

CMC COUNCIL MEETING
Feb 7, 2013, 6-9 PM
West Asheville Library, 942 Haywood Road

Council Members Present

Marcia Bromberg, Danny Bernstein, Stuart English, Don Gardner, Barth Brooker, Sawako Jager, Pete Peterson, Barbara Morgan, Jim Reel, Lee Silver

Council Members Absent

Jim Spicer, Tish Desjardins, Jim Ariail

Guests

Gale O'Neal, Bruce Bente, Andrew Downs, Dwayne Stutzman, Julie Judkins, John O'Dell (ATC)

The meeting was called to order by Marcia and the minutes were accepted from October 4, 2012 meeting.

Marcia gave the Treasurers report and remarked on the fact that now we are paying sales tax for items we sell. We had been paying sales tax, now we need to note how much of the price is sales tax.

Danny and Bruce talked about the FT 100 Map Project that has been suggested by the GSM Association to redo Bernard Elias's 100 favorite hikes. Danny said it will be fun, keep Bernard's name alive, and bring in money to the club. Nothing will be done until after the ATC Biennial and publication will be in 2015. Danny will invite Steve Kemp, GSM Assoc. publisher, to the May Council meeting.

Bruce said that for the ATC Biennial 154 hikes are being offered and 308 leaders are needed with a leader and co leader for each hike.

Danny gave a report on FMST Annual Meeting, which was held near Burlington, NC. The FMST has their on license plate now. They officially announced the recommendation for the Rugged Wilderness Route and River Route. CMC puts in over 5700 hours in Maintenance on the MST far more than any other club.

Don spoke about the Annual Meeting. Barbara suggested finding out more about a new venue called On Broadway. Danny said it's very expensive. The question was raised: should we subsidize? Should we limit what each individual pays? Marcia said that if we sold our own beer and wine that we could make money possibly to cover individual costs. Don felt that was a lot of trouble. Danny and Stuart will create a slide show of club history for the cocktail hour. We are still looking for a speaker. Marcia suggested getting several past presidents together in a sort of panel to talk about their time in the club. These decisions need to be made at the next meeting.

Don also suggested a new Challenge Patch design should be made. Also the decision to add a council member for the Challenge committee will be tabled for the next meeting.

Dwayne Stutzman, (CMC member and AT Trail maintainer), Andrew Downs (ATC), and John O'Dell (ATC) together gave a report on the Max Patch damage. The FS is going to put in boulders to block out future ATVs and surround them with plants. It will look better than it did before. Two of the perpetrators have been caught and are being prosecuted. Also, there will be a coalition with a Waynesville ATV organization (which CMC will join). The ATV people would like to make a gesture of goodwill to volunteer manpower to help work on the damage. Dwayne also suggested that we use some of the money from the Phil Smith Memorial Fund which is a restricted fund. CMC is allowed to spend off the interest it generates. Jim Reel made a motion to spend up to a little over \$1200 on the Max Patch damage, the full spendable balance in the Phil Smith account. We discussed using this money for a new kiosk and making sure that CMC is identified on items this money is used for. Jim also suggested a follow up article in the newspaper about the coalition.

Julie Judkins (ATC) talked about A Trail to Every Classroom and the Appalachian Trail Community. Applications are being taken for ATEC and Julie will write something up for the ENews.

John O'Dell suggested that section maintainers learn to identify invasive plants and remove them from trails. There is a database of info on invasive plants. Pete Peterson will follow up on this.

Marcia suggested in relation to the email option to Let's Go, that a link to the Let's Go PDF would be sent to the members who opted out of the paper edition. We will have to wait until Tim gets back to town to work out the details of this.

Don identified Martyn Eastman as the potential new Webmaster/Content Manager for the Website.

Also discussed was selling the MST book on the website. A link would have to be established to Grateful Steps publishing company. Marcia said that she would look into why Grateful Steps is not getting the books to Amazon for sale.

The by-law changes were passed including joining on line, adding MST to the Article addressing maintenance of the AT, combining Awards and Nominating Committees (Chair to be Immediate Past President), Council will act as the budget committee, Committees will elect their own chairs (chair might not be councilor)

90th Anniversary Party date has been set for June 8 but as yet no venue has been decided.

\$500 for Bucks Spring Lodge Project was approved as a match to funds from the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation. As yet, the project has not been started.

Challenge Committee-Don

Leave challenges time sensitive. Sawako felt that Challenges came to us too late and should have been done in a more timely manner. Bruce felt that in the future new challenge should be worked out so the Hiking Committee could schedule the hikes for them.

Communications-Danny

Danny showed the article about the anniversary challenges by Karen Chavez (assist to Danny) and again mentioned the Map and Slide Show.

Conservation –No report.

Hiking Committee – Jim Reel

February 22 Hike Leaders Dinner has many RSVPs already and we should have a good crowd.

Maintenance-Pete Peterson

Phil Francis is retiring from BRP. We need to have each Maintenance partner put a link on our website. Skip Sheldon is putting together a maintenance program for the Biennial.

On the subject of training for maintenance crews and section leaders: does anyone have any experience in audio-visual editing? AV would be a good way to go in this area.

John Whitehouse has agreed to coordinate work on the Overmountain Victory Trail.

Membership-Barbara

We still have many people joining with the paper application, so it is very important. Gale is doing a great job. Barbara had a copy of the paper application that would be more Gale/database friendly.

Also, there are no opportunities for Silver and Gold Lifetime Memberships. The current draft of the application will be amended to include these categories and the revised version will be circulated to Council members by email for their consideration/approval.

Marcia adjourned the meeting shortly after 9 PM.

Submitted
Stuart English