

CAROLINA MOUNTAIN CLUB

Council Meeting

October 11, 2018

Council Officers: President, Randy Fluharty; Vice President, Debby Jones; Treasurer, George Bauernfeind; Secretary, Paula Massey; Immediate Past President, Barbara Morgan Councilor for Communication, Kathy Kyle; Councilor for Conservation, Ruth Hartzler; Councilor for Education/Outreach, Jan Onan; Councilor for Hiking, Gregory Bechtel; Councilor for Membership, Lynn Saul; Councilor for Technology, Judy Magura; Councilor for Trail Maintenance, Ron Navik; Councilor-at-Large, Michael Fisher; Councilor-at-Large, Chris Koebelin.

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Vice-President Debby Jones with the following in attendance: Barbara, Ruth, Jan, Gregory, Lynn, Ron, Chris, Mike, Kathy, George, and Paula. Absent: Randy and Judy.

Approval of Minutes A motion was made and seconded to accept the August 14, 2018 minutes. Motion carried.

Business

Treasurer's Report George provided an overview of year to date income and revenue, noting that in the category of Trail Maintenance the under-budget amount is reflective of the fact that the completion of the Max Patch had been delayed due to final permission from the ATC with Cherokee Forest as reported in previous meetings. [this underlined part needs rewording, but I'm not sure how] The expenditure in Books of \$2889.63 for the initial printing of Walt weber's edition 3 of his MST book, which was not budgeted, will be made up as these books are sold.

Discussion of 2019 Budget Proposal George presented the proposed 2019 budget by describing the income and expense line items, based on the input received from those involved and the rationale for each amount. A motion was made and seconded to present this budget to the membership during the 2018 Annual Meeting for their approval. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting and Dinner Debby provided an update on the Annual Dinner/Membership Meeting to be held on November 3 at the DoubleTree Inn in Biltmore Village. She presented the agenda for that meeting, saying it was approximately the same as for previous Annual Meetings. She will see that the required documents (agenda, slate, 2017 Annual Meeting minutes, and proposed budget) will be made available online and copies made for the tables on Nov 3. Evite was used to invite the honored guests; to date only four have responded that they are attending, although only 50% have responded. She explained that the cost of the dinners for these guests may be covered from reserves, if necessary. Lynn and Paula will take responsibility for the onsite check-in process and nametag distribution.

Nomination and Awards Barbara thanked the members who served on the Awards Committee and announced that Ann Hendrickson was awarded the Distinguished Service Award at the annual Trail Maintainers picnic; the Award of Appreciation will be announced during the Annual Meeting. The slate of Officers/Council members to be voted on was shared with Council with a reminder that nominations

can be made from the floor during the Annual Meeting. The 2018 Council members going off the Council at the conclusion of the annual meeting were thanked for their service: Ruth, Kathy and Paula.

Operations Manual Barbara reminded Council members to submit their revisions to their section of the manual prior to the end of the year, and she will work by email with those still needing to send their review; the goal will be to have a link on the website sometime during 2019.

Committee Reports and Discussion of Issues

Conservation Ruth reported that a "I Love Pisgah Forest" day was held by the Friends of Pisgah Forest and CMC was represented with a display that she set up to share the many highlights of CMC, including the Youth Partnership Challenge. The Pisgah / Nantahala Forest Plan Revision draft release has been delayed until the after the first of the year. This gives the stakeholders additional time to review the recommendations. Ruth asked for help to review the content of the list of inventoried wilderness areas (areas being considered for future designation as wilderness area) to compare what has been written in the Plan vs. what our people know to be attributes of that area. General discussion on how to seek input on this from hike leaders; Bruce and Brenda will be contacted for input on identifying these members who may be familiar with some of these areas. A member of the National Wild Turkey Federation would like to lead a hike for CMC, focusing on wildlife and plants, and Gregory will assist in the planning for 2019 hike. The Nantahala Partnership Forest plan is progressing as planned.

Hiking Gregory announced that the fourth quarter hikes have been finalized and publicized; he is currently looking for a speaker for the annual Hike Leaders Dinner in 2019.

Education Jan reported that two completers of the Youth Partnership Challenge will receive their certificates at the Carolina Day school; others will be awarded during the annual meeting, for a total of five completers this year. General discussion on how best to disseminate information on CMC to prospective members; it was agreed that a link on the website that would direct a future member to specific details would be most cost-effective approach. Jan is still contacting organizations, like UNCA, for possible interns. Thanks to the efforts of Kathy McAuley's grant writing, funds were obtained to purchase 24-30 first aid kits for use by hike leaders.

Trail Maintenance Ron presented an overview of projects; the last Quarterly Workday for 2018 will be held Saturday continuing the work at Mt. Pisgah. Work continues by the Friday crew to rehabilitate the MST in the area of Craggy Visitor Center. The Cherokee Forest approved the installation of a new kiosk and split rail fence on the AT/Max Patch that had been delayed. CMC continues to be represented at the ATC and USFS meetings relative to development of a Visitor Use Management Plan and participated in the State Park Celebration of the extension of the MST to Smoky Mountains using the new route bypassing two tunnels. Rich Mt. Fire Tower refurbishing has been completed with CMC trail crews working on trails leading to the tower. The Salvage Station fund raiser was held on September 18, with a portion of proceeds to be sent to CMC, however, attendance was low so this may not generate much income. There was general discussion of a question brought to the club on whether we offered some sort of group membership, so that entities such as school groups, who may be interested in learning trail maintenance skills, could become a member. The issue was unresolved and should be considered further as time permits.

Membership Lynn reported that, year to date, there are 165 new members and that ongoing communication with members and prospective members continues.

Communication Kathy sent an e-blast to the membership with a reminder that the registration deadline for payment for the annual dinner and provided a link for such payment; the eNews newsletter and quarterly news are proceeding according to schedule.

Adjourn Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm; annual Dinner and Membership Meeting is November 3. Minutes prepared by Paula Massey, Secretary.