

The Mountain Ear

July 2020

President's Message

Greetings, fellow Rocky Mountaineers. I'm not going to lie....times have been tough. With all the political strife and pandemic concerns of late, sometimes it's hard to tell which way is up. As we move forward trying to make sense of our world (or distance ourselves from it), one thing remains true: the mountains feel so right. Up is up, down is down, and our topo maps still show us the way. I hope you are all still finding solace in the mountains.

Club leaders are currently trying to plan some summer events for you all, but COVID seems to be thwarting our efforts. We hope to see you all soon. Please check our calendar for upcoming events.

-Joshua Phillips
TRM President

Membership Renewals

DUES NOTICE

The Rocky Mountaineers annual membership runs from May 1 to April 30. If you have not yet renewed, we would really appreciate you taking the time NOW to do so. Thank you to those of you who have already done so! (If you have joined since January 1st of this year, your membership will be good through April 30, 2021).

What are the benefits of membership?

- Ability to participate in any of our Trips!
- Ability to participate in our educational events or clinics
- Free use of our winter cabin on Little St. Joe
- Social events
- Attend the Glacier Classic!
- Monthly Newsletter
- Be a part of a group of like-minded outdoor recreation enthusiasts!

Annual dues:

- \$25 - Individual
- \$40 - Family
- \$15 - Student/Youth (under 23 years old)

NEW- How to renew: with our new website now up and running, the renewal process is a little different than in the past. Here's how to do it! Go to rockymountaineers.com and click on the "Join here or sign in" button. Choose the appropriate membership, and click on "add to cart" or "select options". If you are not already logged in, click on the "Returning customer? Click here to login" link, and login. Add your billing details and credit card information, and check out. Make sure that your cart includes only one membership.

If you are signing up for a family membership, you will be asked for a team name. Enter a team name---you might use your last name. When you are logged in, you will see a "Teams" tab. Here you can invite additional family members to join your team with their own e-mail. They will be able to login to the website and will have member privileges and receive e-mail from the club.

Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions!

Board of Director Elections

The membership unanimously elected the following individuals to serve as officers for the coming year:

PRESIDENT- Joshua Phillips

VICE PRESIDENT- Fintan Maguire

SECRETARY- Elizabeth Moore

TREASURER- Susanna Phillips

Thank you to all who voted and thanks to you four for serving!

Upcoming Trips and Activities

Climb- **Swan Peak**- Saturday, July 11

Traverse- **Swan Crest Traverse**- Saturday, July 18

Hike- **Ogden/Dalton Mountains (Helena NF)**- Sunday, July 26

Traverse- **Missions Traverse**- Saturday, August 1

Various- **16TH Glacier Classic**- Thurs- Sun, Aug 20-23

With the current situation, our calendar is a little blank right now. Hopefully we will be getting things running again soon. Stay tuned and keep checking the calendar as we get through this thing!

The 16th Annual Glacier Classic

Thursday, August 20- Sunday, August 23

Well folks, this 16th edition of the Glacier Classic is proving to be a challenging one to put together. Our original plan was to return to St. Mary again this year and the Divide Creek Campground. Due to the Blackfeet tribal closure on the east side, this isn't going to happen. We therefore need to shift things to the west side. However, Park campgrounds are mostly closed and private one's are already likely booked. So, what to do? At this point we have three possibilities to pursue:

- 1- Apgar Campground- GNP says they HOPE to open this campground "in July". If they do, we can attempt to reserve a couple of the group sites for these dates.
- 2- St. Mary Campground- same as above. However, with the east side entrance being closed, this would (I assume) require driving the GTTS road all the way across to get there. They do have a few group sites though (which we have used in the past).
- 3- Blankenship Bridge area- This was the basecamp location for the first Glacier Classic. Basically its just primitive camping along the south and west side of the Flathead River after its confluence of North and Middle Forks. If coming from US2, you cross the bridge then hang a left and drive down by the river. Lots of places to camp, but lots of others know about it too. It is free though, and an option if all else fails.

Assuming we can nail down a place to camp (or perhaps even if we can't), the Glacier Classic trips will still take place. Tentative itinerary is below:

Thursday- Those wishing to participate in one of the Friday trip offerings should arrive this evening.

Friday- We will have the following 3 trips today for those wanting a longer weekend. Bring your own food and drink for dinner this evening. Around 8:00pm we will have the Saturday trip leaders announce their plans for the following day.

- **Pollock Mountain-** scramble up from Lunch Creek just east of Logan Pass. May also tag Piegan Mountain before heading down. Leader: Bryan Kercher Class 3
- **Haystack Butte-** hike Highline Trail to divide between this Butte and Mt. Gould, then scramble to top. Leader: Laurel Vielle Class 2

- **Mt. Brown-** hike to Mt. Brown lookout then scramble ridge to summit. Leader: Forest Dean Class 4

Saturday- Climbs and hikes during the day (hope to add a couple more soon).

Normally we would have a big burrito dinner in the evening, but we will likely just do BYO this year due to the planning challenges. Nevertheless, it will be a fun time!

- **Cathedral Peak-** long out and back trip to climb this peak on the continental divide. Leader: Laurel Vielle Class 4
- **Mt. Reynolds-** classic climb up this horn shaped peak just to the south of Logan Pass. Leader: Fintan Maguire Class 3
- **Gunsight Mtn/Mt. Edwards via Floral Park-** start at Logan Pass, hike Floral Park traverse to these two peaks, summit one or both, then exit to Lake McDonald Lodge area. Leader: Forest Dean Class 3

Sunday- More hikes and climbs for those interested, or head home whenever you desire.

- **Mt. Oberlin-** an easy scramble to a great vantage point just west of Logan Pass. Leader: Minot Maser Class 2
- **Stanton Mountain-** scramble to this summit to the northeast of Lake McDonald. Leader: Bryan Kercher Class 3

Please contact Forest Dean to sign up or ask questions! mtnear1@gmail.com

Business Meetings

The next quarterly business meeting will take place on **Tuesday, August 4th**. All members are very welcome (and encouraged) to attend! Please consider joining us and assisting with the direction of your club.

We will hold these meetings in the upstairs conference room at Big Sky Brewing Company. Meetings will start promptly at 6:30pm and wrap up no later than 8:00pm.

Trip Reports

All reports from club trips can be found at:

<http://rockymountaineers.com/trip-reports/>

All future Trip Reports will be posted and archived on this site as well.

Club Officers

President- Joshua Phillips

Vice President- Fintan Maguire

Secretary- Elizabeth Moore

Treasurer- Susanna Phillips

Website- Alden Wright

Archivist- Julie Kahl

Newsletter - Forest Dean

The Rocky Mountaineers June 9 Business Meeting

Members Present:

Joshua P (President), Susanna P (Treasurer), Fintan M (Vice President), Alden W, Elizabeth M (Secretary), Astrid M, & Campbell M

6:50 pm - Meeting called to Order

Treasurer's report:

TRM Account \$4247.45

Grizzly Man Account \$2,228.73

Only costs for April and May were Liability Insurance for Cabin \$48.68

Website Accessibility to Trip Leaders:

We had a discussion on making the website accessible for Trip Leaders in order to access the list of members with names and phone numbers in case they are on your trip.

Alden says that it would be best to avoid lists of emails and phone numbers on the website so that spammers can't find.

Susanna had an idea that Trip Leaders could possibly get access to the Google Drive to see the member's information to double check that they are members before they go on a trip.

Motion passes for letting trip leaders have access to memberships and Elizabeth seconds.

Membership Renewals:

May newsletter each year sends a reminder that they need to renew membership.

Joshua will craft an email to members that have not renewed and Susanna/Alden will send it out as a reminder.

Newsletter:

President needs to get a message out before it is sent out.

Educational Events:

Susanna recommended a rock climbing weekend.

Joshua Joins at 7:00pm

Website Updates:

Officer Listings need to be updated - Alden will update

Officer Elections:

The vote for officers stands since there were all positive votes for suggested officers even though voter turnout was low. 27 votes, all positive.

Membership Tracking:

Alden is tracking membership through the website and Susanna keeps track of memberships on a spreadsheet.

General Website/Trip Report Comments:

Susanna suggests that when we write newsletters and trip reports that we don't list both first and last names because of photo recognition.

A suggestion is made that when we list names on the internet that we just list the last name as an initial.

It was suggested that some information to the Trip Leader Handbook is added in order to talk about photos to take while you are on the trip itself to make them more anonymous.

Who will be in charge of updating the waiver to sign in order to become a member? Alden will craft some language to add to the waiver, then send it to Joshua for review. The language will say that the member may be included in photos and/or videos posted by TRM on the website.

Non Profit Status:

Joshua will send a reminder to Kris and get an update.

Summer BBQ Discussion:

July possibilities? Dates? Possible weekend? Saturday July 25th

The 60th anniversary Party - of our club!

Susanna will send an email to see if we can get some more trips on the day of the BBQ.

Scheduled Presentations for Fall Season:

September - Trip Leader Showcase of Trips lead this year.

October - Jessie Thomas - Nutrition for Mountain Athletes

Glacier Classic - August 20-23. With closures, etc...still happening? Yes.

Please post more trips for the Summer!

Susanna will send individual emails to some of the trip leaders to see if they can each commit to at least two trips this summer.

Next quarterly Business Meeting will be August 4th

Meeting was adjourned 7:50 PM.