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WESTERN MICHIGAN CHAPTER, NORTH COUNTRY TRAIL ASSOCIATION NOVEMBER, 2009

What went on and what's ahead...

Amending the bylaws of the chapter was proposed by the Board at its meeting on Fun Day to deal with governance of the chapter in the absence of a President or Vice President. No candidates for these posts came forward at the membership meeting and election. Vice President JerriLynn Osmar was unable to run for reelection because she is moving from Rockford to Okemos, where she teaches.

To deal temporarily with the governance problem, the Board decided to propose a change in the bylaws until a new President and Vice President can be elected. Our current bylaws require that proposed amendments be published in the newsletter and comments invited by members before directors vote on the change. The proposed amendment calls for a new subsection and reads as follows:

G. INTERIM GOVERNANCE

1. The Board shall hold an annual directors meeting no later than Feb. 15 each year to accomplish the tasks set forth below. The actual date shall be set by the Treasurer after receipt of the final financial report from the previous year submitted by the national office and by the receipt of budget requests for the new year by the chapter's standing committees: trail, communications, schoolhouse and membership.
2. Directors collectively will approve the budget for the current year, appoint or re-appoint the trail manager, schoolhouse manager and membership and communications chairs.
3. Directors collectively shall set dates for regular events such as Clean-Up Day, Fun Day or the Holiday Party; propose chapter activities, such as hikes and other outings, and recruit coordinators for each of these events and activities. At large directors are encouraged to volunteer for these positions. If no coordinator is found for such purposes, the event will be cancelled.
4. The Board shall appoint a nominating committee to recruit members for the various offices and in particular seek to identify and nominate potential officers, especially President and Vice President.
5. After the annual Board meeting, the day-to-date affairs of the chapter shall be conducted variously by the committee chairs and by an executive committee consisting of the Secretary, Treasurer and Trail Manager. Each executive committee member shall have the authority to call a Board or general membership meeting as needed and to create an agenda.
6. Communication between the national office and the chapter shall be the responsibility of the various committee chairs and the Secretary.
7. These provisions of subsection G, Section IV are considered temporary and stay in effect only until a President or Vice President is elected by the chapter. At such time, governance of the chapter reverts to the previous bylaws.

Please consider and address any comments to the Chapter Secretary, Roger Meyer, at rogmey@aol.com.

Election Results - Members present at the annual election on Fall Fun Day also re-elected **Roger Meyer**, Secretary, and elected **Jack Post**, a former Vice President, and **Kevin Knoll** to the Board as Directors at large.

Save Tuesday, Dec. 1 for our annual Holiday Party, which again will be held at Timbers Restaurant, 6555 Belding Road NE. Cocktails at 6 PM and Dinner at 7 PM. Dinner cost will be approximately \$15 per person, payable at the restaurant.

Besides fellowship and tall trail tales, we'll have a program relating the Western mountain trip by **Stephanie Black** and **Tom Learmont** this past summer. Because it is located behind a small shopping center, the restaurant is not easy to spot from Belding Road. But its sign and driveway are visible from Belding Road, just east of Egypt Valley Avenue, NE.

Please make a reservation by e-mailing Kathy Holwerda at skyeeyes05@aol.com or calling her at 453-4085.

With Regret - We note the passing Oct. 18 of **Drew Storey**, who was elected to our chapter's Board of Directors and appointed chair of communications during our annual Fun Day. Drew, only 31 years old, would have taken office on Jan. 1, 2010

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TBD	Vice President			
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