

MINUTES
PWV ANNUAL MEETING
October 19, 2023 – 6:00-6:25 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting

ATTENDANCE

33 people attended the 2023 PWV Annual Meeting held via Zoom and in person.

A. CHAIR REPORT:

- Mark Snyder welcomed everyone and thanked folks for attending.
- Mark said that we have many accomplishments, fulfilling our mission to protect the wilderness and backcountry.
- Mark shared that we maintained a high level of patrolling and volunteer hours: 915 patrols in total (7% over last year) with 915 official reports. 21,521 total volunteer hours were recorded. There were 14 campsite monitoring patrols, 8 trailhead hosting reports, 6 Kids in Nature reports, 29 restoration days, and 22 weed management days.
- We recorded 10,254 contacts made with the public, an average of 11 per patrol. This is a powerful indicator of how well we are doing in our mission of engaging with the public.
- We have increased our membership to 302 members. We recruited and trained 56 new members, and 30 of those new members have completed 6 or more patrols.
- Mark stated that we had a successful Spring Training at Buckhorn Camp. It was the first time having a 3-day training since 2019. 160 people participated. Representatives from seven Wilderness Organizations participated as well. There were numerous gatherings for everyone to socialize, meet new people, and reconnect with friends.

B. RESTORATION HIGHLIGHTS:

- Mark Snyder shared that we worked with Rocky Mountain Conservancy High School Crews on Little Beaver Creek, Rawah, West Branch, and the North Fork Trails. Overall, they built 3 bridges, removed an old foot bridge, cleaned and installed over 100 drains, rerouted 200 feet of trail, built one box step, 2 rock turnpikes, and they put in a total of 22 workdays. Matt and the Forest Service also hired the Rocky Mountain Conservancy.

C. TREASURER REPORT:

- Jim Medlock stated that PWV is in an excellent financial position. At the end of September, PWV held over \$263,000 between Unrestricted Funds, Restricted Funds, the Operating Reserve, and Endowment. \$44,739 of restricted funds, primarily for trail restoration, and it will be reduced significantly soon as we begin to receive the invoices for the Rocky Mountain Conservancy and the Wildland Restoration Volunteers for the restoration work Mark described. The most recent endowment statement was dated June 30, and, in that statement, they said that \$16,476 of the \$92,000 was available for distribution. Three committees have requested funds from the endowment in the 2024 budget which the fund development committee has approved and will be presented as part of the budget presentation next month. In October 2022 \$30,000 was moved from the unrestricted money market fund to the operating reserve meeting the requirements of the board policy Funds in the operating reserve are available for use at the board's discretion. Funds in the operating reserve earn more interest than the money market account did so we have seen a significantly higher amount of interest this year. Jim

anticipates that the 2023 financial reports will be presented to the board at the February 2023 meeting. Once the 2023 financials are completed, the preparation of PWV's IRS form 990, to satisfy the due date in May 2024, will be completed.

- Lastly, Jim recognized Sandy Sticken for her long service as PWV's bookkeeper and treasurer. Sandy is stepping down from that position and she has performed exemplary service for more than 10 years as bookkeeper and was PWV's treasurer and bookkeeper for 4 years. During Sandy's service as bookkeeper, if you had an expense to be reimbursed, you could count on receiving the check quickly. If you donated to PWV, you could count on the check being deposited quickly. Sandy has been a great mentor to Jim as he learned the nuances of PWV's finances, and she is going to be available for us as we are picking and training the new bookkeeper.

D. SECRETARIAL NOTE:

- Mark Snyder shared some highlights from the past year:
 - 11 BOD hybrid meetings were held via Zoom and in person at the Forest Service. There was no meeting in May which is typical since everyone is busy with Spring Training. A quorum was present for all but one meeting with an average attendance of 21 present.
 - Spring Tune Up is now part of the Supplemental Training Committee.
 - We changed the Bylaws to allow newly elected board members to become voting members on January 1, which allows time for training and familiarization with the budget process.
 - We also changed the Bylaws to allow members to patrol year-round starting in 2024.

E. CHAIR ELECT REPORT:

- Sean Orner stated that looking forward to next season, we will continue the development and implementation of our strategic plan initiatives and metrics. Those 4 initiatives include member retention, leadership training, established fundraising goals and coordinated/planned PWV messaging. We'll have an opportunity to put the leadership training that we've developed over the past year into use as we will be electing new board members this evening as well as accommodating changes to new committee chairs. In further pursuit of coordinated PWV messaging, last month we expanded the purview of the outreach committee to now include focused internal messaging as well as external. We have an active Supplemental Training Committee that has been a wonderful asset to the organization. They continue to plan training and speakers. They've already got a few dates on the calendar for 2024. They have incorporated the Spring Tune Up into their purview and the 2nd annual Spring Tune Up will be March 9th. We also see the continuation of expanding use of our trails. We have an expected completion of our new Lady Moon trail that will comply with accessibility guidelines. The Trails for All committee continues to be very active, exploring partnerships and ways to expand use of trails we want to share with others.

F. CLOSING:

- Mark thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 6:25pm.