

Minutes, CMC Council Meeting

May 4th, 2015

The Meeting was called to order by President Bernstein at 6:03 p.m.

Present: Jim Arail, Lenny Bernstein, Marcia Bromberg, Ruth Hartzler, Ann Hendrickson, Sawako Jager, Kathy Kyle, Barbara Morgan, Pete Peterson, Lee Silver, Dave Wetmore, Brenda Worley

Absent: Kay Shurtleff

Guests: James Melonas, USFS, Jan Onan

Presentation on the Nantahala-Pisgah Forests Management Plan

Jim Melonas, Deputy Superintendent for North Carolina Forests, gave a detailed explanation of the goals, steps, and issues of the Forest Management Plan currently under development. A draft may be issued this winter. After the draft is released input will be solicited from those who will be effected by the plan. The plan will address such issues as defining safe, sustainable recreation and working with stakeholders such as the CMC.

Concerns were raised by the Council about the issue of maintenance responsibilities on multiple-use trails, the possible formation of a User Council for such trails, and coordination with the Appalachian Ranger District. Mr. Melonas pointed out that the Plan is in the early stages of development and that issues such as were raised here will be dealt with later.

In response to a question, Mr. Melonas said that he felt the recreational issues which would be the most difficult to resolve were those of balancing the needs of the various user groups and protecting areas from over-use.

CMC Youth Challenge Program

Jan Onan gave a detailed presentation of the proposed CMC Youth Challenge. It was agreed that details of the Challenge Patch and Rockers would be approved later.

A motion to approve the Youth Challenge Program, with the patch issue to be decided later, passed.

Note: After a subsequent email discussion the Council left the design decisions on the Patch and Rocker in the hands of the committee responsible for the Challenge.

The Council felt that the YCP be included on the Web site, but not with the current Challenges.

The YC participants must be accompanied on hikes by a member of their sponsoring agency or a parent.

President Bernstein will see if our current insurance will cover YC activities.

Previous Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made, seconded, and passed

Treasurer's Report

The financial state of the Club is good. The costs of maintaining the CMC presence on the Web are expected to rise.

2015 Annual Dinner and Meeting

Barbara Morgan reported that the meeting will be held on the UNCA campus on October 30th. Wine and beer will be available, and the cost will be \$32.50 per person.

Trail Maintenance Report

Pete Peterson reported that the Green River Gamelands Memorandum of Understanding will be signed tonight. We have received a grant of \$3500 from the ATC for tools.

A motion was made and approved that the Club purchase a sign-making machine. A \$3,000 grant from L.L. Bean will be applied to the cost.

A treasure-trove of tools was obtained from the ARD when they closed their facility in Hot Springs. The tools will be shared with the Tennessee Eastman and Nantahala Hiking Clubs for use on the AT

It is not yet known if the MST in the Waterrock Knob area will be completed this year. The CMC is *not* responsible for the MST beyond Waterrock Knob.

Communications Committee

Ann Hendrickson gave an update on the plans for a Photograph contest. The plans should be finalized by June. The Council approved a motion to give prizes. We hope to solicit prizes from local merchants. It was agreed that the first prize in each of the 3 classes would be monetary.

Posting the CMC Operating Manual in the members-only section of the Web site is underway. Links have been established and content addition is proceeding.

The former publisher for the MST Guide has released the right to publish and a new publisher is being sought.

ATC Listening Session

Lenny Bernstein, Tom Weaver, Ruth Hartlzer, Kay Shurtleff, Pete Peterson and Barbara Morgan will participate in a conference call to discuss what the Club, as an AT maintaining club, feels are our best practices, challenges and wants.

Club Historian

President Bernstein announced that Rocco Smucker is the new Club Historian

Proposed Bylaws Amendments

President Bernstein circulated a list of Proposed Bylaws changes (See Attachment 1)

Lenny Bernstein, Marcia Bromberg and Barbara Morgan will serve as a task force to further review the draft and will present a revised version at the next Council meeting.

A motion to appoint a councilor for technology was approved.

CMC Logo

A motion to amend the guidelines on the use of the CMC logo was made and passed. The guidelines now read as follows, with the amendment in italics.

CMC's name and logo are intended for use to promote official Club activities and for reasonable use by Club members. They are not intended for use by other organizations and/or individuals without written permission from either the CMC's council or its President. *Unless specifically approved by CMC's council, all future depictions of the CMC logo will use blue lettering and figures on a white background.*

MST Issues

A new publisher has been found for the trail guide.

There will be four meetings in Winston-Salem to draft a master plan for the MST. The current draft incorrectly states that the CMC will maintain the trail down to Cherokee. President Bernstein asked the CMC Maintenance Committee to reaffirm that we will not assume any maintenance responsibilities beyond our current ones.

Proposed By-Law Change

We should have a Councilor for Technology. The Councilor would handle all the non-technical issues concerning the Web site, These would include reviews for accuracy and serving as a gate keeper for additions or changes to the site

A motion was made and approved to take this proposal to the annual meeting for action.

Announcements

We will have a table at the ATC Biennial Meeting.

We will receive the 2015 N.C. Land Trust Community Conservation Partner Award from the CLMC. Skip Sheldon will accept the award.

Barbara Morgan as agreed to be the CMC contact with the SEFTC, replacing Marcia Bromberg. Ruth Hartzler feels that our hiking database of GPX files could be of use to the Forest Service.

Executive Session

The council held a brief executive session. No actions were taken.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44.

Respectfully submitted,
David Wetmore, Secretary