

RMOTHG Board Meeting  
January 31, 2023  
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Laurine Rowe at 1:03. In attendance were Laurine Rowe, Scott Kramer, Carol Weir, Kathy Crawford, Bob Barday, Susanne Spandau, Dennis Baumfalk, and Andrew MacGregor. Absent: Mike O'Connor, Ginny Kier, Kathleen Nordine.

Minutes: Amend November minutes that guests are not required to sign a release for social events.

A motion to approve the minutes with corrections made by Kathy Crawford, seconded by Scott Kramer

Vote: Approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve 2022 end of year budget was made by Susanne Spandau Seconded by Scott Kramer

Vote: Approved unanimously

Discussion: a discussion was held regarding when and for what reasons should we transfer funds between account categories and if approval is needed from the Denver Group or CMC. It was determined that at this time there is no action that needs to be taken regarding the 2023 budget and estimated expenditures.

Scott Kramer noted that if he enters into a conflict of interest during a budgetary discussion between Denver group and RMOTHG, he will recuse himself from the discussion.

Reports of Officers:

Membership Report: As of December 30<sup>th</sup> we have 915 members.

Communications Report (Discussions)

- Congratulations from Keegan Young to Kathy for website directions and videos provided to members in regards to the new website.

- Newsletter ideas: MARCH-Call for new leaders (Benefits of being a trip leader?), Dennis Baumfalk will write a draft of this article and Kathy Crawford will add to it (if needed) and submit it to Maryann.

- New member introduction document: We discussed removing all references to all @list email lists (hiking, snowshoeing, biking and cross country skiing) from the letter. We also discussed ways in which we can continue to engage existing members, bring new members into the fold and honor RMOTHG trip leaders in response to feedback that members feel disconnected to the club after COVID and the implementation of the new website. Some ideas generated were to host on-line Zoom New Member meetings for just RMOTHG or host new member happy hours to share the clubs many opportunities.

- RMOTHG Trip Leader Communication: We also discussed how we can honor RMOTHG trip leaders with increased communication and training on the website. Some ideas included hosting a March happy hour for leaders to kick off the summer hiking season

and providing short videos about entering trips into the new system. We discussed as the new website has different capabilities our processes will also need to change including stopping the Friday evening emails. We started a discussion on how we can provide more opportunities for our members such as maintaining the Friday morning bike ride in the summer, and expanding hiking days to not just the Wednesday hiking day. Kathy Crawford will work on ideas to welcome new members and ideas for leader communications to present at the next meeting.

## Committee Reports

### Social Committee Report (Discussion)

-Holiday party results (Cost, Attendance, Waitlist): We had about 103 people attend the holiday party and we did not have a waitlist. Many people waited until the last minute to sign up to attend.

-Summer picnic: Staunton Ranch has been reserved for July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. We discussed ideas for use of the area on the 14<sup>th</sup> and the ideas of potentially hosting a Leader Picnic on the 14<sup>th</sup> came up. We will plan 100 people on the 15<sup>th</sup>, and try not to cook outside due to weather related issues that we've had in the past. Carol Wier will investigate catering options.

-Annual Meeting: We have booked Mount Vernon Canyon Club for September 11<sup>th</sup>. We started generating ideas for honoring long standing members for their support. Board members are asked to think about possible honorees.

Nametags: Members have ordered about 153 name tags so far at a cost of \$2.00

Turquoise Lake Campout: Held on August 8-10. We have secured 12 sites so far. A 'Save the Date' was published in the February newsletter.

Hut trip: Danile S. is taking it over from Frank and is planning this in conjunction with the Gore Range group.

Denver Group Updates: No updates were provided during this meeting. Next meeting (Second Tuesday of the month)

### Old Business

-Bylaws Update: Laurine proposed that she and Dennis prepare printed updates and email these to the rest of the board. From there we can discuss and vote on those updates.

-How RMOTHG dues are spent: We will wait until Mike O'Connor is available.

-Octogenarian Hikes- At this time we will take no further action.

### New Business

-Guests and social members: Guests are welcome to attend 2 events before joining the club. This is primarily on the honor system. Guests are welcome to attend the Annual Meeting however, due to the higher cost for this event, they will be charged a bit more than members.

Budget corrections (website costs, hut deposit and fees collected, guest costs at events)-  
Discussed during the Treasurer's Report. At this time we do not need to make any budgetary  
corrections.

-Other business that arises: nothing was brought forward.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kathy Crawford, seconded by Bob Barday at 3:17.

Vote: Approved unanimously

Next meeting March 28 @ 1pm at the AMC room Explorer's Lab

Respectfully submitted by: