

## Minutes, CMC Annual Meeting

October 30, 2015

UNC-Asheville, Sherrill Center

The Annual Meeting for the Carolina Mountain Club was held Friday, October 30 at the Sherrill Center on the UNC-A campus. The college's catering service catered the dinner. There was a social hour before dinner.

Before the meeting, Vance Mann, chair of the Challenge Committee, presented the challenge awards for 2015. Recipients of these awards are listed in the attachments. In addition, Ann Hendrickson presented the Photo Contest awards. Carolyn Baker won for Plants and Animals; Randy Fluharty won for People on the Trail; Jack Ollis won for Landscape; and Janet Martin won the Grand Prize. Thanks to Diamond Brand for the generous gift cards for the winners.

### Call to Order and Welcome to Guests

President Lenny Bernstein called the meeting to order and Vice-President Barbara Morgan introduced and welcomed Leanna Joyner (and spouse Marcus Barksdale), Morgan Sommerville, Amy Snyder, and Chris Binder, all representing ATC. Craig Yow (BRP), Carolyn Ward (BRP Foundation) and her spouse Alan Ward, Kate Dixon (FMST) and husband Dan Wilkinson, Steve Metcalf (FMST Board), Gay Deamer (Friends of BRP), Leslie Morgan (Cherokee Ranger District) and spouse Brad Bernardy, and Marci Spencer, tonight's speaker, and spouse John Spencer.

### Minutes of 2015 Meeting

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting

### State of the Club

President Bernstein presented the State of the Club Address. Highlights included

- We have almost 1100 members, an increase of over 50 from last year.
- We have completed the MST around Waterrock Knob. We now maintain 141 miles of the MST, from Heintooga Road to Black Mountain Campground.
- We have finalized trail maintenance agreements with the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Green River Gamelands.

- Our trail maintainers logged 18,500 hours of work, (289 work weeks!) during the past year. Our biggest project was the MST where we logged 8400 hours; 3000 of those hours were on the Blue Ridge Parkway, a quarter of all volunteer hours donated to the BRP.
- Last year we scheduled 190 hikes.
- Two new Challenges were created this year; the Youth Partner Challenge and the AT & MST Challenge.
- Two CMC members, Ruth Hartzler and Tish Desjardins, are participating in the Stake-Holders Forum which is involved in the Nantahala-Pisgah Forest Plan revision.
- We organized a special showing of A Walk in the Woods. The 208-seat theatre was filled.
- Honorary Life Memberships, our highest honor, were awarded to Bruce Bente for his 15 years of work scheduling hikes and working with the Hike Leaders and to Piet Bodenhorst who has been a major contributor to our trail maintenance efforts for over 15 years.

#### Awards

Past President Marcia Bromberg announced the recipients selected by the Awards Committee. The first was the Distinguished Service Award, which is an award for great service to the club over a long period of time. It was given to Danny Bernstein for her years of dedicated work on and off the Council, for creating eNews, for promoting the club everywhere she goes, and for many other often thankless tasks. The second was the Award of Appreciation, an award given to an individual, who during the calendar year had made extraordinary contributions to the state of our club. This award, usually given to an individual, was given to the entire Friday Crew in appreciation for their work in the completion of the new MST relocation in the area of Waterrock Knob. Skip Sheldon accepted the award for the group, and invited all who had participated in the crew's activities to stand with him and be recognized for their work.

#### Treasurer's Report and Approval of the 2016 Budget

Jim Ariail, Treasurer, presented the comparative statement of activities showing year to date General Fund, 2015 Annual Budget, and projected 2016 Annual Budget, which is a balanced budget.

Explanations included:

- The Club is maintaining a healthy financial state. The budget for next year remains at \$28,250. As of September 30th we are below that figure, but we expect our usual surge of renewals before the end of the year.
- The financial state of the Club has improved greatly since we established electronic delivery of Let's Go. Formerly, printing and mailing it were the Club's largest single annual expense.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed approving the 2016 budget.

## New Challenge

Kay Shurtleff, Councilor for Education, and Jan Onan described our newest Challenge. It is our first Challenge designed for younger hikers and adult partners. It consists of a series of hikes to be done with a youth (under 18) hiking with an adult. Ten hikes will be led by club leaders, and completion of eight of these qualifies for completing the challenge. Additional information is on the CMC website.

## Other Business

Lenny Bernstein recognized two members rotating off the Council, thanked them for their service, and awarded certificates. These were Jim Ariail, Treasurer, and Dave Wetmore, Secretary.

## Approval of Proposed Bylaws Changes

Lenny described significant changes in the bylaws deemed necessary to reflect the actual operation of the club and to reorganize the document to reflect these changes. The major changes included creation of a new Council position – Councilor for Technology, changing the name of the Education Committee to Education and Community Outreach, increasing the number required for a quorum from six to eight to reflect the new council membership of fourteen, splitting descriptions of committees into two groups – those with and those without council representation and expanding the description of responsibilities for some of the committees, splitting the Awards and Nominating Committee into two to represent the different functions and reducing the minimum number of members, eliminating the Budget Committee in recognition that the Council serves this role, and enhancing the description of the club's budgeting and financial control procedures.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the revised Bylaws.

## Election of 2016 Council

Marcia Bromberg, Chair of the Nominations Committee, presented a slate of names for open positions and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. She then said that the slate would be voted on as a unit. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the slate.

President: Barbara Morgan (two year term)

Vice President: Randy Fluharty (two year term)

Past President: Lenny Bernstein (two year term)

Secretary: Paula Massey (completing second year of vacant two year term)

Treasurer: Ann Hendrickson (completing second year of vacant two year term)

Councilor for Education and Outreach: Kay Shurtleff (second two year term)

Councilor for Hiking: Brenda Worley (second two year term)

Councilor for Membership: Lee Silver (second two year term)

Councilor for Technology: Marcia Bromberg (two year term)

Councilor at Large: Steve Pierce (two year term)

Councilor at Large: Tom Weaver (completing second year of vacant two year term)

Note: Continuing on the Council, no election needed. All are second two year terms.

Councilor for Communication: Kathy Kyle Corn

Councilor for Conservation: Ruth Hartzler

Councilor for Trail Maintenance: Pete Petersen

Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.