



## RMOTHG Board Meeting Minutes January 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Kathy Crawford (Chair).

**Attendees:** Dennis Baumfalk (Vice-Chair); Bob Barday (Treasurer); Ginny Kier (Communications & Membership), Linda Dermeyer (Newsletter), Andrew MacGregor (Secretary); Members-at-large: LeeAnn Donovan (Treasurer-in-Training), Laurine Rowe, Elaine Shirley.

**Guests:** Gina Bischofs (Social events)

**Absent:** Kathy Nordine (CMC Denver Council Liaison)

**Note:** 'Post' and 'Posted' mean put to this RMOTHG Board folder link: [RMOTHG Google Drive](#)

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes from 6 Nov 2023, as amended by Kathy Crawford's non substantive suggestions, was made by Laurine R and seconded by Linda D. Unanimously approved. Posted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Review and Approve as Posted: Revised budget sent to Kathy C, with room charges out. Not yet sent to Scott to confirm the accuracy of the revised budget. End of Nov. balance \$2446.36. \$1918 to still subtract for holiday dinner. Added members. ~\$600/month Oct and Nov. ~\$4,200 in potential room charges is absorbed by the Denver Group.

Dennis B moved to approve, LeeAnn Donovan seconded, unanimously approved.

### Reports of Officers

**Membership Report** as Posted. Kathy C and Ginny K

Dec 1 and Jan 1 reports are similar. No data for January unpaid members yet. Should CMC Lifetime members or 40 year members pay the RMOTHG fee or not?. Talking about 17 people for RMOTHG. Change bylaws and enforce going forward?

Meeting with Vance and Jeff next week. Scott is leading on the patch re family memberships. RMOTHG membership opportunity to pay would/should then come up at their CMC renewal anniversary date. It is hard to find the current 'Event' link for payment except when directed to it by the newsletter. We do not wish to alienate people by chasing them. Budget-wise, it is only an ~\$750 issue for one year. Decided to wait and see how the new system works.

**Communications Report** Andrew M.

Ginny K Get well soon card sent.

New members meeting. Fewer than previous time.

Discussed an 'Encourage to join' trifold brochure. Formal quote for <\$350 for ~200 pieces. Use 'CMC Brand guide' for logos, colors and typefaces. Make not date sensitive though should have a date of publication on it.

Actions: Andrew to draft, Post, and send out a link to Board members. Bob to allocate \$350 in budget.

Need a business card sized handout so that leaders and others can easily get to the landing page.

**Action:** Andrew will get a quote and draft a Business card handout.

**Trip Statistics.** Elaine S

Since October 42 trips completed. Good to have this data to present for New Member nights.

Kathy C Year end trip summary report, In her annual Report to the Denver Group is in the January 2024 newsletter.

Martha Mustard sent Kathy C a two page report with data on trip numbers, types, difficulty, waitlists. On Google drive. Will discuss further in March.

**New Member draft letter.** QR codes not appropriate for documents opened on smartphones, links preferred.

Like pictures. Add more about socializing, come to a Happy hour, meet people. Kathy will rejig to reflect. With links and some content modifications should be good.

Ginny K will send a monthly My Emma link out to new members when the monthly list is received. (We do not have access to Member addresses.)

### **Denver Group Liaison.**

Kathy N absent. Had told Kathy C that there was nothing to share.

### **Social Committee.** Gina B + discussion

Ronnie Canuban(?) handed on a load of stuff. Very detailed records.

Will go through it and clean out the files not related to Social. Keep ideas on things to do. Future history will be Posted.

Too early to book Staunton. Book 6 months in advance for 14 or 21 of July. Use personal CC, then claim.

General comment: It is important to require deposits so that people have a stake and show up. Budget  
Budgeted member contribution/event

Annual Mtg. \$644 \$10

Holiday Party \$593 \$10

Picnic \$1562 \$5

Annual Meeting: \$644 budget is not adequate for Mt. Vernon. Last time there, people paid \$40/person plus \$20 subsidy per ticket.

Picnic: Prior picnic comments: Food truck means long queues. Snarfs sandwiches good but more hassle and traffic delays. Burgers in the rain did not work in prior year.

Want to try to offer Social something once a month.

Colorado Tap house on Ralston Creek Trail off Indiana - try it.

Line dancing was well attended. Brown Palace tour? High tea at old Victorian house? Dinosaur Ridge?

Genesee bison herd? Find something on Central to East side of Denver?

Karen Bergman may do a lunch (?)

### **Hut trips**

Daniel Schweissing trip has been submitted for approval, but not via RMOTHG.

Action: Kathy to email Daniel re trips(?) and funds.

Tom and Linda Jagger doing Point Breeze cabin Jan 29-31

Vance's cabin March 6-8

Turquoise Lake campout

### **Old Business.**

**Bylaws.** Dennis B led the discussion, having reviewed all relevant documents and suggested edits. List of CMC, Denver Group and RMOTHG governing documents distributed by Dennis.

Article I Part 3 defines the subordinate relationship of the Section with respect to the Group and the Club. We must address any conflicts between our Bylaws and these documents. Mainly minor plus some comments.

Article I Part 2, (abbreviated to I.2). Article IX says RMOTHG must comply with the Club's Code of Conduct. Language in the CofC conflicts with our II.6.

II.1 Deleted 'and Group', the prior RMOTHG Section restriction to only Denver Group members. Replaced 'Membership shall not be denied as stated in Article I of the Club bylaws.' with 'Memberships denied must follow the Group's "Policy on Excluding Members from an Activity." '

II.2 Discussion on whether to amend language. E.g. remove/define '... for exceptional service', add references to Lifetime or 40 plus years memberships, remove requirement for '... reviewed annually'.

Consensus to leave the language as is since 'reviewed annually' allows future flexibility on definition and scope.

II.5 Para 2. Change 'coordinator' to 'officer'.

II.6 Club Code of Conduct now 12 pages. Talks about suspension and expulsions. After '... by two-thirds vote of the Section Board' add '... per the Club's Code of Conduct.'

III.2. Club has no 'membership rules'. This topic is dealt with by II.5 above.

Action: Dennis to talk to Scott, before we possibly delete this Part.

IV.1 Discussion on 'Discretion'. Denver will pay if within approved budget, so we do have discretion.

IV.6 Leave words the same, but organizationally the Chair should add a Financial Summary to the Agenda at the Annual Section Meeting.

IV.7 Delete '... to the office'

IV.12 Delete hanging 'in' at end of paragraph.

IV.13 Change '... regular meetings' to '... regular meetings and special meetings'

IV.16 Compensation discussion. Denver Group rules cover '... nominal gifts for outstanding Section members'. Standard practice with other Sections. Discretion is covered by IV.1

V.2 Action: Andrew to Post Roberts Rules of Order

VIII Add ...' and that the amendments are in accordance with Article I.'

New Clause? In Club and Group bylaws, but not in RMOTHG bylaws, is the ability for the board to make decisions and vote from off-site/remotely. We need our own clause.

Action: Dennis will draft and distribute something and suggest where it might fit, e.g. II.4 &/or IV.13 Action: Aim to get a link to a revised bylaws pdf in the Feb1 Newsletter and vote on it at the March 4 Board meeting.

### **New Business**

Dennis B: Special Trips and Activities Procedure. The trip cancellation refund policy was revised by CMC for the Backpacking Section. We should change the wording of our document to align.

### **Other**

Homework for Board members for March 4 meeting:

- Read revised Bylaws pdf

- Read Martha's data

- Read Special Trips and Activities Procedure

**Action:** Andrew is in discussion with Tom and Jeff on X-country refresher courses - nothing decided. RMOTHG or wider CMC interest?

**Action:** Carryover. Bob B to submit an adjusted budget to Denver Group with \$350 allocated for publicity information (Andrew M.) and \$100 for the Trip Leader information meeting. (Martha M.), rest of Carryover goes to

**Hut trip cancellations:** Dennis B.: Who pays? Agreed understanding is that Denver will reimburse the financial hit (~\$1,200) if a Trip Leader, at their discretion, has to cancel a Hut trip,

**Board Meeting timing:** Bob B.: Board meetings at the start of month's mean that financial reports are **always** around one and a half months in arrears. If meetings were at the end of the month, we would be only a partial month in arrears. Goes with aligning calendar for Annual meeting. To be a future discussion.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 pm. Proposed by Bob B, seconded by Ginny K, approved unanimously.

*Andrew MacGregor* Secretary

Meetings schedule for 2024

March 4

May 13

July 1

September 9