memberships about to expire and remind them, like the CMC membership expiration automatic pre-warn? May add this layer later if losing people is an issue.

Communications Report

Cards. Get Well card sent to Darlene Dietzer

Many thank you notes and emails received after the Appreciation Rewards were sent out.

New and prospective members meeting, Oct 18. Kathy, Ginny and Andrew represented RMOTHG. Bobcats, Backpacking, Wilderness trekking school had better displays & flyers to hand out.

Courtesy of Ashley Hanlon we now have a much shorter web address, **CMC.org/RMOTHG** for the RMOTHG landing page, and have created a compact QR code for it.

Action: Andrew to improve media & handouts for the next New Members meeting, Nov 15. May involve minor expenditure at some point. The essence will be taking good records and following up.

Some people asked about X-C and refreshing X-C skills. Was done in the past.

Action: Andrew to talk to Jeff Flax and Tom Waymire. Subset of Telemark Ski School?

Andrew will cover future New Member nights at CMC, since he lives at a much shorter distance than Ginny.

>260 badges have now been issued. Requests continue to trickle in.

Tracking Hikes. Elaine S. is doing tracking: Who does what hikes, mileage, pace, etc. Scott K gets info to Denver group. Participation is important for SCFD. Kathy N says Robbie M reports ascending hikes statistics to the Group. Elaine and Kathy will coordinate.

Important for appreciation awards that all statistics use the same calendar year.

Denver Group Liaison. Kathy N. There are now two new Denver co-chairs, Genna Morton and Kirsten Polley. Brian Kelleher is new council member, younger and comes from the Technical side of the Club. Lots of good/new ideas between them. Kathy presented copies of the organizational structure charts of the club: Groups /Sections/Schools/Courses. Enthusiastically received.

Annual report will be available shortly. Want to include more outside speakers at meetings and have Chairs also attend meetings. Discussions re new WFA and WFR courses/requirements. WFA will be done in-house, but still required every two years for Leaders.

New website is dealing with Waitlists better. Mt. Democrat going into public ownership. CMC Involved in drafting new statutes re public recreation/access/safety/liability on private land.

Social Committee. Carol W. Rooms reserved for Holiday party on December 3rd. Catered lunch. \$1500 for 70 to 80 people. Tickets bring in ~\$1,650. New people are responding to Carol's requests for volunteers. Liquor cost is ~\$250.

Brief discussion of problem of storing and using and disposing of 'reusable' stuff. Auction? Give away? Colorado Gerontological Society is the charity, to help them fund gift baskets that they give out. Checks made out to CGS are requested. Could look at accepting Credit Cards next year.

Will send Name Badges to those on the Party list who do not already have badges.

Still looking for a new Social Chair. Could share the responsibilities.

Rooms for 2024 have been reserved.

Old Business.

Dennis B. unanimously voted in as Vice-Chair.

Bylaw changes. Dennis B. In 2022 the bylaws had been marked up with suggested changes and presented for consideration to the Board in September. (By Dennis, Laurine and Mike). Suggested changes were agreed to but not made to the Bylaws, but it was tabled because 'Why do we collect dues and what can we spend the money on', was not a covered topic in the bylaws. Dennis will get a version with changes put to the Board Google drive and sent out to Board members.

Other relevant documents:

- RMOTHG Special Trips and Activities Procedures

- Standards Regarding RMOTHG Budgeted Funds

- Denver Group Section Policy

Section Financial Policies gives examples.

CMC Cancel and Refund policy. The only document that talks about refunds, but addressed towards Adventure travel.

Dennis requests that we look at docs he will send out prior to January meeting, get acquainted with policies and bylaws. Includes board comments from Sept 22. Let's approve the minor stuff. one month's notice required of advisement of proposed changes to sections. Can we do this as a Board or do we need a subcommittee?

We did vote on and get rid of RMOTHG 'must be a member of Denver Group'. Mike got clarification on that from the Denver Group.

CMC refused to make/allow an RMOTHG specific trip/event cancellation clause. Instead they modified the Adventure travel one to include RMOTHG.

Discussion re volunteers and Appreciation gifts. Nothing in our bylaws or the Denver Group's. but reimbursement, etc. are covered, but bylaws are not clear on this. Carol says the law does cover board members as volunteers. Accounting law max gift is \$600. Need to address in bylaws.

Though it has been mooted, we will not be changing the RMOTHG name for now as part of any bylaw changes. Could ask in a member questionnaire in the future.

New Business

Volunteer Engagement Survey Two for trip leadership, one for Social committee.

Treasure-in-waiting. Due to handover period on the complexity and vacations, may need such a role to ease transitioning in the future.

Plan for Carryforward.

Need discussion. Issue is had \$1909 on the books from last year. We need to say to Denver Group 'This is the plan' for the carryforward, and ask them to do an audit. We money but we must earmark it and spend it on something, or Denver Group may take it. Always some carryforward due to fiscal lag in the accounts. Denver Group policy is that spending has to be related to the Section's activities. Has to benefit/go to the membership.

Kathy will send an email to Scott to say: Per this agreement, this is what we would like to do with the carryover of \$1909, and could you please audit our books and tell us what additional carryover we have.

Dennis: The words from Denver Group are: 'Any unused by RMOTHG during the year, those funds will be retained by RMOTHG, along with other remaining funds.' i.e. everything that is left over, we keep.

Motion: 'Spend the carryforward on some combination of:

- A Leader Invitational meeting
- Speaker(s) at Annual Meeting
- Going back to Mt. Vernon
- New Member Night publicity
- Supporting courses for Leaders'

Proposed by Andrew, seconded by LeeAnn, agreed unanimously.

Andrew suggested that anyone who sees Ashley should congratulate her on successful use of social media to attract people to the New Members meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 pm.

Andrew MacGregor Secretary

Meetings Schedule for 2024

January 8, 2024 (due to New Year's day)

March 4, 2024

May 6, 2024

July 1, 2024

September 2, 2024

Addendum 1

**September Membership Report
October 1, 2023**

Total Members: This reflects the total membership of RMOTHG not including payment pending members. This number includes family, regular, 40 year, Lifetime, staff, and Under 30 memberships.	New Members in the past month: This is calculated by doing a name-by-name comparison between the previous month and the current month using the membership data report.	Non-renewals: This is calculated by doing a name-by-name search comparison between the previous month and the current month using the membership data report.
726	59	18

Break down of Membership and payment status:

Family Memberships	Paid Family Memberships	Regular Memberships	Paid Regular Memberships
218	120	482	424

Additional Categories of membership types and the number of members in each category:

40 Year Memberships	Lifetime Memberships	Staff Memberships	Under 30 Memberships
5	11	6	4