

## **CMC Council Meeting**

**2-20-2014**

### **West Asheville Library, 942 Haywood Road**

**Council Members Present:** Lenny Bernstein, Marcia Bromberg, Sawako Jager, Pete Petersen, Kay Shurtleff, Stuart English, Tish Desjardins, Brenda Worley, Ann Hendrickson, Danny Bernstein, Barbara Morgan

**Council Members Absent:** Jim Ariail, Lee Silver

The meeting was called to order by Lenny. The minutes were accepted from the October 3, 2013 meeting.

#### **Committee Chair and other Appointments –Lenny Bernstein**

Sawako Jager is the new Challenge Committee Chair replacing Peter Barr.

Tim Carrigan has resigned from his position as CMC's alternate representative to RPC. Becky Smucker will take that position.

Pete (Alan) Petersen's death leaves a void in Trail Maintenance grants, tool care, and many other things. Jim Spicer is accepting Pete (A)'s role as "tool man".

A fund has been set up in Pete A.'s honor. Jim Ariail is managing it. Contributions received will be on a one-time maintenance project and then the fund will go out of existence. It will set up for on-line contributions, which at present is not working.

#### **Education Report-Kay Shurtleff**

We need more family hikes. There will be a First Aid Course with CPR update May 10 at the Fletcher Library 9:00-1200 PM by Jim Spicer. This will be on a Saturday. There will be something in Let's Go.

Wilderness First Aid Course is still undecided.

#### **Website Update-Marcia Bromberg**

Calvin Allen, a retired reporter, will review and update website content. A motion was made and passed that Calvin will work with Marcia and Barbara on this.

Stratos: Due to an increasing number of error reports that must be reviewed Stratos is using more hours than we budgeted. Lenny noted that our use of Stratos at \$45 per hour cannot

be "open-ended"

### **Report on FMST (Friends of the MST) Meeting-Danny Bernstein**

Danny went to the annual FMST meeting held on Saturday Feb 1.

CMC has put in 6,375 hours of MST maintenance in 2013, the biggest number of hours of any group working on the MST.

The next is Elkin Valley Trail Association with 5,087 hours but they have the whole town involved--literally.

Active CMC members were recognized by FMST for donating 75 hours or more:

Piet Bodenhorst, Les Love and Ken Deal.

At the FMST meeting, Danny gave a presentation of the Smokies route. Steve Metcalf gave a presentation of the valley route. These are the routes we can hike right now. State Parks don't like alternate routes in general.

NC Department of State Parks is responsible for the ultimate trail, the trail sections on footpath that they open and bless publicly. FMST is in charge of the current trail that contains pieces of the ultimate trail.

FMST is putting together a guidebook. Danny is writing the directions from Clingmans Dome to Scott Creek, where Walt Weber's book starts.

#### **Observations**

Maintainers in other groups in general are much younger than ours. They are mostly 9-5ers who maintain and build on weekends.

The FMST membership in general is much younger than ours.

### **Update on Documenting Maintenance Policies-Ann Hendrickson, Pete Petersen**

This is part of an Operations Manual for CMC that Lenny would like to see finished by the end of his presidency. There is an update being made on documenting Maintenance Policies. Ann and Pete will check on procedures that are being used. Ann says that there are 425 miles of trails maintained by the club. At the moment, the effort is being made to pin down the responsibility to trails in the Appalachian Ranger District. The bulk of the trails we maintain are not the A.T. or the MST. The concern is that many of these trails are not on the website. Question: Do we have the personnel to do this? Pete feels that we do and that we adequately maintain the trails we are responsible for and have time in the winter for other projects. Ann says her crew has a big commitment building trails for CMLC.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Wilderness Act and Plans for the Spring Social-** Lenny Bernstein, Marcia Bromberg

This will be the main focus of the program at the Spring Social. Jill Gottesman will speak about her work with the Wilderness Society and Becky Smucker will speak about her Wilderness Maintenance Crew and the work they do.

There is also the Possibility of a “Wilderness Work Day”. The work day will be like the Work Days building the MST, but will be a Trail Maintenance Day in the wilderness. The problem will be the 10 person limit rule. Danny suggests that it be in September because that’s when the actual Act went into effect.

Marcia: We will have adult beverages (beer and wine) this year at the Social. We can do this if we hire two bartenders (\$165), Marcia will purchase the beverages and we will sell tickets. The club will pay for the drinks and bartenders and charge \$3.00 per drink to recoup expenses. The motion was passed.

**Draft CMC Mission Statement-**Lenny Bernstein

The Mission Statement for CMC agreed upon is:

The Mission of the Carolina Mountain Club is to promote and support hiking in western North Carolina.

**Draft Policy on Reimbursement of Travel Expenses**

A policy was agreed upon and an attachment is included that will go on the website with these minutes.

**ATC Volunteer Leadership Training Session**

The ATC will have a membership team session in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Barbara Morgan and Jim Reel were set to attend, but now the ATC says they will bear the expenses for just one. The cost of sending Barbara and Jim Reel to the Leadership Training is not part of the 2014 budget, but the Council agreed it was worth the investment. A Travel budget will be established for the 2015 budget.

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned and we went into Executive Session.

