

MINUTES
PWV BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
March 17, 2011

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members present: Scott Ackerman, Kathy Burgess, Don Creager, Jan Creager, Jerry Hanley, Bob Hansen, Kathy Michaels, Meg Parmer, Karl Ritters, Jim Shaklee (*Chair*), Margaret Shaklee, Kay Valerio, Laura Van Arsdale and Kevin Cannon (USFS Liaison)

Board Members absent: Amanda Henderson and Mike Shaddy

Advisory Board members present: Fred Allen, Chuck Bell, Dave Cantrell, Bob Manuel, Betsy Mosehauer, Mike Mosehauer, Jacques Rieux and Wayne Tobey, Garin VanDeMark

PWV Members present: Kathy James, Christina Andre and Gayle Vancil

Jim Shaklee presented a recommended revised **AGENDA**, and this was agreed to.

“MOUNTED” PATROL WORKSHOP UPDATE. Kathy Burgess handed out a draft announcement for this event [Attachment A] covering all training to be conducted at the Workshop on May 7 to the Board. She invited and encouraged Board members to be present and help staff the 8 stations. Members should be in uniform and wear their name tags. She pointed out that evaluations of new stock patrol recruits will occur in the afternoon. She covered how the mounted patrol will interact with the efforts Larimer County Sheriff’s Posse and Search and Rescue (SAR) in emergency situations. While the Sheriff’s Posse and SAR are in law enforcement, Kathy emphasized that this is not the role of our members; that our emphasis is on safety. Considerable concern about the phrase in the handout that “your horse is your best defense” was voiced by many in attendance (including Kevin Cannon, USFS liaison) and much discussion followed. Jim Shaklee suggested she should talk to the Sheriff’s Posse and ask them to eliminate or revise this aspect of their planned presentation to ensure that their comments and recommendations are more consistent with PWV’s purpose, role, and approach.

CHRISTINA ANDRE - 14 YEARS’ SERVICE. Jim Shaklee presented a special photo collage plaque to Christina for her 14 years of friendship and service as a PWV. She is moving to Grand Junction. The plaque had a number of color photos of Christina with various PWVs and of some wildflowers. Christina expressed her joy in having worked with the organization and its members.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING. *A motion to approve the Minutes made, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.*

TREASURER’S REPORT. Margaret Shaklee presented the Treasurer’s Report, and there was little discussion. *A motion to approve Treasurer’s Report was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.*

RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION SHARING:

A) USFS REPORT. Kevin Cannon reviewed some of the projects on which the Forest Service is working, i.e., Kelly Flats Trailhead (4-wheel drive), Jacks Gulch, which will open ASAP, and closure of Long Draw Road until approximately July 29, 2011. The USFS cannot fell dead trees onto roads that are wet without causing substantial damage, and there are other problems that it is dealing with. Kevin suggested that the beetle kill problem will be with us another 5 to 7 years.

B) PROPOSED FUNDRAISER FOR PWV (April 22). Jim Shaklee described an offer by Kathy Burgess (and her band) to organize and put on a fundraiser in conjunction with Earth Day. Her band would perform at no cost to PWV, with proceeds going to PWV. The originally mentioned idea of raffling two tickets for seats on a B-17 flyover is not an option, because the plane will not be in Fort Collins this year. Everyone agreed the proposed fundraiser appears to be favorable to PWV and to encourage Kathy to proceed. Fred mentioned he may be able to pass out some flyers of the event when he visits various places of business. It was also suggested we should send an email notifying all PWV members of the event and inviting them to attend. Jim & Margaret Shaklee offered to donate a one-week stay in a WorldMark Resort in Steamboat Springs or Estes Park, valued at over \$1000, as a silent auction item. Jim also suggested that we hold a silent auction for Nature & Wildlife photography & artwork donated by PWV members and friends and that we could also raffle off some items donated by local businesses.

Further, this fundraiser could be coordinated with **EARTH DAY on April 23**. To have a booth display at the Earth Day event would cost PWV \$50 and PWV would be recognized on its website. *This expenditure was approved by the BOD.*

C) WRV WILDLAND JAM CONCERT and PWV REPRESENTATION. Jim Shaklee said this Wildlands Restoration Volunteers event will be held on June 11, from 2:00 pm to 12:00 midnight, at Avogadro's Number in Fort Collins; and the admission fee is \$20. WRV plans to provide space for table top displays by other land stewardship groups, and Jim suggested that this would be a good event for PWV to participate in to raise community awareness of PWV and lend our support to WRV. The Board was agreeable to this suggestion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

REMOVAL OF NON-PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBER. Jim Shaklee described his unsuccessful efforts over the past months to contact Amanda Henderson by email and phone regarding her extremely limited participation in the Board over the past 14 months. He suggested that she be removed from the Board of Directors by majority vote and asked for a motion to that effect. *A motion to remove Amanda Henderson, per the By-laws, was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote. Jim will attempt to notify her of this action.*

NEW BUSINESS:

A) MEMBER AT LARGE. Nothing to report.

B) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE & MODIFICATION RECOMMENDATIONS. The Executive Committee's recently recommended modifications to the PWV budget were presented [Attachment B] and explained. Budget priorities at the line-item level were presented, emphasized, and explained. Factors such as limited fundraising success to date, changes in estimated amounts of some expenses, a USFS offer to print some budgeted items, and the fact that some budget requests had been met by member donations were explained and discussed. There was discussion about some identified priorities, how the size of PWV's budget might affect fundraising, why it is necessary to review the budget at least quarterly, the likelihood that Spring Training costs will likely be offset by related income (charging for name badges, meal costs, and a portion of the uniform shirt costs), and other specifics. Jim said he would send out the new version of the budget with identified priorities for each line item. There was brief discussion regarding the fact that people cannot bring food into the CSU Equine Center (where the PWV Stock Workshop will be held) and would have to purchase it from the vendor. The Stock Committee said that its request for \$150 for food would be used to provide \$10 ea for non-PWV volunteers helping put on this event. The Board did not act one way or the other regarding this budget request. Scott suggested that much of the uncertainty surrounding the PWV budget was due to the fact that, although it was detailed and

explicit regarding proposed expenditures, it didn't contain any information or projections regarding anticipated revenues (income). He also suggested that PWV should work to include income projections into the budgeting framework to help guide fiscal oversight and decision making in the future. Fred Allen said that he thought such projections would be challenging and perhaps unreliable. Jerry Hanley supported Scott's recommendation. Margaret Shaklee (Treasurer) said she would work on this matter and Jerry Hanley agreed to help her develop such projections.

C) INTERVIEWS OF APPLICANTS. There are presently 105 completed applications, 60 applicants have been scheduled for interviews on March 19 and 26. Seven applicants need alternate interview dates, 5 have decided not to join this year, and 30 or so are uncertain at this time. As well, we have agreed to allow up to 20 slots for volunteers from Friends of Mount Evans and Lost Creek Wilderness and a few representatives from Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance to participate. We still need volunteers to help with the interview process, and they should contact Ken Thielen (and Jim Shaklee) on this.

D) KICK-OFF NIGHT. Laura Van Arsdale handed out the agenda for this event [Attachment C], which is set for May 4, 2011, at 5:30 PM. Volunteers are needed and there are some uncertainties at this time, partly because of the uncertainty regarding the number of recruits to be assigned to Animal Groups.

E) UPDATE REGARDING SPRING TRAINING. Spring Training co-chair, Jan Creager, related the various plans in process: Friday night potluck, Saturday night catered dinner, no lunch provided on Sunday (lots of leftovers from prior meals available), and not using the BBQ people this year. Per Fred Allen, he may ask Wal-Mart to donate food in lieu of gifts this year. There will not be a raffle this year. Bob Manuel explained that the new training trail course will consist of three loops (total length of only 1.6 miles). He estimated that this part of training could be completed as early as noon and noted that parts of the trails will need to be bushwhacked because there is not a continuous trail. Jan related that Animal Group Leaders will need to walk the trail well in advance of Spring Training to familiarize themselves with the trail, and her committee will set that date. Wayne Tobey explained some of the advance work being done on the trails, including placing markers and flags. In response to a question regarding the "Trail Safety" training session planned for Spring Training, Karl Ritters explained that this will involve discussions of actual trail problems experienced or observed by PWVs and how to avoid or minimize such problems by knowledge, planning, preparation, and appropriate behavior. Fred explained there will be no staff at the Cub Scout Camp at the time we do training and the need for prep work at the Camp. Cell phone coverage is available only on "high ground". There is plenty of parking for RVs, but no hookups for them. Betsy Mosehauer or Jan will inform Pingree Park people we will not need their dormitory facilities this year. Betsy said that the BBQ folks used last year need to be notified that we won't be using them this year and she volunteered to do this]

F) THIRD EDITION OF FIELD & TRAIL GUIDE UPDATE. Fred Allen explained the work being done on this edition until the "Wilderness Act anniversary edition" comes out in 2013 or 2014. He feels we will sell about 100 copies this year, and will need 500 copies to tide us over until the anniversary edition. He explained the net proceeds to PWV based on where copies are sold, as well as the cost per copy with digital printing. He would like to sell more copies outside of "retail channels" to increase our net proceeds. He is working with two local printers, getting prices, explaining the variables in type and cost of printing. It will take about 7 days to print and it would be done in April. He would like to get copies to Arrowhead Lodge by May 15. Fred explained how \$2,000 from the 2010 REI grant will be used to finance this effort.

URGENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A) OVERLAND TRAIL / ROBERTS RANCH TOUR. Bob Hansen mentioned that Wayne Sundberg has agreed to lead such a tour but there are is no identified date and no specific plans at this time.

B) AFFILIATION GATHERING. Bob Hansen mentioned that the event earlier this month was attended by 7 new PWV applicants.

C) PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE. Jerry Hanley reported that this committee made presentations at the Banff Adventure Film festival in late February 2011 and at REI (a PWV table) on March 11, 2011. Future PWV presentations are planned for: Front Range Community College, Department of Natural & Applied Sciences classes on March 28 and 29; OtterCare Volunteer Fair at the Hilton on March 29; Volunteers of America Fair at Embassy Suites on April 9; Unitarian Church event on April 3; and Fitness, Wellness, & Retirement Expo at the Senior Center on April 20. Jerry stated the Aspen Club looks promising; and he is working on additional events.

D) NEWSLETTER UPDATE. Jan Creager stated that the Newsletter Committee is working on layout, editing and publishing a new issue in the near future. It will be focused on Spring Training 2011 and will be out before Kick-off Night. The committee is looking for articles of interest from members and others for publication in future editions of the Newsletter.

E) KATHY JAMES. Kathy expressed her thanks for volunteers, and stated she is stepping down next year from all activities in the organization.

F) LNT TRAINER TRAINING. Garin VanDeMark reported that this year will be his final year to lead LNT trainer training, and that his last course will be held on May 13, 14 and 15 this year.

G) RECENT NATIONAL WILDERNESS STEWARDSHIP ALLIANCE CONFERENCE.

Dave Cantrell said that the event was wildly successful, drawing half again as many attendees as expected, representatives from all four National Wilderness Preservation System agencies, and three times the number of stewardship groups as attended the March, 2010 founding meeting. He said that there several great panels and good opportunities for discussion and networking. He regretted that he was the only PWV member in attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Meg K. Parmar, Secretary

Next Board Meeting: **April 21, 2011**

- Get Ready To Ride -

Saturday May 7th

Yippeeeeeee!



*For All Returning
Poudre Wilderness Volunteers
You're Invited*
Mounted Patrol Workshop

CSU EQUINE CENTER

Bill Picket Arena

Overland Trail between Mulberry & Prospect in Fort Collins

- 8:00** Check-in
- 8:30** Introduction to the day (Atchison Arena)
- 9:00** Course work (Outdoor course)
- 10:00** Search & rescue drills (Atchison Arena)
- 10:00** Bicycle & Llama interaction (Outdoor Arena)
- 12:00** Lunch – Sharing the forest presentations
- 1:30** Backpackers and stock interaction (Outdoor arena)
- 1:30** New Member Evaluation (Outdoor course)
- 2:00** PWV Horse Packing Clinic
- 4:00** Workshop ends

Preliminary PWV Stock Workshop Agenda

(Subject to Change)

ColoradoStateUniversity

Bill Picket Arena

May 7, 2011

8:00 a.m.

The purpose of this workshop is to allow us a chance to have some interaction with the public as a team with our horse and work through the different scenarios that we will encounter with our horses while out in the field.

This workshop is for returning members, however, we strongly encourage new members to come and participate for the day. Allstock participants must bring a copy of your negative Coggins. There is no fee for this event

8:00 - check in (trailer parking west of the main arena). Please present your Coggins at check-in.

8:30 Introduction to the day is a briefing on the course and expectations of the participants. We have put together recommended approaches on how riders should address each scenario and we will go over this with participants beforehand.

9:00 – 12:00 Course Work Out doors (weather permitting) Horses will go through course with their riding mates or alone if they choose. Remember this is fun!

Station 1 Back through cavelletti, then over log, open a closed gate, over bridge

Station 2. Hikers with children want to pet horse / llama

Station 3. Picnic, pick trash, put trash on horse / llama and put on raincoat and mount horse

Station 4. Bicycles appear from behind a hill

Station 5. Llamas approaching horse

Station 6. Hikers with 12 dogs off leash (checking for USFS regulation knowledge)

Station 7. Lost back packer with donkey approach horse / llama with open map will ask for directions

Station 8. Campsites with illegal fire ring

Atchison Arena

10: 00 – 12:00 “Search and Rescue drills” and “Your Horse is Your Best Defense” drills
Larimer County Sheriff’s Posse
Larimer County Search and Rescue
Lost child / hysterical parent
Injured hiker with llama
Trail confrontations

10:00 – 12:00 Llama, dogs off leash and bicycle interaction
Overland Bicycle Club
PWV llama patrol
Larimer County Search and Rescue

This station is to give all participants an opportunity to interact and learn more about each other.

12:00 Break to water, feed and tie horses

12:30 Lunch Break

Jim Shaklee - Weedfree hay
Nancy Flippin Leave No Trace for stock
Open discussion

1:30 – 4:00 Evaluation for new recruits (outdoor course)

1:30- 2:00 Backpackers & stock interaction (outdoor arena)
Sharon Holbrooks
Archy Archuletta

2:00 – 4:00 PWV Stock Clinic
Chuck Peterson

This clinic is geared to members who are interested in the horse packing projects for PWV's 2011 season. Please Pre-register for this event.

4:00 end.

Please RSVP for the workshop on or before April 30th by emailing:

kathyburgess@frii.com

2011 Budget Revised TOTAL =	\$14,309	
unrestricted funds currently on hand =	\$9,988	
TOTAL FUNDS NEEDED TO BALANCE BUDGET =	\$4,321	
TOTAL FUNDS NEEDED TO REPLACE 2011 EXPENDITURES =	\$16,654	(= total approved spending in 2011)

Essential	\$5,288	
Service/PR/Recruiting - printing 1,000 copies of updated Field & Trail Guide	\$2,000	
Supplemental Training - first aid / CPR training class subsidies	\$600	
Website reprogramming username/password on schedule/report	\$300	
2011 Field Guides & binders (assumes 80 new recruits)	\$657	
Spring Training "net" (= costs - fees; incl. uniform shirts & name badges)	(\$374)	
Endowment Fund (2 mailings)	\$360	+ print brochures - USFS (\$300)
Recruiting - PWV tri-fold brochures (folding)	\$10	+ print brochures - USFS (\$90)
Recruiting - New West Fest booth rental	\$375	
Horse Patrol Workshop & Evaluation (CSU facilities rental)	\$250	
Horse Patrol Workshop & Evaluation (printing info & forms)	\$0	printing - USFS (\$25)
Stock Packing equipment & supplies, etc.	\$1,465	
Stock Packing grant from Larimer County Open Lands	(\$1,465)	
YEE & Annual Meeting - facility rental at Drake Center	\$750	cost could be \$0 if at Cub Scout Camp (in Dining Hall)
YEE & Annual Meeting - facility service charge for Drake Center	\$360	cost would be \$0 if at Cub Scout Camp

High	\$3,950	
Spring Training - AGL booklets	\$64	
Adopt-a-Highway (supplies - vests, gloves, new banner)	\$25	
Adopt-a-Trail (misc. hardware - lag bolts; nails; lumber)	\$200	
Kids in Nature (compasses; bottled water; printing, advertizing)	\$97	+ color printing of trail guides (\$150)
Horse Patrol (Horse Use LNT pamphlets)	\$124	
SPOT units (N = 5)	\$750	
SPOT service subscription (N = 5)	\$500	
Supplemental Training (training materials)	\$150	
Training - LNT master trainer certification scholarship (N = 1; 2nd moved to Medium priority)	\$1,000	
Trail Crew (supplies, maintenance, training)	\$165	
Uniforms (arm bands with patches)	\$25	
Weed Crew (color printing & laminating of maps)	\$40	
Training - LNT trainer training (instructor liability insurance)	\$75	
Hospitality (flowers, cards)	\$200	
Sam's Club (annual membership w/ 2 cards)	\$35	
YEE & Annual Meeting - food (appetizers only; not a meal)	\$500	cost could be \$0 if at Cub Scout Camp as a potluck

Medium	\$2,403	
Spring Training - TI maps	\$780	
Animal Group award (most patrols; baseball style with PWV logo)	\$78	
Affiliation Gatherings (speaker fees & gift certificates)	\$250	
Newsletter (mailing costs)	\$66	printing - USFS (\$105)
Training - LNT master trainer certification scholarship (N = 1; other is High priority)	\$1,000	
Recruiting - Sustainable Living Fair booth fee	\$150	
YEE & Annual Meeting - cakes (2)	\$36	
YEE & Annual Meeting - misc. supplies	\$43	

Low	\$2,668	
Spring Training - whistle/compasses	\$175	
Spring Training - gift bags (pencil, pen, notepad, trail bar, lip balm)	\$220	
YEE - awards (most and best - gift cards)	\$245	recognition-essential; awards-low
YEE - awards (new categories - to be determined)	\$90	recognition-essential; awards-low
YEE - awards (10-yr service name badges)	\$108	recognition-essential; awards-low
donations to other organizations (LNT; NFF; RMSLA, etc.)	\$400	evaluate "offsets"
food/refreshments (KON, Interviews, AAH, TC, Stock Patrol)	\$535	
Stock Patrol (cloth bags for hauling out trash)	\$100	
Weed Crew (walkie talkies)	\$120	
YEE & Annual Meeting - hosted drink tickets (1 ea)	\$675	cost could be \$0 if at Cub Scout Camp as BYO

Kick-off Night 2011

Poudre Wilderness Volunteers Kick-Off Night
May 4, 2011 6:00-9:00 PM (Registration starts at 5:30 PM)

Goal: Help new volunteers feel welcome, part of a terrific group, and comfortably prepared to take maximum benefit from Spring Training Weekend.

2011's Kick-Off Night will follow last year's Kick-Off Night format with an extended goal of developing a group identity for animal group members.

Overview:

- Volunteers will meet and greet new members as they enter into the Forest Service Building and assist them in finding their animal group leaders.
- Animal group leaders will have – directions to **Boy Scout Camp**, contact information sheet, field guides, Spring Training Info. Check-list.
- While new members are gathering between 5:30-6 PM, animal group leaders will visit with new members.

Agenda:

5:30-6:00 PM New members arrive, returning members meet and greet and introduce to animal groups, discuss PWV, Field Guides, etc.

6:00-6:50

Welcome, introductions and housekeeping- we need to give each speaker a certain amount of time and provide them with a focus and a time limit.

- PWV Chair- Jim Shaklee- Welcome, agenda for the evening and introduce Forest Service liaison. (5 min.)
- USFS Liaison- Kevin Cannon- Welcome, housekeeping and US Forest Service Policy and introduce PWV Speaker (10 min.)
- PWV Speaker/Founder-(**Chuck Bell?**) PWV background (5 min.)
- PWV Board Member **Jim Shaklee & Fred Allen-** Talk about Field Guide, Newsletter, and quick overview of Spring Training Preparations (5-10 min.)
- **Mentors- brief discussion about mentor hikes and mentors acknowledgement**
- Showing of Soft Paths Video or slide show (15 min)
- BREAK TIME

Animal Groups spread to their designated areas for information presentations.

There will be two sections:

Section 1: Web Site Introduction and US Forest Service Policy (40 min) A basic overview including a general idea of how the information is used. **Bob Hansen, Matt Fisher, Deb May?, Scott Ackerman**

Half of the animal groups: Antelope, Badger, Coyote and Deer will meet in half of the meeting area

Section 2: Former Stations (40 min)

Each of the remaining animal groups: Elk, Fox and Grizzly will find an area to meet

- In the other half of the conference room
- In the former “ethics” room
- In the entry way of the building
- (2 groups can meet in the conference room half)

There will be volunteers rotating through with each group. Volunteers will be associated with the three former stations: ethics, patrol areas, and Authority of the Resource.

Ethics:

Mission statement of the Poudre Wilderness Volunteers, PWV Uniform, Leave No Trace (Refer to the Field Guide)

Patrol Areas:

Difference between Wilderness, National Forest, National Park, and BLM:

Rawah Wilderness, Comanche Peak Wilderness, Neota Wilderness, Cache La Poudre Wilderness

Our areas of patrolling, a few interesting stories of things that volunteers have encountered while on patrol

Authority of the Resource:

Creator, Examples of how it has been developed and implemented on patrols
LNT and Authority of the Resource are powerful tools of education

At 7:40-7:50 break, then two sections switch:

8:30 KON is over; groups can stick around and swap more info. Or head out.

Volunteers associated with the three former stations will receive information on what to discuss with their groups.

If we have enough volunteers, then volunteers can stick with one animal group, present their information and stay.

If we do not have enough volunteers, then they will rotate among each animal group.

Forest Service Report, Announcements, & Information Sharing – March 2011

Forest Service Report 2011-03 – Kevin Cannon

From the Ranger District's Recreation Strategy session on February 18th, 2011 we came up with the following Project Prioritization (Planning). We only have money for one project this year on Canyon Lakes; ongoing projects on Pawnee NG (Shooting and Pawnee Buttes TH) leave no extra money for any other Pawnee projects. Factors in determining priority included: safety and health concerns, resource concerns, feasibility (time and money), and assessment of need/capacity building.

Canyon Lakes Ranger District:

Loop road in Christmas tree area (2)

Jacks Gulch – electricity in equestrian camping area (3) **dependent upon grants to do planning and Implementation (this would not include expansion, just electrification of current sites)*

Kelly Flats Trailhead (5) **design completed, planning not begun*

Corral Creek Cabin (6)

Corral Creek Trailhead (7) **design completed, planning not begun*

Trap Park Trailhead (8)

Bald Mountain Trailhead (11) **design completed, planning not begun*

Stock campground across from Brown Park (12) **design still being developed*

Volunteer mini-campground at Stub Creek **design complete, awaiting beetle treatment in fall 2011*

Greenridge Trailhead

Decommission Tom Bennett and Picnic Sites

Buckhorn Station

Pierson Park Trailhead

Pawnee National Grassland:

Main Trailhead (1) **design completed, planning not begun*

Main Boundary Delineation (4)

Mourning Dove – Accessibility (9)

Crow Valley CG Host Site Septic (10)

Equestrian Trail (13)

Crow Valley CG Water System Well

Scenic Byway Signs

Crow Valley Farm Museum

Items on the Bark Beetle front relative to PWV

- Long Draw road will be closed until July 29. There is a possibility the road may open earlier if the contractor completes the task in a timely manner.
- Grandview and Long Draw campgrounds will be closed for the season. Tree removal operations will begin in the campgrounds on August 15.
- Stub Creek cabin will be open June 24 – Sept 11.
- Jacks Gulch opening date is still being discussed. The campground may open May 27th for the Memorial weekend (27th – 30th) and then only be open for weekends (Fri-Sat-Sun) until the work is completed (hopefully in mid-June).

Kevin's schedule: Meeting in Durango April 11 thru 15

Kevin / Fred Tighe Program of Work for 2011:

Hazard tree removal along trails (target – 7 miles)

Partnership trail work – CLRD and PNG

Hewlett Gulch Reroute (grant dependent)

MMM Trails

Wild and Scenic River Survey

Friends of Mt Evans & Lost Creek Wilderness at PWV Spring Training 2011-03 – Jim Shaklee

Mike Israel from FOMELC has recently notified me that they have 8 new members on their Board of Directors and an additional 5 members already committed to attending PWV's Spring Training. "They expect to be able to take advantage of the full 20 slots PWV offered." I have notified Mike that we may not have 20 slots available for them at this year's Spring Training.

Meeting with Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance Representatives 2011-03 – Jim Shaklee

The representatives from IPWA recently met with four PWVs (Fred Allen, Dave Cantrell, Mark Snyder, and Jim Shaklee) to share information and brainstorm ideas that may help them move forward in revitalizing their organization and partnering with the USFS-Boulder Ranger District. Prior to the meeting, PWV had shared copies of: a) PWV's mission statement, b) PWV's MOU with the CLRD, c) the CLRD Wilderness and Trails Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) written by Kevin Cannon on June 25, 2010, d) a copy of the email on selected USFS policies and procedures relevant to PWV operations and practices (January 7, 2011) that Kevin shared with selected PWVs, e) the PWV bylaws as of August 19, 2010, and f) an example Spring Training program and description of the Training Trail process and stations; as per their request for this information. In addition to these items, the group discussed: PWV's reporting expectations and procedures, b) solo patrolling and issues surrounding this practice and standing dead trees, PWV's Field Guide (a copy of the 2010 PWV Field Guide was given to them at this meeting), PWV and IPWA Wilderness areas, statistics collected, fundraising, and issues related to fundraising and other volunteer organization activities that increase the visibility and usage of Wilderness and whether this results in increased degradation or protection/conservation of such areas. PWV also extended an invitation for a few representatives of IPWA to attend PWV's Spring Training this year.

The feedback we have received at and following this meeting indicates that they found the shared information and the meeting very beneficial. Following the meeting, PWV also sent IPWA copies of the 2011 Volunteer Services Agreement used by CLRD and PWV and of PWV's paper Trail Patrol Reporting Form.

PWV Nominated for REI Grant Support Again 2011-03 – Jim Shaklee

PWV was notified that it has again been nominated by the Fort Collins Store for an REI grant. Fred Allen will take the lead on preparing the grant application based on the PWV needs recently identified by Board and Advisory Board members.

Content of PWV 2010 Annual Report to the USFS-CLRD 2011-03 – Jim Shaklee

The Annual Report is taking shape and is on schedule to be completed within the next month or so. At this point, it looks like the report will include the following components: **Introduction** (1/3 page), **2010 Overview** (2/3 page), **Trail Patrolling** (2 pages), **Adopt-a-Trail** (2 pages), Training (?), PWV Website (?), **Kids in Nature** (2 pages), Trail Crew (2 pages?), **Weed Crew** (3 pages), **Financial Overview** (1 page), and **PWV Participation List** (1 page). Topics listed in bold type are more-or-less complete as of March 12. Topics in normal type have yet to be written. Note that draft "articles" are due by March 20th. What type of review process does the Board want prior to finalization and submission of the report?

Proposed Fundraiser for PWV in April 2011-03 – Kathy Burgess
Benefit Concert / Dinner Dance featuring the Kathy Connolly Band
Open to PWVs and the public

Friday, April 22 (in celebration of Earth Day) at **Crazy Jacks Saloon** (6520 S College)

Holds up to 400 people; no charge for facilities (venue donated by owner)

Admission fee \$?? (to include a buffet or catered dinner with a cash bar)

All proceeds (after costs) go the PWV

Possible accompanying fundraising activities:

Raffle 2 seats (cost = \$200 ea) on B-17 flight (July 4th weekend) for \$20/ticket

Executive Committee Lotto (sell REI gift certificates @ \$5 ea; prizes 75 \$1 certificates; 2 \$15 certificates; and 1 \$30 certificate)

Trail Crew Supporters: donate \$5, buy a wedge; donate \$20, sharpen a saw

Advisory Board: Raffle tickets for chance to win unknown prizes; \$20/ticket; prizes donated by local merchants (with hiker; backpacker, & stock themes)

Board of Directors: ??

Silent auction of PWV member photographic prints

PR and advertising:

Broadcast emails (phone calls?) to all PWV members & recruits

Broadcast emails (phone calls?) to inactive PWVs and selected USFS staff

“Poster” or “article” on HomePage of PWV website

Kathy Burgess will take care of the following:

The Scene: ¼-page add donated by Kathy Burgess’ firm

The Scene has agreed to sponsor of this event

The Ticket (The Coloradoan): free ads for non-profits

radio announcements on: K-99; K-102; and 94.3

Tie this event in to Earth Day (with a PWV booth on Saturday, April 23, RB+B

Architects may sponsor the \$50 booth fee) – If so, the Earth Day Event website will list the PWV fundraiser

Ideas for PR:

Locally and nationally recognized volunteer wilderness & backcountry stewardship organization

2009 Larimer County Environmental Stewardship award

2010 national Take Pride in America non-profit award winner

245 members; no paid staff

Members removed over 480 fallen trees from across trails, took 14 disadvantaged youths on trail hikes, and pulled noxious weeds on over 233 acres in 2010

In total, PWV contributed 20,300 volunteer hours worth approximately \$424,000 to the local USFS Ranger District last year toward the conservation of local forests and trails and the assistance and education of the trail using public.

Incl. booth at Earth Day (11:00 AM – 5:00 PM, April 23; need 3-6 volunteers to staff PWV display/fundraising booth (emphasize donations and sell *PWV Field & Trail Guide*) – booth fee = \$50)

New Member Applications for 2011 2011-03 – Jim Shaklee

As of March 11, we have received 99 applications from individuals wanting to join PWV in 2011. Applications will close on March 13, the day after The Public Outreach Committee hosts a “Poudre Wilderness Volunteers Info Day” on Saturday, March 12. Ken Thielen is in the process of scheduling interviews for March 19 and 26.

In addition to the new applicants, PWV has offered slots at Spring Training for up to 10-20 representatives from the Friends of Mount Evans and Lost Creek Wilderness and a few representatives from the Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance. Both of these Wilderness friends groups are in the process of rebuilding their membership and programs and have requested help from PWV to accomplish this. While there will likely be some attrition of applicants between now and Spring Training, the current numbers suggest that we could have a very full house on the training trail this year!

Wildlands Restoration Volunteers Wildland Jam Concert 2011-03 – Jim Shaklee

The annual fundraising event for this local public lands stewardship group will be held on June 11th at Avogadro’s Number (605 S Mason) and PWVs are invited to attend. WLRV partnered with PWV’s 2010 Adopt-a-Trail team in 2010 and helped make the North Fork trail projects on August 28th & 29th so productive and successful. WLRV is also coordinating lead organization for the proposed Hewlett Gulch Trail reroute project scheduled for this summer (PWV will be cooperating on this project). As a cooperator with WLRV and a land stewardship organization, PWV has been invited to have a display table (6 ft long) at the WLRV Wildland Jam event. Should PWV be represented?

Spring Training 2011 2011-03 –

A DRAFT PROGRAM WILL BE SENT OUT IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO