

MINUTES
PWV BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
July 16, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members present: Gerry Cashman, Mike Corbin, Jerry Hanley, Judy Jacks, Alan Meyer, Bob Meyer, Wendy Nicastle, Meg Parmer, Daryl Smith, and Kevin Cannon (USFS Liaison).

Board Members absent: Judy Christensen, Richard Clopper, David Fanning, and Mike Smith.

Advisory Board Members: Fred Allen, Dave Cantrell, Sandy Erskine, Karl Ritters, Jim Shaklee, Margaret Shaklee, and Mark Snyder.

PWV Members present: Joan Kauth, Lynnette Liley, Jamie McCue, Nate Donovan, and Sue Pauley.

AGENDA. The agenda was accepted as presented.

MINUTES. The June 2015 minutes were approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

A) CHAIR MIKE CORBIN. Mike Corbin reported there were lots of patrols so far, including more in the wilderness, which is well needed. The Restoration Crew has done lots of work on North Fork and Hewlett Gulch. More work will be done on Hewlett Gulch on July 25 and 26, and more workers are needed.

B) USFS REPORT. Kevin Cannon's new boss, Laura Shafer from CA, will commence her duties here on August 24. There are lots of things going on. The Forest Service and flood crew have made lots of progress on North Fork, especially where the stream bank caved in toward the river. PWV Restoration and New Belgium Brewing will be doing work on Hewlett Gulch, which trail New Belgium has adopted. Crown Point Road is closed, but there is no gate there. Long Draw Road is open. Toilets are open at Elkhorn and Molly Lake.

C) TREASURER'S REPORT. Treasurer Bob Meyer introduced Sue Pauley, our new bookkeeper, effective August 1. Bob indicated Sue is going to be a great asset to PWV since she has many years' experience with QuickBooks; and, in addition, is energetic, personable, and easy to work with. Bob showed the financials on overhead, and explained the details. Some budgeted expenses have not yet been presented for payment, including Spring Training and \$14,000 of Larimer County Trail Crew expenses. Spring Training expenses were less than budgeted; and generally we are below budget. In addition, Bob indicated he planned to move \$14,000 from Home State Bank money-market account to the Vanguard account. The new account balance will reflect the Board-directed PWV Operating Reserve to be approximately 150% of our annual operating expenses. For now, because our spending has generally been below our approved budget, Bob will maintain the Operating Reserve around \$25,000, instead of \$27,000 (150% of \$18,000—our current operating budget).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

A) TRAIL CREW COMMITTEE. Joan Kauth reported during the group's 5-day, 4-night backpack trip, it completely cleared Rawah (N), Rawah (S), West Branch, Lost Lake, McIntyre Lake, and Twin Crater Lakes trails; and partially cleared Link, Sandbar Lakes, and the Camp Lake complex. Sixteen people contributed a total of 55 person-days, clearing 362 trees off 30 miles of trail. Some members worked all 4 days, others a couple days, and others one day. Two members of the stock contingency hauled in gear the first day for the crew.

B) SPRING TRAINING COMMITTEE. Spring Training 2016 Chair Lynnette Liley reported we trained 48 recruits this year, and had lots of happy people. Recruits responded they would like more training on Map & Compass. Fred Allen gave a brief history of Spring Training. The 2016 event is set of June 3-5. *Motion was made and carried that MIKE CORBIN serve as the 2016 Vice-Chair of Spring Training.*

C) YEAR END EVENT. Chair-Elect Alan Meyer checked venues for this year's event. This year it will include the celebration of our 20th anniversary. The Sundance on East Mulberry appears to fit our needs best. It's "Western", no venue fee; bring our own beer, \$17/20 a person; and we could get a good western singer at no charge. The date is set for *October 25, Time TBA.*

D) NEW MEMBER GET TOGETHER. ODELL BREWING, 800 E. Lincoln, is the place; Tuesday, **July 28**, is the date; and 7 to 9 pm is the time; so everyone, if you are able, come and celebrate with our new members, and have free food!

E) ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE. Judy Jacks gave a glowing report about her committee. The Backyard Party had about 90 people in attendance, and netted about \$7000; and will repeat this event next year.

F) FUND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. Judy Jacks' committee, besides herself, includes Margaret Shaklee, Shannon Kreiger, Wendy Nicastle, Rhonda Koski, Jackie Picard; with help from Fred Allen. The group met to define its purpose. The strategy will be based on the budget, and will look closely at "budget to actual". It will look for grants, crowd funding ideas, will use trail pictures, matching programs, the smile program, have more general fund raising, gift cards to use at places like King Soopers and other retailers (5 to 8% return to PWV), year-end letter, and try to get the PWV name out to the public. There will be no National Forest grant this year, but the Committee will re-apply in the Fall 2015. Her group likes to call itself the "Fun" (D) committee because they think they are having fun! Too, they are looking for more, creative people so as not to burn out the current committee members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None.

NEW BUSINESS.

A) UPDATE AWARDS' SECTION IN OPERATION HANDBOOK. Sandy Erskine had sent to the Board, after having sought input from it over the past weeks, a proposal to update the Awards' section of the Operation Handbook. She was desirous of creating incentives for new members to get them more involved in the work of PWV, and award them accordingly. The Awards' section

follows these minutes as a separate document. There were **four motions made, seconded and passed**, as follows:

- 1) To amend the PWV Operation Handbook to include the new Awards' section.
- 2) To change "baseball hat" to "item".
- 3) To change "winner" to "recipient".
- 4) To state "10-year service award", with no further wording to follow.

These changes are incorporated in the attached "Awards" section document.

There was a motion, which failed to pass, that attempted to tie the awards to animal groups, as opposed to individuals.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Meg K. Parmer, Secretary

Next Meeting: **August 20, 2015, 6:30 p.m.**