

CMC COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 3, 2013 6-9 PM

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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: MARCIA BROMBERG, SAWAKO JAGER, PETE PETERSON, DON GARDNER, JIM REEL, KAY SHURTLEFF, BARBARA MORGAN, LEE SILVER, TISH DESJARDINS, JIM ARIAIL, BARTH BROOKER, STUART ENGLISH

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: DANNY BERNSTEIN

VISITORS: LENNY BERNSTEIN, BRENT MARTIN, ANGELA MARTIN, BRUCE BENTE, BEVERLY MCDOWELL, RUTH HARTZLER,

The meeting was called to order and the minutes were accepted from the August 3, 2013 meeting.

CMC Participation in the Forest Management-Tish DesJardins, Ruth Hartzler, Brent Martin

Pete asked about earlier meetings on Trail strategy that were attended by Tish, Bruce, and Ruth. Brent Martin of the Wilderness Society said that the current management plan was a separate process to decide how the Nantahala and Pisgah Ranger districts would be managed for the next 15 years. The Wilderness Society is in a Collaborative with Mountain Bikers, Equestrian groups, ATC, WNC Alliance, SORBA, Hunting groups, Trout Unlimited, etc. Brent feels that CMC should be a part of this collaborative. The government shut down has stopped progress of the collaborative's attempt to reach common ground. Marcia asked what it would mean for us to join the collaborative. Brent said that we would need to select one key person to attend meetings and an alternate. Tish was designated the person to attend the meetings. Don Gardner made a motion that we join as an active, full member and Jim Reel seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurers Report- Jim Ariail

We have just received \$8,591.20 from the ATC Biennial. Also \$500 from GSMA for the first payment on the 100 Favorite Trails Map has been received. We still have \$1000 from the Mission Hospital Grant for CPR, Medical supplies, training, etc. that we have not spent. Marcia said that we would discuss how to use this money at the planning session. Pete suggested getting together with Kayah Gadish to see how much she would need for Wilderness First Aid

Training. On the budget for 2014 Jim felt that we should keep at least one year's expenses in reserve. Lenny said that Don Walton had set this as a standard during his presidency. Marcia said that we would talk about it at the planning session. The income on the MST books and the greening of the newsletter was helping our finances. The budget for 2014 was passed.

Maintenance Committee Report- Pete Petersen

The annual Trail Maintainers Picnic at Lake Julian was a success even in the rain with 55 people meeting under a shelter. Trail Maintenance is shut down now because of the government shut down. Recreational scout hikes are authorized to determine future maintenance needs. The new route of the MST has caused consternation among maintenance people who worked for years on the old route and want it known that they will not help on the new route. CMC supports the original route. The Saturday crews will work until finished on either side of Waterrock Knob and then will stop. Marcia said that she believes the NC State Parks staff is in favor of the direct (original) route at some point in the future and the GSMNP route for now. FMST wants a dual option, the GSMNP and "Valley Route". Our trail workers are committed to completing what they started.

Conservation- Tish Desjardins

The latest word on the Courthouse Creek logging project is that it will not affect the ALT. Only 65 acres on other parts of the area will be logged. Some groups want more timber cut. The FS has decided to close Summey Cove Trail which leads to Courthouse Falls because much logging will be done along Courthouse Creek. Stuart stated that Summey Cove Trail is the only trail off of 215 South of the BRP and should be left alone. Lenny said that all this is a Natural Heritage area and should be protected. Tish mentioned that other organizations wanted CMC to sign on to an appeal to the Forest Service's Courthouse Creek decision and the appeal request will be discussed at the October meeting.

Proposed Council Members and Officers- Barth Brooker

Barth introduced the new slate of officers for 2014. The following people have been nominated for these positions: Lenny Bernstein-president, Barbara Morgan- Vice-President, Marcia Bromberg- Immediate Past President, Kay Shurtleff- Councilor for Education, Brenda Worley- Councilor for Hiking, Lee Silver- Councilor for Membership, and Ann Hendrickson- Councilor at Large. There was only one award nomination made. Barth felt that these should come from the membership and that there has been a lack of interest. Departing Council members Jim Reel, Barth Brooker, and Don Gardner were given a round of applause and thanked for all their time and work.

Annual Dinner-Don Gardner

The Annual Dinner will be held on Friday, November 1 at Pack Tavern. The Social Hour will begin at 5:30. The dinner will begin at 6:30. The Challenge Awards will be presented at 7. The meeting will begin at 7:30 and will consist of the Minutes from last year, budget, Nominations and Elections, a vote on the revisions to the bi-laws, and the President's report.

Instead of a speaker, there will be a panel of Past Presidents: Marcia Bromberg, Sarah Davis, John Dickson, Howard McDonald, Becky Smucker, and Barth Brooker. Dave Wetmore will be the moderator.

ATC Final Report- Lenny Bernstein

Lenny mentioned our share of \$8,591.20 from the ATC Biennial. CMC members provided great leadership and Tish, Bruce, Marcia, and Danny helped make his job as head of the Steering Committee easier. It has been more difficult to put on the Conference since the responsibility went back to the Maintaining Club that served as host. ATC no longer has the personnel for this. Lenny is heading a task force that will ask the question "what can we get out of the Biennial that we are not getting now?"

Volunteer Hours Survey- Lenny

This concerns the way CMC recognizes volunteers. Maintenance has a system recording volunteer hours but there is no system for anything else such as Data Base, hike scheduling, etc. Barbara Morgan, Jim Reel, Pete (A.) Petersen and Lenny were on an adhoc committee for this and sent a survey through Kathy Kyle. There were 30 responses and only 17 said they would be willing to track their volunteer hours. We will discuss other ways to recognize members who provide service to our club at our planning session.

Membership-Barbara Morgan

The pattern of Membership renewals has stayed about the same and there have been 128 new members through September 30. There are 1050 members at this time. The pdf option for the newsletter is working. The paper renewal is working. Barbara sent out a survey to find how people felt about the club overall and about hikes. The remarks were generally positive. Some have said that they haven't received their Diamond Brand certificate. Lenny said that there is a glitch in the system that causes this. Marcia will take over the mailing of certificates in 2014.

Hiking-Jim Reel

The Hike Leaders Dinner will be held February 28 at Pack Tavern. The Camporee for this fall was canceled due to the Government shut down. Camporees will be held next year in the spring and in the fall. Ted Snyder has done a great job and a service to us all organizing these with his time and in some cases his money. Paul had at one time finished his commitment to Meet Up but has renewed our affiliation with Meet Up and will continue scheduling some hikes on it for now.

Education-Kay Shurtleff

The Family Friendly hike will be held October 27 at English Chapel. Stuart agreed to lead the hike. Kay will go to Family Night at Upward Elementary and promote the hike. On November 16 a Map and Compass class will be held at Diamond Brand. Dave Wetmore will teach the class and charges will be waived. Owen Carson of Trail to Every Classroom wants to do a class on Invasive Species. It is too late to schedule this now but we will keep in mind for the future. Lenny said that John O'Dell of SORO would do this free.

Communications-Stuart

The greening of the newsletter continues to save us money and save more in the future once we minimize the number of newsletters we print.

Marcia adjourned the meeting and we went into Executive Session.