

MINUTES
PWV BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
June 21, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.
(Held at Poudre River Public Library, Old Town)

ATTENDANCE

Board Members present: Scott Ackerman, Kathy Burgess, Mike Corbin, Don Creager, Sandy Erskine, Jerry Hanley, Bob Manuel (*acting Chair*), Meg Parmer, Mike Shaddy, Jim Shaklee, Martha Shepard, and Kevin Cannon (*USFS Liaison*).

Board Members absent: Archy Archuleta, Gene Packer, Karl Ritters, Cathy Trout.

Advisory Board members present: Fred Allen, Bob Hansen, Jacques Rieux, Margaret Shaklee, Cheri Van Ackern.

Others PWV members present: Barb Benjamin, Janet Cook, Laura VanArsdale.

AGENDA. The agenda as presented was accepted.

MINUTES. The May minutes were accepted as presented.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

A) **ACTING CHAIR BOB MANUEL.** Bob recognized Laura VanArsdale for all her efforts in making the past 3 years' Kick-off Night such great successes, and presented her with a certificate of appreciation and hand-made scarf.

B) **LIAISON KEVIN CANNON.** Kevin gave an update on the many trail closures, current containment, concerns and problems associated with the High Park fire in the Poudre Canyon and beyond. The USFS is trying to schedule 2 days to help with trail needs. The trees in Stub Creek are falling voluntarily because of beetle kill, and Stub Creek is closed for the season. The rental cabin is open, but you need to drive thru Laramie WY to gain access. Manhattan Road east is closed, all Pingree Park is closed, as is the Poudre Canyon to Rustic. Kevin has responded to numerous questions raised by members because of the fire.

C) **TREASURER'S REPORT.** Due to the resignation of the Treasurer, things have been in a state of flux. The Budget Committee expects to have a treasurer's report next month. As well, the Budget Committee is in the process of nominating both a treasurer and assistant treasurer, and expects to have them appointed at the July Board meeting.

AUTHORIZED SIGNERS ON BANK ACCOUNTS. In accordance with *Article VIII, Section 4, of the Bylaws*, the following **motion was made, seconded and adopted:**

The Treasurer, Chair and Chair-elect of the Board are hereby designated as individual signers on all PWV accounts.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

A) **ADOPT-A-TRAIL COMMITTEE.** Mike Corbin updated the committee on rebuilding the 3rd bridge on the North Fork Trail. Design has been completed, and the USFS has money to cover the cost of the project.

BOB MANUEL reported the trail work which had been scheduled for Pingree Park was cancelled because of the fire. He has a 5-day backpack trip planned in the Rawah Wilderness, with support by the stock committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None.

NEW BUSINESS.

A) **KIDS-IN-NATURE LIABILITY WAIVER (Activity Consent Forms).** Mike Corbin updated on the concerns the committee experienced with liability waivers, advising the committee has been working with attorney-member Cheri VanAckern on terms of the waiver. He reported the Colorado and federal Volunteer Service Acts cover our volunteers (not PWV) involved in this program so long as the individuals act within the scope of their duties and are not willful and wanton in their conduct. The liability for transportation kids is covered in the PWV manual. Cheri reported volunteer service organizations are afforded protection under another Colorado law. Mike presented two waiver forms, one to be signed by parents and the other for non-PWV participating organizations, the latter form which was deemed unnecessary for our purposes. Cheri had a different form which incorporated hold harmless, emergency medical care responsibilities and notification of medical conditions; and the Board agreed these additional provisions should be included in the parents' form. The form also allows our volunteers to take photos of the kids on hikes. Barb Benjamin explained the procedure for procuring the consent forms prior to trips; that PWV does not transport the kids; and that parents are advised of the needs of the children prior to all hikes.

Mike Corbin presented the following **motion, which was seconded and adopted:**

That the PWV Board of Directors approve a draft of the Liability Waiver form for the Kids-in-Nature program, substantially in the form presented (at this meeting).

B) **BYLAWS' REVIEW AD HOC COMMITTEE.** Precipitated by the concerns the Bylaws give authority to the Treasurer only to sign checks, Bob Manual made the following **motion, which was seconded and adopted:**

That an ad hoc Bylaws' committee be formed to review the current Bylaws and make recommendations for changes at the August 2012 Board meeting. The committee shall consist of the Chair, Chair-Elect and most recent past Chair.

C) **AD HOC NOMINATING COMMITTEE.** Bob Manuel made the following **motion, which was seconded and adopted:**

That an ad hoc nominating committee be formed for the 2012-2013 elections to be held in October, consisting of the Chair-Elect (committee chair), two Board members and two Advisory Board members, the members to be appointed by the Chair-Elect. The committee shall provide a recommended slate of candidates prior to the October Board meeting.

D) **2013 SPRING TRAINING CHAIR.** Bob Manuel suggested Jim Shaklee be appointed as the Chair of Spring Training for 2013, and the Board heartily approved that appointment.

E) **JUNE NEW BELGIUM EVENT (Unbudgeted Funds).** In recognition of the participants who recruited and trained the 2012 new members, the Member Retention Ad Hoc Committee would like to celebrate these efforts. A broadcast Email will be sent to PWV members. New Belgium will provide the facility and provide some refreshments. PWV will supply the other refreshments; and Bob Manuel made the following **motion, which was seconded and adopted:**

PWC procure snacks and non-alcoholic refreshments for the June 26, 2012, event to be held at New Belgium Brewery, with the ex-budget funds not to exceed \$200.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PWV MEMBER-FIREFIGHTER. Jim Shaklee reported one of the firefighters, who is a PWV member, lost his home in the High Park fire, and will send a card to express our concerns. Jim will talk with him to learn of his needs and report to the Board.

CLRD ASSISTANCE (Fire Damage/Loss). Fred Allen reported on the various needs of the wilderness and resources damaged and lost because of the High Park fire. He has talked with many entities and individuals who want to contribute help and/or make donations to help this effort; and he will pursue these efforts.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Meg K. Parmen, Secretary

Next Board Meeting: **July 19, 2012, 6:30 pm**