

MINUTES
PWV BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
August 16, 2018 – 6:30 – 8:10 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Tom Adams, Janet Caille, Jeff Dean, Bob Meyer, Randy Ratliff, Linda Reiter, Mike Reynolds, Margaret Shaklee, Holly Young, Jim Zakely, and Kevin Cannon (USFS Liaison).

Board Members absent: Elaine Green, Jim Greuel, Jack Morgan and Celia Walker

Advisory Board Members: Fred Allen, Dave Cantrell, Gerry Cashman, Jerry Hanley, Alan Meyer, Karl Ritters, and Mike Smith.

PWV Members, Other: Peter Skiba.

PWV Guests: None.

AGENDA. The agenda was adopted as amended.

MINUTES. The July minutes were approved as amended.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A) CHAIR REPORT. Randy Ratliff brought up the **Member Relations Chair** as discussed at the July meeting. Alan Meyer was approved by the Executive Committee as Member Relations Chair. Randy thanked Alan for volunteering to be Chair and said Alan would be reporting later in the meeting.

Randy mentioned there was also Executive Committee approval to require all active PWV members to have a **valid email address**. Alan had had past experiences where emails would bounce back. We must be able to communicate with our members. The Executive Committee agreed and this was adopted as policy for PWV. Alan Meyer explained the scenario a bit further including his email and phone mail attempts to contact a member who had no valid email with no response. The member has been marked inactive.

As a reminder, Randy mentioned the **Rist Canyon Mountain Festival Fundraiser** on the 8th of September. PWV volunteers are needed for this event. The Board agreed in July that we would support this event.

PWV has also recently sent out an email asking for volunteers for the **Visitor Information Center**. Kevin Cannon said this volunteering is a good way to learn about areas other than PWV. Volunteers are really needed for backup. The office will be busy this fall with fire wood and Christmas tree questions.

Randy brought up the added agenda item, the formation of **stock ad hoc stock committee** to review current stock program issues and recommend changes. Randy has talked to Margaret Shaklee and others about our lack of success in recruiting qualified stock members. This past Spring Training, PWV had only one stock recruit whose horse failed stock evaluation. Randy would like to establish a committee to discuss how PWV can lift up the stock program. PWV was founded by stock people. He anticipates needing about three meetings, likely on Saturdays.

Randy said he would like the Recruiting Chair, Member Relations Chair, Chair Elect, Stock Chair and maybe other stock riders to be members of this committee.

Randy would appreciate input from all. Randy has heard lots of thoughts and assumptions on why we've faltered in this area, but he has no real hard evidence. Jim Zakely suggested including Rebecca Niemiec, new CSU professor, as a resource and a possible member of the committee. Rebecca is interested in involving one of her students through a student project on this subject, potentially surveying stock members. Per Kevin Cannon, Rebecca has a broad area of interest in this and other volunteering concerns across the nation. Randy thinks we need to have a plan and budget in place for next year on our stock program. Alan Meyer mentioned he has talked to a lot of stock members also and believes angst exists among our long-term stock members. The demographics have changed from 20% to 13% in PWV and this is perhaps reflective of changes in our community. Alan mentioned that Mari Murphy and Sandy Erskine worked very hard to recruit with limited success. Recruiting is one part of the problem, along with the divide among existing members and the difficulty stock members face (picking up trash while riding, trees down on trails, limited number of trails they can patrol, etc.) In the past, criticism of stock riders has led to hard feelings. Randy explained that Sandy Erskine was unable to attend the Board meeting. The following motion was made, seconded, and passed.

Move that a stock ad hoc committee be formed.

B) PAST CHAIR REPORT. Margaret Shaklee had no report

C) CHAIR ELECT. Tom Adams reported that a Nominating committee meeting was held prior to the Board meeting and another would be held following the Board meeting.

D) USFS REPORT. Kevin Cannon said that with Joan Kauth and Trail Crew up in the Rawah Wilderness, this might be the first year since Kevin has been here that we will have all the Rawah trails completely logged out. Joan's crew will be on Medicine Bow, Sand Bar Lake, Camp Lake, and Blue Lake near West Branch. Kevin is most appreciative for all the work that PWV has done to contribute to this effort.

Kevin confirmed that the fire ban has been lifted for about three weeks. Mike Smith said some signs about the ban still remain. Firework signs remain posted. Kevin will send out a reminder and send links on how to check for fire bans.

E) TREASURER'S REPORT. Bob Meyer presented Financials that highlight what has occurred since our last meeting. The Income Statement presented represented July 1 to Aug. 13. Of the line items, the more significant items included \$8847.69 received as reimbursement from NWSA for the WSP grant money spent to date on photo/video equipment. Kids In Nature income was for the sale of T-shirts and bandannas, from Spring Training sales.

Bob explained that the Spring Training \$400 item was for Mark Rosoff's class for both 2017 and 2018. Mark had neglected to invoice PWV last year. Another \$100 has been paid for a Leave No Trace NOLS training deposit for Danny Bier. This LNT training is part of the NWSA WSP grant. Danny's tuition has also been recently paid. Supplemental Training First-Aid subsidies were paid. For the Midsummer event, \$99.18 was paid.

Fred Allen inquired about the Nieman check for \$1000. Bob will check but believes it was represented in the last financials presented. The following motion was made, seconded and passed.

Move to approve the August financial report as presented.

Bob brought up the \$500 approved of the \$1136 requested in July for the Photo/Video committee. Bob said PWV has money to approve the full amount and after the meeting, he had made a motion to the Executive Committee for the balance of \$636 which was approved, but he wanted to get Board approval. The following motion was made and seconded.

Move to approve an additional \$636.00 to fully fund the Photo Video's Committee's request presented at the July 2018 meeting of the Board.

Peter Skiba said the committee has already signed up for royalty free video and audio clips, and has ordered, received and field tested the travel tripods. The Photo/Video committee recognizes that the Board needs to approve monies, and appreciates the support the Board has shown. The committee is working hard to get the work done. The motion passed

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A) PHOTO/VIDEO Committee. Peter Skiba reported on progress made on the WSP Grant Requirements. The Photo/Video committee currently has 13 members, all with different skills and experiences. Four members are new this year. The committee is trying to build capacity within the committee, while trying to accomplish work.

To date, committee members have filmed/shot two different weed pulls and a trail clearing activity. Three videographers attended the KIN hike for PWV family members. David Fanning is in the process of reviewing and editing (specifically the KIN video). Videographers were at Adopt-a-Highway, and also on a stock patrol. Some staging was done on what a stock patrol might look like. This footage could potentially be used for the stock program. One of the weed pulls last week end, documented a new noxious weed infestation. Videographers managed to get some photographically pleasing shots of Sphinx moth landing on musk thistle blossoms.

This past Saturday one member shot stills of trail building and two went on Sunday to shoot trail video. Peter needs to talk to the Office Co-Chairs about filming the Office Crew, and also with Kevin Cannon about the video that represents PWV as a whole. A couple of interviews need to be done.

The goal is to keep the videos to 3 minutes. The weed video is a little more challenging than anticipated, and will likely result in multiple videos per invasive species. In response to the number of videos needed for the Grant requirements and target date, Peter said 3 videos will be done with a target date of September 15th, so Janet Caille can complete grant documentation for NWSA in a timely fashion. A lot of filming has been done; much editing is needed now.

The three videos planned are: one overall about PWV, a Kids In Nature video which has been tweaked to identify youth serving agencies as the target, and the third is about noxious and invasive weed species and what we are doing to keep the wilderness weed-free. Looking at these weed videos will help members fine-tune their education. In doing these, the committee may

end up doing 6 videos; over-providing, but the extra videos may be needed.

In addition to shooting, the committee is updating their spreadsheets as they get new equipment and has discovered a checklist for shoots is needed. When meeting as a whole, much information is shared among members, so all can learn. A process is being developed

Alan Meyer commented on the impressive work being done by this committee. Many possibilities exist: on our web page, in the Visitors Center, 2 minute video walk-through of each trail, etc. Peter said committee members are enthusiastic and expressed thanks to PWV and NWSA for the good equipment we now have. He said the committee has discussed empowering the PWV membership, so that if a member can story board a video, the committee will shoot and produce. When questioned if the PWV website would support multiple videos, the response was videos will likely be housed there and also on YouTube.

Mike Smith asked how the videos will be maintained and stored. Peter explained, that as part of the new equipment, two 6 Terabyte (TB) drives have been purchased and are housed at Peter Skiba's and David Fanning's houses. Peter said the committee also has two 2 TB drives to shuttle info back and forth. The committee is working to create consistency in naming protocols, which adds complexity beyond just shooting. Peter hasn't given any thought to making info available to others. Applause concluded Peter's presentation.

B) SUPPLEMENTAL TRAINING Committee. Linda Reiter has volunteered to help Jackie Picard on the Supplemental Training committee. Janis Kloster and Mike Shearer are also on this committee. So far the committee has been exchanging emails. Jackie has shared a few files, including a skills spreadsheet, a job list, topics of interest survey, etc. Margaret volunteered to meet with Linda, as Margaret might be able to share additional information. Mike Shearer is putting the documents on Google Drive. Alan Meyer mentioned Dick Heyman as a leader for a possible mushroom hikes. Linda will contact Dick about a possible hike.

C) MEMBER RELATIONS Committee. Alan Meyer listed members of the committee: Janet Caille, Celia Walker, Nancy Casadevall, Mike Corbin, and Jan Creager. Alan gave a recap of the recent Member Relations committee meeting. For the Year End Event, the committee has opted to use as last year, the same service awards, 5, 10, etc. years (using last year's formula calculation) and the same recognition categories, e.g., most patrol days in wilderness, etc. The committee has new ideas for next year. Alan had intended to send out an email to the membership about what the YEE recognition categories will be but hadn't sent yet. The consensus of the Board was that this would be helpful.

Alan mentioned that anyone can access the YEE current standings on the USFS website, Summary Reports, PWV Year End Event, and selecting from the drop down. Additionally, there may still be special Chair Awards, for example, for most trash hauled out.

Jan Creager didn't want to take over all of Member Relations, however, she agreed to continue sending cards or flowers to PWV members as appropriate. Alan pointed out to her that there is flexibility in the Organizational Handbook, and a budget exists to send flowers.

The committee has also been debating whether or not the committee should have a role in organizing the overall social calendar for PWV per suggestion by Janet. The committee likely has some role to maintain and work with the various committees for suggesting social events

without taking ownership of all social events, like YEE, etc. One idea is to do something better for 2nd year members to encourage and assist them as continuing members. The suggestion was made that it would be fun to have a holiday party. Mike Smith made the point that October through December would be a good time for a get together, since we aren't out on the trail at that time.

OLD BUSINESS

A) BURROUGHS EVENT: Linda Reiter recapped the patrol some PWV members hosted in July for Songscape. The Burroughs band was commissioned by NFF via Songscape to write a new song and create an accompanying video, to benefit the National Forest Foundation. Linda reported that there will be an event at New Belgium, September 29, from 2-4. The event is open to all. The Burroughs band will perform. PWV can have a table at the event. Tom Adams will put on the PWV calendar. Kevin will include information about this in his monthly reminder.

NEW BUSINESS

A) LONG-TERM CHECK OUT OF SPOT UNITS. Linda Reiter brought up the challenge of obtaining a SPOT or radio for checkout to take on trails requiring such a device. Linda asked how many SPOTs we have, and if SPOT subscriptions are a problem. SPOTs can only be picked up at Arrowhead Lodge when it is open, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Linda would like long-term checkout. Margaret said we have 14 SPOTs. Kevin explained part of the problem is we have no location to leave the SPOTs in certain areas, like the Big Thompson. Kevin and others have been looking at options, possibly going to InReach and increasing the numbers. Margaret said there are certain times of the year when SPOTs are in high demand, i.e., early summer for mentor patrols. So far, this year 72 SPOTs have been checked out, so a high-use year. Margaret is looking at writing a grant to obtain more units. Linda (and/or others(?)) may be able to check out a SPOT for a couple of weeks.

B) NWSA UPDATE. Dave Cantrell reported on the NWSA National Wilderness Workshop to be held in Gunnison, October 10-12. Registration is the 9th of October. David will share the agenda he has received. He stressed the reason to attend is the opportunity to meet wilderness people from all over the country. Several PWV members will be attending.

C) MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL. Janet Caille gave a recap of the PWV summer events that have been held. The Gear Fest was held June 14, hosted by the Trail Patrolling Committee, with 31 members attending and at a cost of \$34.93. The Midsummer Event was held at the Hearthfire Pavilion on July 24th with 77 members and guests plus 3 musicians for a total of 80 attending. Cost was \$99.18 (\$75 for the harmonica player and \$24.18 for sodas, ice and some paper products). The Pour Brothers Fundraiser yielded \$219 with approximately thirty members in attendance. The next social event is the Wild 54 Celebration to be held at Odell's on Tuesday, August 21, from 7-9 p.m. Attendance is anticipated to be about 75 members and guests. Dave Cantrell, Celia Walker, Margaret Shaklee and Janet Caille have volunteered to assist at this event.

D) FRIENDS OF WILDERNESS. Alan Meyer brought up the Friends of Wilderness stewardship group in Steamboat Springs. As a lead-in, four years ago PWV did several things in honor of the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Wilderness Act. We did local, regional and

even some national things for the conference held in Albuquerque that year. For this effort, Alan had reached out to other Colorado stewardship groups, including the Friends of Wilderness. At the time, the response from this group was that they were rather small and would have limited bandwidth.

Fast forwarding to current, Alan now spends quite a bit of time in Steamboat, and he has learned a lot about the current Friends of Wilderness group and has been able to hike local trails including the Zirkel Circle. The Friends of Wilderness group is now approaching 100 members. Alan thinks this may be a group PWV would want to connect with again.

In many places around Steamboat, the Friends of Wilderness map/brochure caught Alan's eye. Alan especially likes the great color topo map of the main part of the Zirkels, color coded and with camping areas included. The brochure talks about their group, LNT principles, visually about restrictions, safety concerns, and has the excellent map. Alan is often frustrated by people camping right by the trail or in places they aren't supposed to be. Many of patrol descriptions don't say much about good camping locations. Alan feels it would be very helpful to have a map like the Friends of Wilderness that shows good places to camp. Janet Caille pointed out the Trail Patrolling Committee could use input from many PWVs on camping locations.

The question was asked where such a brochure might live in PWV. Probably the Trail Patrolling Committee and Public Relations might have the responsibility for such a publication. It was suggested we could seek a grant for creating such a pamphlet/brochure for PWV. The suggestion was also made that we get in touch with the Friends of Wilderness about how their brochure was created. Alan volunteered to meet with Friends of Wilderness when he next goes to Steamboat.

Dave Cantrell mentioned that there's been a request from Region 2, that the Spring Volunteer workshop be conducted by volunteers/stewardship groups. Dave has been intending to contact and will be contacting Friends of Wilderness about assisting PWV with this effort. Dave anticipates that PWV and Friends of Wilderness will take this activity on this next spring.

On a separate topic, Alan also mentioned that wilderness rules and regulations vary at different wilderness areas across the nation. Kevin confirmed that this is confusing and differs greatly.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS.

The following motion was made to the Executive Committee on 7/20/2018 via email, seconded via email and passed after email discussion.

Add a PWV policy that all active PWV members must have a valid email address registered in their profile and be subscribed to the PWV broadcast emails.

Note that all PWV Policies are documented in the PWV Organization Handbook. This new Policy needs to be added to the Handbook by Mike Corbin, Organization Handbook Committee Chair.

The following motion was approved via email by the Executive Committee on 7/22/2018:

Move to nominate Alan Meyer as chair of the Member Relations committee.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Janet Caille, Secretary

Next Board Meeting: **September 20, 2018 6:30 p.m.**