

## RMCC State of the Paddling Union 2015:

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

- Most importantly, to all the **Trip Coordinators** (a record **seventeen**) whose efforts made all our Club trips and events possible.
- To **Candace Winkle** for generously opening her home for **the Jan Permit party** and likewise **Karen Amundson** for the **Nov Annual Mtg**).
- To **Anne Fiore** for making our transition to the new website as smooth as possible for our members (who have no idea of magnitude of her labors behind the scenes).
- To our **Rendezvous Dutch oven** competition coordinators: Carol Duecker and Anne Fiore.
- To all our **valiant club officers** who have agreed to stand for re-election: **Doug Hurcomb** as Quartermaster, **Kathryn Mutz** as Treasurer, and **Anne Fiore** as Webmaster and your humble servant as President.
- To our outgoing Scheduler **Carol Duecker** for 4 years of extraordinary service.
- And finally to our in-coming Scheduler **Kit Williams**.

### **Trips and Events**

Once again, this year I'm delighted to announce that the number of and participation in our scheduled outings remains strong and growing. To wit:

<b>Year</b>	<b>No of outings &amp; events</b>	<b>No. of participants</b>	<b>No. to Trip Coordinators</b>
2011	11	185	6
2012	24	270	10
2013	24	303	14
2014	18	210	9
<b>2015</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>17</b>

Here's a summary to the outing and events, no. of participants, and coordinators:

**January:** Permit Party (15, C. Winkle);

**Mar:** Joint Clubs Paddle – **cancelled Evans launch not open** (K. Mutz);

**April:** Boat Rigging and Packing Class (8, B. Ashworth); Colorado Ruby Horsethief (8, C. Winkle); Macintosh Lake – **cancelled** (A. Fiore); S. Platte Kersey to Kuner – **cancelled high water** (A. Fiore)

**May:** Intro. To Canoeing Class (16, D. Hinde & E. Hermann); S. Platte Brighton to Ft Lupton – cancelled high water (M. Bozek); Dolores (9, K. Amundson); Niobrara (12 B. Ashworth)

**June:** Wyoming 5 Rivers (11, B. Ashworth); Gross Reservoir (19, B. Ashworth); Colorado Dotsero to Hanging Lake – **cancelled high water** (J. Mallory);

**July:** Rio Grande (10, K. Amundson); Green Deso-Gray – **cancelled low turnout** (B. Rivers); N. Platte Saratoga to I-80 (9, J. Mallory); Radium Rendezvous (41, B. Ashworth)

**Aug:** Rio Chama (6, W. Duecker); N. Platte Glendo – **cancelled high wind** (K. Ashworth, J. Willson); Yellowstone (8, L. Richards, Williams)

**Sept:** Green Flaming Gorge (11, B. Ashworth); Rio Grande – **cancelled low turnout** (K. Amundson); Quetico Provincial Park (4, K. Wenker); Colorado Loma-Westwater (18, B. Ashworth); Green/Colorado Potash to Spanish Bottom (8, L. Richards, Williams)

**Oct:** Green Gates of Lodore – **cancelled low turnout** (B. Rivers)

**Nov:** Fall potluck and annual elections (30, K. Amundson)

I think we achieved a good balance of outing types this year but didn't get the increased number of day events that I'd hope for – a good goal for next year! The 2015 numbers: day outings/classes (6); weekend outings/classes (14); extended outings (5); meetings (2). It's worth noting that the number of participants was strong despite seven trip cancellations.

### **Instruction**

We were fortunate to have Poudre Paddler's excellent instruction corps provide our Basic Canoeing again this year. Thanks Eric, Mikel, and Deb from Poudre (who are all also RMCC members)! Our third Canoe Rigging and Packing class was well received and well attended and will be repeated in coming years. We're looking for input from members on additional classes we might offer next year – look for a survey between Thanksgiving and New Years

### **Membership**

Our membership dipped slightly this year and when secondary members (generally spouses) are added, we have over 175 folks on our rolls as paid up members.

No. of households: 2011 (100)      2012 (90)      2013 (112)      2014(113)      **2015 (108)**

### **2015 Financial Summary; Summary as of 11 21 15**

**Submitted by Kathryn Mutz, RMCC Treasurer**

**Beginning Cash** \$6,473.11

#### **Receipts:**

Dues 2015 \$870.00

Dues 2016 \$0.00

Miscellaneous \$0.00

**Total Receipts** \$870.00

#### **Disbursements**

Newsletter \$0.00

Internet \$0.00

Dues (ACA) -\$230.00

Brochures \$0.00

Events -\$217.99

Other\* -\$137.00

**Total**

**Disbursements** -\$584.99

**Ending Cash** \$6,758.12

Total Receipts \$870.00

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**Net Change** \$285.01

**Looking forward**

In a stunning and unexpected reversal of expectations, the current officers of the club plus Kit Williams as Scheduler, were affirmed at the annual meeting at Karen A's. I want to personally thank all the officers for their continuing service and as returning president, I look forward to a great El Nino-fueled season on the water with lots of trips of all levels and venues and a strong training program.

Keep on paddlin'

Bill Ashworth,

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