

**MINUTES**  
**PWV ANNUAL MEETING**  
**October 21, 2018, 2:45–3:40 p.m.**

**ATTENDANCE**

140 people attended the 2018 PWV Annual Meeting, held at the Drake Center.

**OPENING** Chair Randy Ratliff welcomed everyone to PWV's annual Year End Event (YEE). Randy said the plan was to have fun, socialize, enjoy the food and drink, and do a little work. Randy said he has had the honor and privilege to serve as Board Chair for this outstanding organization this past year.

PWV members have been steadfast in providing outstanding service in conducting patrols and educating the public and 2018 was no exception. This past year, PWV provided 25,961 hours of service valued at \$640,977 to the US Forest Service.

Before diving into the official program, Randy asked if everyone had a raffle ticket. Spring Training Volunteer Coordinator, Holly Young, displayed several lost and found items from Spring Training.

PWV revitalized a lot this year: the Bylaws were updated, an ad hoc stock committee was formed, the weed management program was revised, the 2015 Strategic Plan is being updated, the Training Manual was updated and the Trail Guide Book is being updated and printed for sale. The Guide will be available at the USFS and at various retail outlets throughout Larimer County.

PWV has kept our members engaged by offering our very popular Affiliation Gatherings. We also had several social summer events that were well attended. We recruited 40 new patrolling and 4 non-patrolling members.

PWV has reached out a lot this year, including: River Fest, Earth Day, the Rist Canyon Mountain Fest, GE Oil & Gas "Chilis and Charities", and the Front Range Community College (FRCC) Job and Volunteer Fair. We also presented to Ray Alberle's Wilderness Education Class at FRCC, Larimer County Veterans Group, Loveland Mountain Club, and Rebecca Niemiec's Public Communication in Natural Resources Class at CSU. Rebecca's class will be looking at PWV, specifically at members and member retention within PWV.

We reached out by hosting other friends organizations at Spring Training. We presented at the Wilderness Volunteer Workshop in Denver and also at the USFS Wilderness Managers' Winter Meeting.

We have reinforced First Aid and CPR certification and also offer a Wilderness First Aid program. We expanded the weed management program, and had training programs in Geology, Mushrooms, Map & Compass, Leave No Trace, GPS Navigation, and on and on.

We continued our core patrolling activities. PWV offers a wide range of other programs and activities including Kids In Nature, that introduces children to the wonders of the national forest,

resulting in unsolicited comments such as “This is the best day ever”! The KIN program is having a phenomenal impact. Camaraderie is always present on Adopt-A-Highway clean ups and one lucky participant wins a prize for the most interesting item retrieved. Weed patrols are filled with discovery education and fun. We’ve had great participation in our weed patrols.

PWV has reacted on North Fork and all the trails we help maintain. We have only 1 mile left on Young Gulch thanks to our Trail Crew and our partners. We completed 22 weed patrols and removed almost 2000 trees from trails (1983 in 2018). Combining trees removed in 2017 and 2018, we have removed 4,641 trees! Almost all of the trails in the Rawah Wilderness have been cleared of downfall, the first time in many years.

This was our second year of Recertification. We recertified 38 PWV members. Randy asked all who recertified to please stand. Applause followed.

At this point two door prizes, \$25 restaurant gift cards, were awarded (to Teresa Morgan and Mike DaBonte).

Randy continued saying 2018 was a very good year for PWV financially. The Endowment Fund now has \$75,250, a remarkable accomplishment. Total donations to the General Fund for the year total \$31,941 and include: Corporate/Non-Profit of \$9,254, Grants and Restricted Funds of \$17,950, Individual donations of \$3,115, the Amazon Smile Program of \$122, and Grocery Store Programs of \$1,500.

Randy expressed thanks to the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance for a grant of \$9503 and also to the National Forest Foundation for an \$8900 grant for tree removal, which PWV matched. Other donations include: the Clinton Family Fund \$5000, Green Events \$1000, Walmart \$1000, Odell Brewing \$1000, and the SmilingWolf Foundation Fund \$1000. Pour Brothers hosts us every year, donating tips to PWV. Randy also mentioned Cargill & Google Match Programs. Randy expressed appreciation for donations for the YEE from: to Odell for donating beer, to 287 Craft Sprits for donating all the wine and to Scheels for donating a doorprize.

The PWV Year-End Fundraiser will be conducted in December. Randy asked all present to remember to donate. For donations made on December 4, Colorado Gives Day, PWV will receive some matching funds. Our goal this year is \$12,000. Donations can be made online or by check. Contact Jerry Hanley, Fund Development Chair, for more information

Judy Jacks talked about the grocery card program, specifically King Sooper Cards. In 2017 we received \$1500 from this program; this year we have already earned over \$2000. The more we use the cards the more PWV gets; please keep reloading and spending. Judy passed out additional cards to those not already having one.

Randy said that one of the things that impressed him about PWV when he started on the Board was that PWV does have a strategic plan. This plan has five high level goals in the areas of Membership, Patrolling and Trails, Knowledge and Operations. This plan is based on data collected from PWV patrol reports, recording of non-trail hours and PWV member participation

and evaluation of the training program. This committee is chaired by Jerry Hanley. Randy said that when looking at the increase in volunteer hours, of note is the 80% for new members achieving 6 patrols. Our retention rate for new members is also 80%.

Randy remembered Tom Balance, who passed away last December. Tom and wife Vicki were very active in Kids in nature. He is truly missed by all who knew him and who shared his passion for youth.

## **REPORTS**

**A) CHAIR RECOGNITION:** In the 2017-18 year at Board meetings, Randy recognized Margaret Shaklee for her outstanding work as Chair and all her other work, including some 500+ non-trail hours given to PWV, Mark Snyder for stepping up to get a Fund Raising event for PWV, Janet Caille for her leadership as Board Secretary, and Bob Meyer, Treasurer, who does a fabulous job with all PWV Financial Reports.

Randy said that one of our traditions is to recognize a few members who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. For Year-End Event Chair Recognitions, Randy first recognized **Lynn Walter** for the work she did in cleaning up an abandoned hunting camp in the Rawahs. Lynn loaded her horse, drove to the Rawah trail, loaded it all up (including a toilet seat nailed to two logs), and brought it out for disposal. Randy said Lynn's effort was a tribute to her, the stock patrol and her horse. Randy had a hat and certificate for Lynn for her incredible effort. Lynn received a round of applause.

Randy asked **Janet Caille** to the stage. Janet was recognized for some of the work she has done this year, including serving as Board of Directors Secretary, being active in various committees, being an AGL, writing the NWSA Grant which resulted in \$9503 for Photo/Video equipment, coordinating social events and doing 21 patrols this season. Janet received a hat, certificate and round of applause.

Celia Walker approached the stage to let Randy know that Larimer County had a first ever Emmy Award. Candidates for the award were "The Sound of Music", "Gone with the Wind" and "**Peter Skiba & the Photo/Video Committee**". Randy asked "winners" Peter Skiba, Renee Skiba and David Fanning to approach the stage. Of all the more than 840 hours required to produce 4 videos for PWV this year, these folks took on leadership roles and led the charge. They coordinated a hard working video crew to produce the first video production for NWSA. Randy thinks there is no end of possible videos for the future. Randy produced 3 official Photo/Video engraved 'Emmy' Water Bottles for Renee, Peter and David. Randy asked the other members of the Photo/Video committee to stand. They were recognized by a round of applause.

**B) ARROWHEAD RECOGNITION:** Kristy Wumkes of the USFS presented a slide on the **Arrowhead Restoration Project** recognizing the efforts of Jim and Nancy Casadevall, Fred Allen, Don Eggleton, John Murphy, Mark Snyder, and Steve Switzer. This group has stepped up and helped with restoration of the Arrowhead Visitor Center which is on the National Historic Register. Jim Casadevall has been leading the charge. Not only did they help with the restaining

and refinishing, Steve Switzer worked on the rickety front railing.

**C) SERVICE RECOGNITIONS:**

For Service Awards, Randy asked that all members with 5 or more years of service and 30 or more patrol days to stand and be recognized.

**RECOGNIZED 5 YEARS SERVICE**

**CRITERIA: 5 or more active years of service and 30 or more patrol days**

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Adrian Farmer	Aramati Casper	Mike Smith
Karen Moore	Glenn Sullivan	Martha Stehman
Carole Dougherty	Jeanne Smith	Marsha Eilert
Tom Dougherty	Jeff Dean	Robbie Moreland
Vyvyan Brunst	Jim Greuel	John Moreland
Wil Biddle	Madeleine Lecocq	Laurie Landolt
Doug Hoyt	Randy Ratliff	Richard Blankenheim
Norm Wingard		Elisabeth Ervin-Blankenheim

For each group of Service Awards, Randy explained that pins could be picked up at the Member Relations table.

Those recognized for 10 years of service plus 60 or more patrols were:

## **RECOGNIZED 10 YEARS SERVICE**

**CRITERIA: 10 or more active years of service and 60 or more patrol days**

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Roger Chilson

LoraLee Carter

Greg Worrell

Brenda Dyer

Randy Schroeder

Dale Grit

Trudy Shlikas

Thomas Moore

Kevin Allen

Linda Reiter

Meg Parmer

Gene Meyer

Mindy Cooper

Dan Podell

For 15 and 20 years service:

## **RECOGNIZED 15 YEARS SERVICE**

**CRITERIA: 15 or more active years of service and 90 or more patrol days**

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Don Creager

Jan Creager

Karl Ritters

Nina Baumgartner

## **20 YEARS SERVICE**

**CRITERIA: 20+ active years of service and 120 or more patrol days**

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Bob Hansen

Lori Wiles

Each group was asked to stand and received a round of applause.

At this point, two more door prizes (\$25 food gift cards) were awarded. Thanks to Jacques Rieux for 4 door prizes were available from Hot Corner Concepts Restaurants. Randy Ratliff secured the door prize from Scheels.

**D) QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD.** Randy opened the Question and Answer Period part of the Annual Meeting. Gear Committee Chair, Marion Wells, asked for assistance in the winter and early spring, when the committee could use some assistance. The committee orders equipment, shirts, nametags and could use help. Celia Walker asked if there was any news on Spring Training. Jeff Dean said a committee of Fred Sprague, Margaret Shaklee, Janet Caille, Mike Corbin, Fred Allen and himself has been exploring Buckhorn Camp. The committee has visited the site several times. The site can accommodate 200 and includes showers and beds for everyone. It would be a much more pleasant experience in the snow. Jeff wants to get the committee together one more time and will then make a recommendation to the Board.

**E) TRANSFER TO 2019 CHAIR:** Randy introduced the new Chair Tom Adams, and officially transferred the Chair position to him, replete with cowbell. Randy received a standing ovation. Tom introduced other Board officers: Chair Elect, Elaine Green, Most Recent Past Chair, Randy Ratliff, Treasurer, Sandy Sticken, Secretary, Janet Caille and USFS Liaison, Kevin Cannon.

**F) YEAR-END AWARDS:** Tom recognized new members who had completed their 6 patrols. Of these, 7 were highlighted as the entire Antelope Animal Group completed their 6 patrols. Tom recognized Celia Walker and Janet Caille, AGLs for this group. Alan Meyer mentioned that a small gift for each new member achieving their 6 patrol days would be at the Member Relations table in addition to their patrol certificate.

# RECOGNIZED FOR PATROLS

**New Members: 80% met 6 patrol days expectation!!**

Antelope

Dennis Hellmer  
Janis Kloster  
Jill Koczela  
Mike Pickett  
Mark Turner  
Pam Vagge  
Julie West  
Jim Almeida  
Jeff Callaway  
Walt Grady  
Matt Mullendore

Lynn Peterman  
Laura Pool  
Barb Rodekohr  
Abigail Cohen  
Patrick Gill  
Cecily Hodgson  
Henry Presley  
Ray Rosenberry  
Joe Cox  
Mike DeBonte  
Ben Hodgson

Julie Ramirez  
Sally Weber  
Madlyn D'Andrea  
Bud Dooley  
Ruth Janitscheck  
Leslie Neidermyer  
Melody Pickett  
Pete Ramirez  
Mary Schroeder  
Diana Hoffman

Tom continued with individual awards. Number 1 in each category received a PWV hat.

## **MOST CONTACTS:**

Madeleine Lecocq (727), Janet Caille (435), and Jeanne Corbin (426). These three ladies while on patrol contacted over 1600 people.

## **MOST TREES REMOVED:**

Mike Shearer (339), Steve Musial (214), and Joan Kauth (144). These three members removed over a third of all the trees that were removed this past season.

## **MOST FIRE-RING WORK:**

Mike Shearer (37), Elliot Cooper (17). The two of them removed 54 illegal fire rings and probably most were in Wilderness area.

## **MOST STOCK PATROL DAYS:**

Lynn Walter (15), Jeanne Fitzgerald (10), and Mari Murphy (9).

## **MOST WILDERNESS PATROL DAYS:**

Mike Shearer (27), Mike Corbin (20), and Jeanne Corbin (19).

## **MOST TRAIL WORK DAYS:**

Joan Kauth (58), Mike Corbin (35), and Fred Sprague (26). If you convert these work days into months, Joan Kauth has spent almost two months in participating in trail work projects. Mike Corbin has put in a little over a month and Fred Sprague almost a month.

## **MOST DISTINCT TRAILS PATROLLED:**

Joan Kauth (33), Mike Corbin (30), Mike Shearer (25). And Jeanne Corbin (25). Joan patrolled over half of the PWV patrols in our system.

**MOST HOURS, NON-PATROLLING MEMBER:**

Renee Skiba (335), Sarah Johnson (28), and Geri Braden (17).

**MOST NON-TRAIL HOURS:**

**OVER 500**

Margaret Shaklee, Mike Corbin and Joan Kauth.

**OVER 300**

Jeanne Corbin, Celia Walker, Janet Caille, Randy Ratliff, Renee Skiba and Jim Shaklee.

Another door prize, a PWV hat was awarded. The final grand prize, a Scheel’s Gift Bag with hat, t-shirt, sunglasses and a \$25 gift card, was awarded to June Durand.

**CONCLUSION:** Tom said that PWV is well respected in this area, throughout Colorado, the western US and indeed the country. Tom concluded with thank yous to several entities and individuals. Tom thanked the Drake Centre for hosting PWV in this fantastic facility, specifically Joyce Saffel and her staff. Tom thanked Fred Allen and his wife Pam and all others who helped with the amazing food at the event. He expressed thanks to Odell Brewing for the beer, 287 Craft Spirits for donating the wine, Scheels for the final door prize, High Country Concepts for donation of gift cards and all volunteers who helped with setup, cleanup, and beverages. Tom asked everyone to complete the evaluations.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Best Centerpiece selected was that done by the Kids in Nature Committee.

**RESULTS OF YEAR END EVENT SURVEY AND COMMENTS RECEIVED**

<b>2018 Year End Event and Annual Meeting</b>		
<b>Feedback and Suggestions</b>		
<b>(18 responses of 140 members and guests attending)</b>		
<b>2018 YEE and Annual Meeting</b>	<b>PWV in General</b>	<b>Name</b>
I love PWV--thank you. So glad O'Dell's helps us with great beer	I love PWV!! Hoping to meet more people and grow more in the organization!	Katina Mallon
Most fun End of Year Event ever! Great food! Great red wine! Enjoyed upbeat presentation! Whole event was fun!	Enjoy doing patrols. Meeting people from all over!	Erica Marjoram

Like Drake Ctr better than Sundance or Elk Lodge	Need more stock riders and events for them	Janet Carabello
Well done	The best organized all volunteer organization anywhere!	Norm [Wingard]
Well organized--kept events flowing! Please--NO background music next year!	LOVE being a member especially as a <u>horse member</u> . Great, friendly people	Lora Lee Carter
This was the most efficient and well-done end-of-year celebration ever! (I'm a member 6 years now...) Kudos to all!		Donna Mahler
Good Job! Great location! Good food and drink.	Proud to be a member	Holly [Young]
I registered on line...however my name was not on the sign-in sheet the day of the event.		Ronda Koski
Why are weed patrols not counted as part of required 6 patrols? They are a lot of work. [ <i>Alan Meyer contacted Truman..weed patrols do count.</i> ]		Truman Sager [provided email and home phone]
	Hours on the Gear Committee should count as patrols.	[Registration desk reported this from Marion Wells and Marion also mentioned it to Celia Walker]
Good flow	I enjoy my membership	
Excellent venue. You also did a great job with the meeting part of event. Way to recognize the out performing individuals. One suggestion: Have all attending stand up and give all a big hand in congratulations.		
Acoustics not very good at Drake Center but overall a nice facility. Turn music volume down during social and dinner as that made it difficult to hear conversations.	Loads of fun. I enjoy interacting with the public using our Nat'l Forests. I've hiked trails I never have in my 30 years of living in CO.	
Gratitude! Thank you for keeping it going and providing a wholesome way to give. 1. Have you considered giving attention to members who do well filling out reports (to encourage or highlight the importance of the reports)? 2. I didn't know about voting for centerpieces...or raffle tickets. 3. GREAT JOB!		
Fantastic facility! Great happy hour! Thanks to Fred, Pam, and dothers who fed us so well (as usual).	It's amazing to be in a group of such dedicated people. Very professional organization.	
Outstanding, great food. Background music is too	Great organization	

loud!		
	Tan hats wouldn't be so hot!	
Much better than saloon. Nice job. Coffee? Name tags for guests?	Good group.	
Like the new venue	Wild pins? Need a pin every year. Only Wild 51 had a pin. Create 50-54 pins for past patrollers	John Moreland

Submitted by Janet Caille, Secretary