

**MINUTES**  
**PWV BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**September 17, 2020 – 6:30-8:00 p.m.**  
**Conference Call due to Covid-19 concerns**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Board Members:** Tom Adams, Janet Caille, Mike Corbin, Elaine Green, Bob Hansen, Janis Kloster, Karina Mallon, Jack Morgan, Linda Reiter, Karen Roth, Mike Shearer, Sandy Sticken, Bruce Williams, Jim Zakely, and Kristy Wumkes (USFS Liaison).

**Board Members absent:** None.

**Advisory Board Members:** Fred Allen, Chuck Bell, Kevin Cannon, Dave Cantrell, Alan Meyer, Karl Ritters, Mark Snyder and Celia Walker.

**PWV Members, Other:** Karen Artell, Jeanne Corbin, Steve Musial, Liz Manes, Sean Orner and Pete Ramirez.

**Guests:** None.

**ESTABLISHING QUORUM AND MEETING GROUND RULES.** Elaine reminded everyone to please mute their microphone when not speaking, pointing out where the mute button is found and the 'Raise Your Hand' icon.

**AGENDA.** Elaine Green asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. Seeing none, the agenda was adopted.

**MINUTES.** Elaine asked if there were any additions or corrections to the August minutes. Seeing none, the minutes were adopted.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**(A) CHAIR REPORT.** Elaine Green gave an update on the **Year End Event (YEE)**. A small gift is being sent out to for every member in October. Alan Meyer, Member Relations Chair, is working on sending out PWV pins that have been earned at that time. For that effort, Alan is working on making sure all member addresses are current.

Elaine sat in on the webinar about **plans for the post Cameron Peak fire**. Elaine was impressed with all the high technology in position to help assess our situation, aerial mapping, looking at watershed, and those sorts of issues. A lot of technology is waiting in the wings as soon as the fire is out.

**(B) CHAIR ELECT REPORT.** Mike Corbin as Chair Elect has the duty of finding new Board members. He formed a nominating committee with members Elaine Green, Celia Walker, Tom Adams, and Janet Caille. There are 5 Board members to replace and the committee has found 5 excellent candidates. When candidate biographies have been sent in, Janet will email to the Board and Advisory Board. The committee has candidates for a new Chair Elect and Secretary also.

Mike explained that one issue the committee has run into is voting. The Bylaws state that candidates must vote at a Board of Director (BOD) meeting. Since meetings are currently held via Zoom, due to the pandemic, the committee is proposing a change to the Bylaws. Mike Corbin made the following motion to amend the bylaws. The motion was seconded.

*Move that we change the bylaws to read (Article V, section 2):*

**In situations in which the Board cannot meet as a group in person, ballots shall be submitted by personal and private email or other electronic means, to the Board secretary at the time of the election for Board members and officers . The secretary will announce the outcome and is to maintain confidentiality.**

Discussion ensued. Karl Ritters said that in his opinion, nothing needs to be changed, as the secret ballot is by email, is in writing, and is secret, so Karl questioned why a change was needed. Mike explained that it could be interpreted differently and the committee wanted to be very sure it was clear with this new way of doing things. Karl said every time a technicality comes up it isn't necessary to change the Bylaws. Karl doesn't think many members would argue about what's being proposed with the existing Bylaws.

Linda Reiter questioned what 'personal and private email or other electronic means' entails. For example, if travelling and forced to use a non-private method, is that acceptable? Elaine explained the committee is trying to ensure confidentiality. Alan Meyer asked if the Bylaws mentioned having Board meetings when the Board is not in person. Alan recalled that Board meetings had to be in person. Alan said this could be looked at later, but if it prohibits not in person meetings, this needs to be looked at. Bruce Williams asked if voting needed to take place during the meeting. Mike explained that Janet and he had discussed how the process will work but it's still in flux. A ballot will be sent out ahead of the meeting. Elaine clarified that the Bylaws do state the election will take place during the October Board meeting. Elaine said that PWV tradition has been to discuss the candidates and biographies during the meeting and to then vote. Celia Walker said there were two issues: is an electronic ballot equivalent to a paper ballot and is the ballot a secret ballot. Emails are not secret. Chuck Bell said he looked at the Bylaws, and they do not say the meetings need to be in person. On the motion, where it says 'other electronic means', this could be interpreted to include text messages and asked if that was wanted. Mike said he wouldn't have a problem with that. Following a roll call vote, the motion carried.

**(C) IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR.** Tom Adams had no report.

**(D) USFS REPORT.** Kristy Wumkes, USFS Liaison, gave a report on the Cameron Peak Fire asking that the first of her slides be displayed. Kristy said that Elaine Green and others have asked how we can help fire fighters. Kristy said there is a foundation that helps fire fighters and their families for those who have been killed or injured in the line of duty. The organization is the Wildland Firefighter Foundation, wffoundation.org. From a federal standpoint this is how donations can be accepted. If interested in helping local agencies, go to websites or FaceBook for any of the specific agencies such as Poudre, Wellington, Red Feather, etc. to donate. Kristy thanked Elaine and all for asking the question. This has not been a good year for fire in the west.

Kristy asked that the Inciweb map of the fire be displayed. Kristy believes the voluntary evacuations have been removed by the Larimer County Sheriff's Office, although they are currently shown on the map. The voluntary evacuation farthest east has been lifted now by the county through Stove Prairie. Other areas have gone from mandatory to voluntary evacuation. The map is somewhat confusing but Kristy wanted to share with everyone. Kristy pointed out the green outlined closure area. The fire is currently 8% contained in a couple of spots, one in the Rawah and one just north of Jack's Gulch, just west of the Pingree park road where the fire fighters were able to use bulldozers. The most active part of the fire is in the Kinikinik area. They have had helicopter support in this area and have been doing a lot of bucket drops. Most of the fire fighter resources are on that part of the fire. The fighters are still concentrating on structure protection and vegetation removal and establishing more containment lines.

Contingency plans are in place for Estes Park and so they have been working on plans with the National Park service in case evacuation is needed. At this time, there is no threat to Estes Park.

Elaine Green mentioned a couple of people had told her that the reason they put the containment lines so far away is that because there is so much beetle kill, they actually want this fire to burn. Kristy said this was not the case. The issues are the steep slopes, the very dense forest and the risk of extreme fire behavior. If it's a windy day, fire fighters cannot be put in front of that due to the danger. The fighters have to look at all factors to see where they can draw a line of containment. The fire is now butting up against the old High Park scar. Any time you have slopes this steep, fire fighters can't be put in the path; it's just too steep to get out. For the same reason, these areas haven't been logged. The fire fighters wanted to stop it sooner but couldn't do it safely.

Kristy said there is a Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) team arriving in the area on September 21. The team will be assembled with different resource specialists to get in where the fire has passed. The team will start looking at all the resources. Kristy said more information should be available within the next week.

Fred Allen said a lot of the area they're fighting is in the wilderness. Fred was under the impression that when a fire was in the wilderness, they would just let the fire burn. Kristy said that's never been the case here in the Canyon Lakes Ranger District (CLRD). For Wilderness management, the least tool for the job to get it done is desired, so they're not running bulldozers through the landscape. Like PWV members, Kristy is also very curious to see what's happened in the burn area. Kristy said the fire fighters are trying to do minimal use tools. The question is what is the hazard and how do we protect life and limb. All factors vary by location, wilderness, fire activity, etc. This is a full suppression fire but the fire fighters haven't been able to get in until recently.

Celia Walker asked about private drones; if they are a problem and is there anything PWV can do to help spread the word? Celia had seen a FaceBook posting with the title "If you fly, we can't fly" and was wondering if PWV should post something on our public media. Kristy said that one incident did make the press where a private drone was spotted in the southern part of the fire causing fire aircraft resources to be moved. Kristy said the message is a good one to share. People need to respect the no-fly zone. Remind the public to keep the drones out of these spaces.

Steve Musial asked, since the fire started in the Rawah Wilderness, how did it get across highway 14? Kristy said they had 50-75 mile per hour gusts of winds in that area. In that scenario the fire can't be stopped. In closing the fire discussion, Kristy said the estimated containment date is Oct. 31. We will need a lot of snow and rain before then.

Kristy said that she has been looking at the fine work being done, by PWV from July 1 through Sept. 16, 427 patrols. Kristy pointed out huge decreases over 2019. In this timeframe there have been the following violations: 118 littering, 66 dogs off leash and 76 illegal campsites. Kristy thanked everyone for their good work. The point was made that there are many fewer members patrolling in 2020 during this same timeframe. The number of patrols are much less than in 2019. Kristy will try comparing that way next.

**(E) TREASURER'S REPORT.** Sandy Sticken asked to redirect \$224.84 from the Central Rocky Wilderness Volunteer Wilderness (CRWW) Conference funding to the PWV operating account. Sandy asked if PWV would likely do the workshop again. Sandy said we had a small NWSA grant plus money from attendance fees, etc. Elaine asked if there were any

objection in moving this money from restricted to unrestricted. Seeing none, Elaine said this was a reasonable thing to do.

**(F) SECRETARY.** Janet Caille had no report.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.**

**(A) RECERTIFICATION COMMITTEE/REDIRECT OF NWSA GRANT.** Janet Caille said PWV was awarded a National Wilderness Stewardship Association (NWSA) grant for \$1200 for the **Photo/Video Committee**. They were going to do two videos, Stock Recruitment and Safety on the Trail. PWV agreed to furnish \$724 as matching funds. Peter Skiba and the Photo/Video committee were going to film Fred Allen and Stock Committee restoration efforts at Stub Creek August 15-16. The Cameron Peak Fire started August 13<sup>th</sup>, making the filming totally impossible. Janet talked to Peter who said that in light of the fire and conditions, the Photo/Video Committee would be unable to use the grant. At this point, Janet called Randy Welsh, Executive Director of NWSA. Once awarded, the preference is for PWV to go ahead and spend the allocated dollars, however, the project must address Wilderness Stewardship Performance (WSP) characteristics and equipment must be retained by PWV and not members. In looking for possible projects to fund with the money, Janet remembered Mike Shearer's request for \$1200 for **chromebooks** to assist with Recertification training at Spring Training. Chromebooks typically sell for about \$200, however, with Covid-19 and many schools using remote learning, prices have soared. By Black Friday shopping, both Janet and Mike Shearer think prices will be reduced. Janet thinks chromebooks could be used by other committees within PWV, specifically Kids in Nature (KIN) and Public Outreach. Janet made the following motion which was seconded.

*Move to approve up to \$1000 from the budget, if needed, to supplement the NWSA grant award of \$1200 to purchase 6 chromebooks for PWV.*

Janet said she had talked to Randy Welsh about this project. This purchase would address the WSP characteristic of Education. PWV has had a 10 out of 10 scoring on this element, and chromebooks would help maintain this level.

Alan Meyer asked why we need 6, and why not just purchase what we can with the \$1200. Janet asked Mike Shearer to answer this question. Mike said 6 was optimum for recertification training. He also said prices on chromebooks are falling. Linda Reiter asked if PWV had sufficient tech support. Janet said Mike had done research on the subject and asked him to respond. Mike said chromebooks are simple machines and very sturdy. He doesn't have all the answers to Linda's question, but believes PWV has the technology. Janet mentioned that Mike had talked to Fred Sprague about programming needed and he was very reassuring that it could be done. Following a roll call vote, the motion passed.

**(B) TRAIL PATROL COMMITTEE PLANS.** Elaine asked if Jeanne Corbin wanted to say anything about Trail Patrolling Committee plans for the future. Jeanne said the committee will try to inform members about trails as they open up through the monthly emails. The plan was to do a monthly email for updates and patrolling tips. This year is so unusual with the shutdown, fire, and many emails from the USFS. As things open up, Jeanne said we will try to inform our members unless Kristy wants to take that on. Elaine also mentioned that discussion is occurring on how we inform the public about Trail conditions so we will need to rely a lot on the webteam. Linda Reiter commented on how helpful Kristy's emails on what trails were open for patrolling.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

**(A) AD HOC REVIEW OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS (Outgoing) and ) EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS (Incoming).** Alan Meyer said he had recently made a request to the Executive committee in between BOD meetings. The Member Relations Committee wanted to stock up on items we give out on 'normal' years. We were almost out of items and decided to go ahead and order. Alan asked for an additional \$800 which was approved to order neck gaiters. The neck gaiters are anti-microbial fabric and have the PWV emblem on them. The committee will hold onto the gaiters until next year.

Alan explained that this topic started out as an investigation to look at all the messages we configure on our personal devices and the CLRD SpotX messages. CLRD published the document for how we configure our devices. The effort was started to look at the messages, and then when the fire occurred, we recognized that we could do a better job of a Reverse 911 process for finding and communicating with people who might be out on the trail, whether it's fire, severe weather, locusts, etc. Alan has had one-on-one calls with some PWV members and has talked on the phone with Kristy several time. Alan said this is really a recommendation on changes that need to take place.

Alan said the Cameron Peak fire showed us that we can do a better job. Alan currently has an ad hoc committee. Alan sent out a 10-page document before the Board meeting that contains a lot of background and context. He next wanted to summarize what the recommendations are at this point. Alan said Kristy is agreeable to these recommendations although there are still a few open points. Alan talked through the following recommendations.

Recommendations:

- Revise CheckIn message to read: I'm OK, Alan Meyer with PWV. I'm at turnaround (day-trip) or camping here tonight (multi-day trip)

Alan explained that the message had been OK for single day patrollers but could be made more relevant for multi-day patrollers.

- Have CheckIn message go to 2 people at CLRD, to have a backup for Kristy. Jane Gordon is the likely person.

Alan explained that in the past, the messages had gone to both Kevin and Kristy but was now only going to Kristy which is a problem, especially if Kristy is on vacation. Alan has requested that two people be on the message. Kristy confirmed that Jane Gordon is willing to be the second contact. Kristy agreed to send Alan the email and (if available) cell number for Jane.

- Make the campsite / fire-ring message consistent across devices. It should read: Campsite and/or fire-ring at this location and re-emphasize/train that this is for legal, illegal and improper campsites or fire-rings.

Alan said this change was in part to clarify, as we should be reporting any campsite, even the ones we camp at.

- For personal devices, remove message #3 that reads: I need you to come out and help but this is not a critical emergency.

Alan said this message and the following will be replaced. Canyon Lakes is not in a position to assist in non-critical emergencies. Alan said the solution is to text your contact person at home and let them know you have a problem, and specifically text what the problem is. The problem here is if the member has an old Spot and cannot two-way text. They will have to use a more generic message indicating car problem.

- For CLRD SPOT X, remove message #4 that reads: My vehicle broke down – I need a tow
- Replace both of the above with this message: Car problem, come get me at this location
- For members with 2-way devices (personal or CLRD SPOT X), use custom messaging to tell a local contact the specific problem if this pre-defined message is not sufficient.
- For members with an older SPOT, they would just use this message as-is.
- For informational messages on CLRD SPOT X (messages 6-14), Kristy will review to determine if any can be removed or reworded
  - All this info must be entered on patrol reports anyway
  - Only about 10% of patrols use CLRD SPOT X
  - The SPOT X messages provide GPS locations (if you remember to select “add GPS” for each message). Patrol reports don’t always have GPS locations. This is a problem for info that may be off-trail, such as weeds, campsites, trash.

Alan said these messages are things PWV members are required to report on. Alan has asked Kristy to rethink these and see if they can be combined or reworked.

- Clean up the CLRD SPOT X contact list to only include entries that we are trained to use
  - Note that CLRD SPOT X contains contacts Rec1, Rec2, Rec3 and Rec4. The naming is confusing – these are really the “phone numbers” of CLRD SPOT X devices 1-4, so they can communicate with each other.
  - CPNR wanted these on the contact list.
  - Kristy will rename these contacts to something clearer, such as Rec SPOT 1, ...
  - Remove names like Laura Shaffer and Lenora that shouldn’t be contacted.

Alan explained that the number of names was confusing. In the SPOT X Alan checked out a few months ago, there were 8 different CLRD names on the contact list. So, the request is to clean-up the contact list. Looking at the SpotX unit, Alan saw labels Rec1 through Rec4. Kristy explained that those are the phone numbers for the CLRD SpotX units 1-4. This was requested by the Nordic Rangers. The numbers will be kept but reworded. Sometime this fall, Kristy will get all the SpotX units back and resynchronize them. At this point, Mike Corbin interjected that the 4 units that have phone numbers could be very useful for Trail Crew. For people with personal InReach or SpotX, Alan recommended they share their InReach addresses with each other so they can communicate.

- Add personal device credentials to CLRD website profile. Necessary for reverse 911 and helpful for members to reach each other on trails.

Alan said that Joan is currently working on adding a field to the PWV profiles on the CLRD site.

If a member has a 2-way device, we will have a known place for recording that unique identifier. Alan will add the info once Joan has programmed to accept it.

- Encourage members to leave their comm devices powered on, with volume turned up, throughout their patrols. Will make reverse 911 more effective.

For emergency situations, Alan said it works best to have the devices turned on and the volume up when they're out on patrol. The battery life is pretty good especially if you bring a recharge battery on the patrol.

- Members with 2-way devices should train someone at home on how to initiate a message to them in the field.

Alan said that each patroller with a 2-way device needs to have someone at home who knows how to initiate a message to the patroller. It's pretty easy on SpotX and Inreach to communicate but training needs to be done.

- Implement another, more visible incentive program for members to get a 2-way device

Alan thinks we should initiate an incentive program again and make the incentive significant so that more people will buy a 2-way device or upgrade from a one-way device to a 2-way device.

- Implement a reverse 911 protocol
  - Goal: Initiate communication to PWV members on the trails during an emergency situation (fire, severe weather, pandemics, locusts, ...)
  - Identify PWV team. Enough people to have confidence someone(s) will be available to engage.
  - Team must have access to at least one InReach.
  - Team would communicate via an email list (e.g. reverse\_911@pwv.org) or some other technology (e.g. Google Voice account)
  - Katie Donahue commits to letting team know when a new emergency has occurred
  - When team learns of emergency, via Katie or on their own, they engage and initiate messages to the field

Alan presented his thoughts on how to implement a reverse 911 protocol as identified above. If there's an emergency we know about, there could be people out on the trail who are not aware of the problem, as we just learned from the Cameron Peak Fire. For this fire, PWV had two patrols in the Rawah, some at Big South and one in the Commanche Lake area. PWV will need to take the lead on this process. Alan thinks we need a team with enough people, to have at least a few people around to handle emergencies. We also need a good way to communicate within the team. Texting might be preferred. In talking to Kristy, she wanted to make sure there's an ability for CLRD to let us know if they have information about an emergency. District Ranger Katie Donohue gets the initial warnings when there's a problem. We need to train her to reach out to PWV when there's an emergency

Discussion ensued and the following points were made:

- With an InReach, each device has a unique "email address" but the device cannot be reached by sending an email as you would normally send an email. Instead, you need to use a feature in the online account for that InReach. Celia Walker summarized another

way to allow someone at home to reach your InReach - Celia sends a message to her contact when she leaves her car, and her contact can then respond that day. (*Alan Meyer: I know this works if you keep your InReach powered-on after you initiate a message with someone back home, but I'm not sure if it still works if you power-down the InReach.*) Until this system is thought out, this is a way to get a message sent to them.

- Steve Musial said on a multi-day patrol, battery life needs to be conserved. Steve detailed his experience at Commanche Lake as Randy Ratliff had described at the August BOD meeting; 3-4 day backpack, assumed smoke was from the Glenwood Spring fires, received no message. Steve sent an InReach message to the USFS and to his wife. Steve received no response from the USFS. His wife hadn't heard about the fire yet either. It took a few hours to realize there was a fire in the Chambers Lake area. Steve expressed frustration at not receiving a response from the USFS. Alan mentioned that Karl Riters turns on his InReach 3 times/day. Alan recently turned his on a couple times/day on a 3-day backpack and still had 93% charge when he reached home.
- Alan was in the Rawah Wilderness when the fire started and had also sent an OK message. Alan shares Steve's frustration with the process, and that is why PWV is going to take the lead role on this. Alan hopes to create a team of PWV people, who when they are aware of an emergency, they will send messages out to the field. What would then happen is the 911 team would let the patrollers know to get out. This isn't a perfect solution, and only addresses PWV not the other CLRD volunteer groups. It might be that someone within PWV becomes aware of a problem before the USFS even. Kristy confirmed that a process needs to be defined, and this emergency has identified gaps.
- The point was made that PWV provides a significant amount of free labor for the USFS and therefore the USFS should be responsible for notifying PWV when there is an emergency
- It was stated that we should add a statement on the PWV patrol scheduling website ASAP regarding the fact that members are "operating under the fact that the USFS will let them know when there's an emergency" and they will not.
- For Kristy's edification, it was mentioned that there has been a firmware update on SpotX units recently.
- Reverse 911 messages could be sent to the entire group, not just those out patrolling.
- The SpotX units allow for a group address. This would allow the creation of a group that contains all other PWV SPOT X devices that could be reached with a single message sent out from the SPOT X with this group address. We should investigate if InReach also supports a group address.
- It was proposed by Kristy that Katie Donohue will have the responsibility to let the Reverse 911 committee know there's an emergency, although a PWV member may know of an emergency before Katie. Kristy will need to confirm this with Katie.
- This process needs to be defined and established as soon as possible.
- Not having the USFS contact PWV members in the field during an emergency could be a dealbreaker for some members. If a member doesn't have appropriate information, it



would be much better to not be affiliated with the USFS, and not be expected to have information which we don't have. This is a USFS problem, not a PWV problem.

- It would be great if the USFS could or would do this, but they're not going to, so PWV needs to take the lead. PWV has responsibility for the safety of our own people. The message should be sent to everyone, whether in the field or not.
- Concern was expressed that even if checkin messages are sent, that Kristy and Jane might not be available to receive communications.
- PWV needs an 'after action' meeting with the USFS, to come up with a plan. If the USFS wants us to represent them (i.e., not drinking when in uniform), they need to take responsibility for their volunteers. PWV members don't need to be the carriers of the responsibility.
- Part of the concern is that Katie as District Ranger, is pulled in many directions, with a huge level of responsibility. Concern was expressed if Katie is the one to let us know due to the many directions she's pulled.
- We need to get a real team to define how this process will be handled.
- Ft. Collins dispatch could also be a resource.
- We don't need to reply to everyone, just the people out in the woods. As long as we have a liaison from the USFS that could communicate with PWV committee. We can add people to our communication, whoever we want.
- From a practical standpoint, USFS won't take this on at least for now.
- PWV could be a stand-alone group, unaffiliated with the USFS. Then we would have to take care of ourselves.
- Would the reverse 911 go to the list of 2-way communication devices, or to the 911 committee? The recommendation was made to talk to Katie Donohue about having Dispatch send a message to the 911 group. The message needs to go to everyone, because they may be going out in the field the next day.
- Safety is number 1 at the USFS but unfortunately, Recreation is not number 1. Safety is where we need to hit home with this. The Recreation department is now only one person, Kristy, and not 3 other people there. She can't be on 24/7. However, Katie should be able to work the issue with Dispatch and to have them send us an email to a PWV committee to get a warning out. This is a quick solution, not long-term. Not all radios work out in the field. The employees go out with 2-way communication devices, they need to be warned also.
- What about folks in the field who don't have a 2-way communication device?
- The night of the fire, Katie did contact PWV about sending a broadcast message; however, reaching people out in the field is the issue. We are not Search and Rescue.
- If it's simpler to send out a blanket message, there's usually a default email address that will receive after so many hours. Many members don't own a device, so a broadcast

email is the easiest way to inform.

- Approach the USFS with here are our concerns, here's what we've come up with, what are their suggestions? USFS people are spread really thin. Think of a positive approach to the USFS instead of 'do this or we're out of here'.
- Can we tie into the process the USFS uses for contacting their people? The USFS still uses radios, and we no longer carry those. Kristy said that most USFS personnel still use the old radios. What is the USFS process with these radios?

Alan said we need to meet with Katie and others, and outline our concerns, not just for us but the other volunteer groups too. Alan is willing to move ahead with this but will need a team to work with. He will send out a separate query to find people who are willing to be part of this effort. Kristy said Katie will be unavailable until the fire is contained, so we won't be able to meet with Katie for a few months.

Elaine asked if we could summarize where we are at with this. Elaine asked that with Board consensus we could approve the process as outlined by Alan. She wants to ask the USFS for a post 'after action'/debrief meeting with Katie and others in the USFS and push for the USFS to take a more active role in this process. Elaine received general consensus on Alan's plan. Elaine thanked Alan for all his work in putting this plan together.

**NEW BUSINESS.** (combined with Old Business).

Elaine asked Kevin Cannon to give a quick update on what he's been working on. As of today at 4 pm, Larimer County put in a grant request for \$125,000 for the Larimer County Youth Conservation Corps to help out next year for 12 weeks. Kevin expressed thanks to Kristy Wumkes and Maely Oropeza from Larimer County, all of whom worked hard on this grant, not knowing exactly what will be needed. They have asked for 2 weeks on weeds for the district, 2 weeks on Young Gulch and 2 weeks on Mt. Margaret Trail system on restoration prior to the floods. The grant request is in cooperation with PWV, Wildland Restoration Volunteers, Overland Mountain Bike Association, and Colorado Addicted Trail Builders. Total work will be divided among those groups. The grant is to be awarded in December. Total work will be divided among these groups. The PWV weed group will do the weed work. Wildland Restoration Volunteers will work on Mt. Margaret area, Colorado Addicted Trail Builders will work on Young Gulch. Wildland Restoration Volunteers and PWV will work on fire restoration. Kevin will be starting back at the USFS next week. Elaine thanked Kevin for all his work on this, a big process.

Elaine thanked everyone for their attendance and participation in some difficult discussions. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Janet Caille, Secretary

Next Board Meeting: **October 15, 2020, 6:30 p.m.**

***Executive Committee Action: August 31, 2020, the Executive committee approved an incremental \$800 for the Member Relation Committee budget to purchase neck gaiters for a Year End Event gift.***