

**CMC Council Meeting**  
**Thursday October 4, 2012**  
**6 P.M. to 9 P.M.**  
**West Asheville Library, Asheville**

**Council Members Present**

Jim Ariail, Danny Bernstein, Marcia Bromberg, Barth Brooker, Tish Desjardins, Pete A. Petersen, Jim Reel, Jim Spicer

**Council Members Absent**

Stuart English, Don Gardner, Barbara Morgan, Lee Silver

**Guests**

Gale O'Neal

The first hour was taken up by a special meeting on the routing of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail as it leaves the Smokies. Kate Dixon, Executive Director of Friends of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail, Jim Hallsey, retired as Chief Ranger of NC State Parks, Darrell McBane of NC State Parks and Don Walton, Board member of FMST, spoke to a large group of CMC maintainers and members. See the October 2012 eNews for a complete report.

The CMC Council minutes for August 2, 2012 were approved.

Jim Ariail presented the statement of income and expenses and balance sheet as of September 30, 2012. He also presented the 2013 budget. Annual dues are our biggest source of income, followed by contributions. Our largest expense is the quarterly newsletter. A couple of ideas were floated to increase revenues. Hike leaders should encourage new hikers to become members. We should sell Walt Weber's book at every CMC function, such as the annual dinner and spring picnic.

The 2013 budget was accepted by the council, with our thanks to Jim A. for his efforts. It will be presented and put to a vote at the annual dinner.

Business:

1. Proposed Slate of Officers and Councilors

Barth Brooker, past CMC president, proposed the following slate of officers.

--Secretary	Stuart English
--Treasurer	Jim Ariail
--Councilor at Large	Sawako Jager
--Councilor for Communications	Danny Bernstein
--Councilor for Maintenance	Peter R Petersen
--Councilor for Conservation	Tish Desjardins

Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the Annual meeting.

## 2. Report on CMC Archives

Pete A. Petersen reported on a meeting that was held on September 10. The Archive committee consists of Bruce Bente, Stuart English, Pete A. Petersen, and Pete Steurer. Two major recommendations were made by the committee.

A. CMC should continue to deposit manuscripts and other paper records in the UNCA Special Collection library.

B. A solution is needed for CMC electronic records. There is an overwhelming amount of information to preserve. At this time, the committee will focus on hike and maintainer sign-up sheets and e-News.

## 3. Brief Technology Update

Marcia Bromberg gave a report on Stratos. We are using Stratos less and less. Marcia will negotiate with Stratos for fewer hours.

## 4. Other business

A. A regional transportation meeting, hosted by the Blue Ridge Parkway, will be held on Nov. 9. Marcia B. will attend.

B. The last piece of the Rocky Fork section has been purchased. The A.T. will be relocated to go through Rocky Fork tract.

## 5. Committee Reports

### A. Challenge - No Report

### B. Communications - Danny Bernstein for Stuart English

1. CMC members should be given a choice on whether they want to receive the *Let's Go* on paper through the mail or via email. Currently the newsletter is posted on the web before members get it through their letterbox. Council's reaction was very positive. However, Marcia B. pointed out that a new database field would have to be placed in the membership database. With our current membership database on the web, this is not a simple procedure but requires coding by Tim Corrigan, who designed and is maintaining the membership database. Marcia will discuss this with Tim.

2. Pete Steurer, the official CMC historian, wrote a capsule history of the club, with important milestones. It includes all the CMC presidents.

3. 2013 will mark our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We should celebrate it at the 2013 annual dinner.

4. There should be a link on our website that advertises Walt Weber's MST book. Walt wrote it for CMC and it's a moneymaker for us.

### C. Conservation -Tish Desjardins

1. The Conservation committee will soon have a meeting. They are concerned about logging in the Court House creek area.

2. Tish will attend a meeting on Mountain Treasures with the Wilderness Society.

### D. Education - Jim Spicer

A CPR and First Aid course is scheduled for November 10.

E. Hiking - Jim Reel

1. Gail Lamb and Lee Silver are now the new Sunday half-day schedulers.
2. The first Meet-up hike is scheduled for Oct. 20.
3. The October camporee had about 16 people and a good time was had by all.

F. Maintenance - Pete Petersen

1. The maintainers' picnic was a great success. The food was good and so was the camaraderie.
2. The data for Walt Weber's MST book will be put on the web under "Trail Work"
3. CMC maintainers have received a lot of good publicity in the local press.
4. Friends of the Blue Ridge Parkway will hold its annual lunch for maintainers on Oct. 12.
5. Two chestnut trees were planted in memory of John Soldati in the Wolf Laurel community in conjunction with the American Chestnut Association.
6. An MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) has been signed by the US Forest Service and CMC. This is a huge accomplishment. It means that CMC now takes responsibility for its own maintainers. Each volunteer maintainer no longer has to fill out forms for the USFS.

G. Membership - Barbara Morgan

Membership Committee has added Brad Burris, who volunteered to serve, to the existing members, Barbara Morgan, Bruce Bente, Lee Silver, and Becky Smucker. Barbara will call a meeting in October. As of September 24, 2012, CMC had 907 members.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danny Bernstein