

## **Agenda**

### **CMC February 2020 Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 4, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**Earthfare, Westgate Shopping Center, Asheville, NC 28806**

#### **Present**

President: Debby Jones

Vice President: Tom Weaver

Secretary: Kathy McAuley

Immediate Past President: Randy Fluharty

Councilor for Education and Community Outreach: Jan Onan

Councilor for Hiking: Daisy Teng Karasek in attendance for Brenda Worley

Councilor for Trail Maintenance: Ron Navik

Councilor for Technology: Judy Magura

Councilor at Large: Sarah Broughton

#### **Absent**

Treasurer: George Bauernfeind

Councilor for Communication: Stuart English

Councilor at Large: Chris Koebelin

Councilor for Membership: Lynn Saul

Councilor for Conservation: Mike Fisher

### **Committee Reports and Discussion of Issues:**

#### **Spring Social**

Randy reported on the Spring Social, which will be held at the North Carolina Arboretum. Members will need to bring their own food for a picnic. CMC is not able to bring food to share and alcohol is not allowed. Randy is looking for ideas on entertainment options for this event to be emailed to him.

#### **Hiking**

Daisy reported for Brenda. The Hike Leader Dinner will be held on February 15<sup>th</sup>. The dinner will include door prizes.

Brenda is scheduling CPR training in early April for 10 hike leaders that have not previously received this training. Brenda is working with Big Frog to get t shirts for hike leaders and will review pricing with the Hiking Committee and then present to Council. A grant request is being submitted this month to North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, Recreational Trails Program, 2020 Safety & Education Grant for a NOLS Wilderness First Aid Course for hike leaders. The NOLS course now costs \$150 per person. The current certifications from the last NOLS Wilderness First Aid Course will expire in November 2020.

Brenda and Bruce Bente are currently working on scheduling CMC second quarter hikes. The Hiking Committee wants to have both a strenuous and a moderate hike every Wednesday, and are seeking new leaders to accomplish this.

## **Education**

The Youth Partner Challenge will coordinate with the Trails Committee for National Trails Day on June 6th. All workers, including children, will require helmets and other safety gear.

The Education Outreach Committee is working to create more partnerships with other organizations, including Frugal Backpacker and Conserving Carolina. The Youth Partner Challenge had a hike on February 1<sup>st</sup>. The youth participation doubled, thanks to the help of Conserving Carolina by posting the hike on social media. An intern from Conserving Carolina participated in the hike and discussed conserving land with the youth. The intern will also work with CMC members to discuss public lands and is willing to participate in hikes for this purpose.

Bill Sanderson has offered to teach classes, including a survival class, with dates to be determined.

## **Trails Committee**

Recruitment videos will be produced to attract new trail maintainers.

Trails has applied for the A.T. Tag grant to replenish the supply of tools for section maintainers including: hazel hoes, loppers, and folding saws. Trails was also awarded a Safety and Education grant for chainsaw and cross cut training classes next month.

National Trails Day is June 6<sup>th</sup> and CMC will continue work on Max Patch. Pisgah Pride Day is April 25<sup>th</sup>.

There is a trail detour on the Mountain to Sea Trail (MST) at the I26 Bridge, as construction work continues in that area.

CMC currently has an agreement with Green River Game Lands (GR) to maintain trails, however that will not be renewed this June, when it expires. All GR trails are now multi-use trails. It is anticipated that Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association (SORBA) will take over the trail work.

Every year Trails has one multi-crew event. This year the event will be at the Barnet Branch Bridge and boardwalk in the Pink Beds, to be completed this month. These structures were built in 1990 and both are in need of repair. This will be a 3 day project, requiring technical equipment. All materials will be supplied to CMC. Pictures of before and after will be posted on the CMC website.

## **Technology**

Judy requested short articles with dates and contact information for upcoming special events, such as the camporee.

Judy will give a presentation on posting upcoming hiking trips to the CMC website, at the Hike Leaders Dinner this month. Instructions to post hikes on the website will also be sent to attendees in advance of the dinner.

**Next Meeting: May 5, 2020 at 6 p.m. New location to be determined since Earthfare is closing.**

Minutes prepared by Kathy McAuley, Secretary