

**CMC COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 2, 2013 6-9 PM**  
**West Asheville Library, 942 Haywood Road**

**Council Members Present**

Marcia Bromberg, Jim Ariail, Barth Brooker, Tish Desjardins, Pete Petersen, Stuart English, Sawako Jager, Danny Bernstein, Barbara Morgan, Lee Silver

**Council Members Absent**

Jim Spicer, Don Gardner, Jim Reel

**Guests**

Gale O'Neal, Bruce Bente, Steve Kemp, Janet Rock, Kayah Gadish, John Lane

The meeting was called to order by Marcia and the minutes were accepted from the February 7, 2013 meeting.

Marcia gave the introductions and the Treasurers Report was given by Jim Ariail. He spoke of the grant from Mission Hospital for \$1000 that will help pay for Education and Maintenance Training. We have a positive cash flow of \$700+. There is no restriction on the grant money. Current reserves look good. Dues are holding up. Donations have been good.

Kayah Gadish would like to be certified to teach Wilderness First Aid. Jim A. will follow-up with Jim S. about use of the Mission Hospital gift/grant. One suggestion would be to pay for Kayah's certification as Wilderness First Aid teacher.

Great Smoky Mountains Map Project: Danny

Steve Kemp came to speak about this project and his role with GSMA, a partner of the park service that exists to help parks in ways that the Federal Government does not. He knew Bernard Elias and 100 Favorite Trails will be a tribute to Bernard's map. It covers areas that most maps don't cover on one map. There is an approval process by National Park Service depending on accuracy, etc. Bruce and Danny are co-chairs of Map Committee and need volunteers to GPS the trails for the map. This map will provide some income. CMC will be considered the author and will be responsible for updates. Spring of 2015 is due date. Hikes will not all be the same as the original

depending on access, land ownership, etc. Danny suggested calling it Favorite Hikes rather than Favorite Trails. Steve will help with the Smokes hikes. Danny, Bruce, and Marcia will visit Steve Kemp to discuss details of Map project agreement (meeting set for 6/11)

Kayah Gadish came to speak about her new maintenance crew and their wish to have beer after their work day. The name of the crew is the ðDraft Crewö and a local brewery had offered them free beer. Pete said that bringing their own beer was the responsibility of the crew members. Concern was raised that allowing crew members to bring free beer from a brewery, even if un-solicited, would be too risky for the Club. Danny and Sawako felt that club should not provide beer because this would give CMC a bad reputation.

Kayah felt that the availability of beer would attract younger maintainers. It was left that individual crew members could bring beer on their own responsibility to be consumed after the work day had ended.

The changes to the By-laws by Marcia and Barbara were accepted to be presented for approval at the Annual Meeting.

Marcia asked if we wanted to have a representative on the Southeast Foothills Coalition. It was decided that a representative from the organization should come to a meeting and talk to us about this. Marcia will ask the Southeast Foothills Coalition to send a representative to our August meeting to explain why CMC membership would be worthwhile.

The Lets Go No mail option with work by Marcia, Jim Ariail, and Tim Carrigan is taking shape. 70+ people have opted for the pdf version so far. But the pdf delivery still needs some work.

There will be a link to Amazon to buy the MST book.

90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration is June 8 noon-3 at Lake Julian. There will be cakes, door prizes, and covered dishes will be brought. Sawako will bring a broom and a table cloth. Marcia has determined that Lew is a life member. Marcia will contact Karen Bartlett about music for the party.

Marcia brought up the need for a Map Reading and Compass class. It was suggested we partner with REI since they give such a course but don't take it out into the field like we used to do.

Danny suggested advertising in the Lets Go and ENews. This will be considered.

Lee Barry, oldest man to hike the AT will write a book about it.

Membership Barbara Morgan

We have had 70 new members through April 30. Barbara cannot access a renewal report. The new application form is ready.

Maintenance- Pete Petersen

There are only two sections of the AT that have not been walked through. Cases of the norovirus are still being reported on the AT. It has been suggested that a spray be used in the shelters. There is a work day planned for May 4 at Max Patch to plant azaleas. Much work has already been done. A new kiosk is planned with CMC donating the necessary money from the Phil Smith fund. Marcia will follow-up with Dwayne Stutzman about CMC funds for Max Patch repair/new kiosk.

Walk throughs and work on the MST are about a third done.

The maintenance picnic is scheduled for September at Lake Julian. The Council is invited.

Pete (A) Petersen will attend weed eater training on May 9 so he will be able to train our people.

A large portion of the trail at Bearwallow has been completed and kudos have been received from CMLC. Full completion is expected by next year. The Pisgah Friday crew completed work on a trail for Thrive (a non profit) in Laurel Park that was recently dedicated. The trail is part of a rehab exercise facility for a non-profit and is named after a CMC maintainer, Ralph Turnberg. This is good outreach work and creates good publicity for the club. More is in the works.

Hiking

Sawako suggested adding whether a hiker is a member or a guest on the sign up sheet. She also suggested discouraging hikers using 911 as Emergency contact info. Bruce said that this would be discussed. The Hiking Committee will follow up on Sawako's suggestion.

## Education

Jim Spicer is stepping down as Education Councilor. We need to find someone else to fill this position.

## Conservation- Tish Desjardins

Tish gave credit to Marty Easton for helping post much conservation material on the website, including positions and partnership organizations. The old ranger station in Hot Springs will be sold to the town and Tish went with Morgan Summerville to make sure that it will look nice and not distract from the A. T.

Tish went with John Odell to check on how the Marsh Marigold will lead out to the A. T.

Green River Game Land logging is underway in an attempt to bring back Oak regeneration. We should express our opinion that NC should not cut back on funds for conservation.

The Rube Rock/Groundhog Creek Trails are now open and Tish thanked Bruce Bente, Charlie Ferguson and all those who helped in that effort.

## Communications - Danny

Danny talked about writing press release for the AT license plate program for Henderson paper, ACT, and Smoky Mountain News.

Facebook membership continues to grow.

Enews is expanding nicely. There is an interview almost every month.

At some point in the future, Marcia, Danny, Jim A. and others will look into advertising in Lets Go, eNews, and our Facebook page as a possible revenue stream.

Stuart talked about how we are continually trying to save money on the publication of the newsletter.

## Challenges

We are considering making the MST and AT permanent challenges. Don Gardner will talk to Challenge Committee about this.

Marcia adjourned the meeting.