

**CMC State Council Meeting  
October 21, 2021 Approved**

**Attending:** Keegan Young, CMC Executive Director; Jeff Flax, President CMC State Board and liaison to State Council; Dan Cummings, Vice President BOD; David Sanders; Glenn Barr, Pikes Peak; Carrie Simon, Boulder; Don Carpenter, Northern Colorado; Mike Miller, Roaring Fork; Brenda Leach, Western Slope; Sandy Heise\*, Denver; Terry McCanne, El Pueblo; Madeline Bachner Lane, Staff; Roberta Farmington, Staff.

**\*Absent**

Meeting called to order by Chair Glenn Barr at 5:32pm.

**Minutes** from the August 19, 2021 State Council meeting – passed, unanimous; PDF version to be posted on Basecamp and on the CMC website.

SC Welcomed **Terry McCanne** as the new representative from El Pueblo Group and currently the group chair.

New CMC staff member, **Roberta Farmington** was introduced. Roberta is CMC Permits, Wilderness Medicine, and Scholarships coordinator.

**Dale Pfaff** resigned his position on SC and on the BOD. We are currently searching for a representative from the Gore Range to serve on SC.

**SC Positions** – SC confirmed two year appointments of Glenn and Don who agreed to continue in their current positions as SC Chair and Secretary as well as Carrie as our new Vice Chair.

**State CMC Update** – (Keegan, Jeff) We are entering a new fiscal year with an aggressive budget and adding new staff in part to provide better support for volunteer leadership: Trip Leaders and Instructors. Website development – email on update from Jacob. If your group did not get the email inform Jeff so that he can forward email. Amazing and successful Gala.

**BOD Meeting Highlights** from Sept 26, 2021 (Don, Jeff, Keegan)

Finances doing well; new auditors, new budget and two new board members were approved by BOD. DEI was also discussed. Board officers also reelected for the upcoming year: Jeff - President, Dan - VP, Chantal-Secretary, Mark – Treasurer.

**Group Policy Feedback** on Minimum Number of Trip Participants and Avalanche Training; Groups comments were posted to Basecamp and Glenn summarized the results in a chart to facilitate discussion and our recommendations to the BOD follows:

At the request of the CMC Board, the State Council submits the following recommendations after considerable discussion and reviewing feedback and suggestions from the CMC Group Councils. The Council developed these recommendations with four goals in mind for policy protocol change recommendations:

- Easy to understand and implement
- Easy to emplace and enforce
- Reasonable for Trip Leaders to achieve
- Well known by members

1. Minimum Trip Size.

- a) Change trip minimum requirement from 4 to 3 where reliable and verified communication (cell or satellite) is possible.

b) Keep multi-pitch rock climbing standards the same.

2. Avalanche Training Requirements.

- a) Keep policy for AIARE level 1 and ATA training in place as is.
- b) Do not require renewal training (matches national standards).
- c) Remove “non-remote vs remote” area policy and “backcountry” references – avalanche prone terrain travel is a risk no matter where it is found.
- d) Provide annual training and refresher training opportunities for AIARE Level 1, ATA (on demand/online), and beacon, probe, search training.

Recommendations will be posted to Basecamp for review and acceptance before forwarding to the Risk Management Committee and Group Councils.

3. **Inform Members.** Publicize CMC standards and changes to entire membership and make policies easily accessible to all members via the cmc.org website (i.e. do not just place them in the Trip Leader Manual which is not accessible to all).

**Closing comments and discussion**

**COVID** protocols - make sure your groups Trip Leaders and Council are aware of the latest changes. Discussion focused on trip leaders requiring a vaccination, but this must be in conjunction with either a vaccination or a negative PCR test.

**Action Items:**

All	Review Calendar for upcoming SC meetings
All	Update your web page biography to your preference
Terry	Add bio to the CMC State website

Meeting schedule: 5:30p on the third Thursday of every other month: Dec16, Feb17, Apr21, Jun16, Aug18.

Next Meeting: Dec 16

Adjoin: 6:46pm