

MINUTES
PWV BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
September 20, 2018 – 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

Board Members absent: Jack Morgan and Holly Young.

Advisory Board Members: Fred Allen, Dave Cantrell, Gerry Cashman, Mike Corbin, Judy Jacks, Karl Ritters, Mark Snyder and Mike Smith.

PWV Members, Other: None.

PWV Guests: None.

AGENDA. The agenda was adopted as amended.

MINUTES. The August minutes were approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A) CHAIR REPORT. Randy Ratliff said planning is going well for the **Year End Event (YEE)**. The Drake center is giving PWV a good rate of \$300. The center has a great audio/visual system for showing our slides and videos. The invitations are out and 86 have RSVPed so far. Randy is looking forward to the celebration and encouraged everyone to attend.

Mary Beth McCubbin has agreed to be the Vice Chair of the **Kids in Nature** committee. The following motion was made, seconded and passed:

Move that Mary Beth McCubbin be approved to serve as Vice Chair for the KIN Committee.

B) PAST CHAIR REPORT. Margaret Shaklee reported that she had talked to Jerry Hanley about the **National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF)** grant which is due November. 5th. One proposal for this grant has been received so far. Margaret said any committee that has a capacity building need can send a proposal to the Fund Development committee so it can be addressed.

Margaret also mentioned the committee centerpieces for the YEE and the competition for that and asked that anyone with questions about the competition call her. Randy said we won't be doing the photographs on the wire sticks this year as it's too labor intensive.

C) CHAIR ELECT. Tom Adams gave an update on the **Nominating committee**. Committee members are Tom Adams, Janet Caille, Bob Meyer, Karl Ritters, and Gerry Cashman. The committee has four candidates for the board: Mike Shearer, Bob Hansen, Katina Mallon, and Sandy Sticken. Assuming Sandy is elected to the Board, she will be a nominee for Treasurer. Elaine Green is willing to be Chair Elect. Randy mentioned that Bob Meyer will stay as advisor to Sandy. Janet will send out the biographies for all candidates to the Board.

D) USFS REPORT. Kevin Cannon said the **50th Wild and Scenic Rivers** event was held up the Poudre Canyon this past weekend. Only about 24 people visited Young Gulch but they were very appreciative of the work that's been done. Some hiked the part of the entire trail that's been redone. At Mishawaka there were a couple of bands. Kevin wasn't sure if the tree planting was done, but it will be completed. It was a good event.

Young Gulch now has 4 of the 5 total miles of the trail completed. There are three bridges at the beginning still to be finished. Kevin would like to do the abutments this winter, and hopefully finish early next year. Likely the trail will be finished mid-summer of next year.

The USFS put out the **Rec Sport Shooting Draft** document for the entire Arapaho Roosevelt National Forest (not the Pawnee grassland), documenting where target shooting will and will not be allowed. This is a rather complex project because of how it must be ordered. For example, counties have to build shooting areas. Celia Walker passed around an article from the Coloradoan talking about this effort. Kevin said there is a website available for answering questions. At the next Board meeting, Kevin can have someone attend a board meeting and give a brief talk. This document will impact volunteers and safety on the trail. The Board consensus was that it would be good to have someone address the Board. This is a redirection effort as shooting is currently allowed. PWV will need to answer questions on this. This project is probably still two years out, as it will take time for the counties to build what is needed. This project has nothing to do with hunting, but is focused on target shooting. Maps will outline where the proposed closed off areas will be. Proposed closed areas are within a quarter mile of Highway 14, Crown Point Road, Buckhorn Road, Red Feather Lakes, Laramie River Road and other areas with high safety concerns.. The regulations are not covering trails or wilderness. URL for the project is <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46910>.

Kevin said the **Potomac Appalachian Trail Club** was here this summer. They did a lot of GPS work on trails, mostly in Comanche Peaks. Hopefully we will get some better trail maps from these efforts. They have now invested in a sub-meter accuracy GPS also. Our equipment was used additionally.

The **Seaman Fire** is out and trails Hewlett and Greyrock are now open. No damage occurred to either trail. Kevin said Mike Smith has been doing an excellent job at Stub Creek.

E) TREASURER'S REPORT. Bob Meyer presented **PWV Financials**. Bob mentioned he had highlighted on the Income Statement a \$200 restricted donation to the Photo/Video committee. Net income for the year, before endowment, shows a loss of \$362.50. Bob has updated the Endowment Fund. The Community Foundation of Northern Colorado has slowed down on updating the fund balances which fortunately doesn't impact PWV.

Regarding our Financial Position, Bob highlighted our Unrestricted Cash, \$17,973.67, with Operating Reserves of \$26,631.04. Trail Restoration dollars of \$17,481.36 has been spent. Bob posted a liability of \$17,000 since the Larimer County crew has not invoiced us yet. \$6719.77 of our Endowment Fund is available for grants. The Fund Development needs to consider how this might be used. The following motion was made, seconded and passed.

Move to approve the September financial report as presented.

Bob said we had received a letter from the **National Forest Foundation** (NFF) soliciting our membership. Bob feels we should spend the money for membership since NFF has been very good to PWV. Ethically, if for no other reason, we should be partners with NFF. The following motion was made, and seconded:

Move that the Board approve PWV signing up as a Partner Member of the National Forest Foundation for \$100 and that this amount also be included in the 2019 budget.

Mike Corbin asked if he should request it annually in the Restoration budget. Bob agreed that would be helpful. Kevin Cannon mentioned the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance (NWSA) and Leave No Trace (LNT) memberships also. Jim Greuel said he could request the LNT fee in his budget process also. The motion passed.

Bob mentioned that Danny Bier did not attend the **National Outdoor Leadership School** (NOLS) Leave No Trace Master Educator course per the NWSA Wilderness Stewardship Performance (WSP) grant. The class was cancelled due to insufficient enrollment. Danny indicated that half of the payment has been refunded. We haven't asked for reimbursement yet from NWSA. Since the class was cancelled, we might be able to defer until the next class. Bob will contact NWSA Executive Director, Randy Welsh, about how this should be handled. We spent \$850 for this class. Bob thinks the \$425 will wind up as a deposit for someone to take the training for next year. Celia Walker said we can possibly defer this to next year and still use grant monies.

Randy asked when **budget requests** for 2019 are due. Typically Bob sends a request to all committees sometime in November after the YEE in October, giving committee Chairs 30 days to respond. Bob's goal is for PWV to do the Board budget meeting in December and approve the budget then.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A) AGL Committee. Gerry Cashman said he is retiring from the **Animal Group Leader** (AGL) committee and that the committee is in the wonderful hands next year of Mike Corbin and Janet Caille. Gerry received a round of applause for his service.

B) RESTORATION Committee. Mike Corbin gave a status on **Restoration** this year which he thinks is finished for the year. The committee worked on 3 different trails, Young Gulch, Bulwark Ridge and Lion Gulch. Young Gulch has been the priority. On **Bulwark Ridge**, the Rocky Mountain Conservancy did a new reroute that was almost finished. Mike will try to get a crew up there in late October, early November if possible. The crew did 1100 feet of trail work, putting in 3 drains that day. 42 people were there working, totaling 294 hours.

The Rocky Mountain Conservancy High School crew gave a full, free week to do a log stringer bridge on **Lion Gulch**. A lot of drainage work was done on the trail also.

On **Young Gulch**, in twenty days, approximately 1.4 miles was completed, totaling 276 people, 1658 hours, for a distance of 7250 feet. Additionally drains and walls were done.

In total, restoration work was 26 days, 8350 feet of trail, 39 drains, 20 walls, 450 feet rehabbed, 375 people days, and 2433 hours. A lot was done this year. All the crews were excellent.

Two weeks of the County Crew this year was \$8500 per week. Next year the fee will be \$9000 per week. Rocky Mountain Conservancy will potentially offer high school crews at \$2000 per week. Mike wouldn't mind having two weeks from each of them. Work is being done at Stub Creek now. Mike received a round of applause.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A) ODELLS WILD 54 EVENT. Janet Caille gave a recap of the PWV Wild 54 celebration held at Odells Brewery on August 21, from 7-9 p.m. Seventy PWV members and guests attended and a good time was had by all. Food cost for the event was \$70.90. Janet thanked helpers Dave Cantrell, Celia Walker, Julie West, Margaret Shaklee, and Lorann Stallones. Janet received a round of applause. Randy thanked Janet commenting that the social events have been well attended for a low cost.

B) SONG FEST EVENT UPDATE. Linda Reiter said there have been a lot of emails back and forth with the Song Fest folks about the event. Linda will take some PWV tri-fold brochures to pass out in case anyone wants additional information. Karl Ritters sent the email blast out about the event.

C) NWSA UPDATE. Dave Cantrell reported that a committee of himself, Celia Walker, Margaret Shaklee, Janet Caille and Janis Kloster just met to talk about an upcoming event, a **Wilderness Volunteer Workshop**. In past years, Ralph Swain of the USFS Regional Headquarters has hosted an annual Wilderness Volunteer Workshop. This year he received a request to have volunteers and not the Forest Service host the 2019 workshop. PWV has informally stepped up, along with Friends of Wilderness (FOW) in Steamboat Springs to sponsor the event for next year. Some preliminary planning has been done. This will be a social event with many chances to interact and will center around common challenges, i.e., fund raising, training, recruiting, and retention. The hope is to work with Friends of Wilderness to sponsor an event here in Ft. Collins. Then next year another two stewardship groups, hopefully Indian Peaks Wilderness Association (IPWA) and Friends of Eagles Nest will plan the 2020 Workshop. The event will be April 11 and 12, 2019, at the USFS building, and will be for the Central Rocky Mountain groups, rather than USFS Region 2. We hope to pull more people from other areas, such as Pinedale, Wyoming. The following motion was made and seconded:

Move that Poudre Wilderness Volunteers co-sponsor with Friends of Wilderness and NWSA a 2019 Wilderness Volunteer Workshop on April 11-12, 2019 in Ft. Collins.

Dave explained that NWSA is interested in supporting this effort because it will help form a model for the future. When asked about staffing needs, Dave gave the example of potentially needing guest housing, and people to organize food and refreshments. The planning group is currently working on the Workshop content. NWSA would like to be involved. Dave explained the organizing team plans for less time spent in formal presentations, and more time

for mutual discussion, networking, and problem solving. For example, a presentation might be given for 10 minutes about training and then small groups would trade ideas. When asked about the inclusion of other groups like county and the Bureau of Land Management, Dave said the focus will be on wilderness. Mention was made of the workshop time being close to Spring Training dates. Additional discussion was held on the number of volunteers needed. Celia Walker said the Workshop might take a few hours but the group that's working on the workshop is committed to putting those hours in. Celia mentioned last year's session in Denver was an eye opener with much to be gained. We will be asking for time, but we will be contributing to overall PWV know how.

Fred Allen mentioned that staffing in 2007 for a similar event, was 6-7 people per day. For that event, some USFS vehicles were used to shuttle attendees to and from the airport. Fred said basically a cadre of 6-8 PWV members hosted the event. Margaret Shaklee said as a new member in 2007 she served coffee and was 'hooked'. If we are trying to retain our members and keep them engaged, this is a good time to encourage the regular membership to come. Most of the work on this event will be done early next year. Margaret said she would like non-patrolling members to be involved in this also. When asked about NWSA's role in this event, Celia said PWV and FOW would be hosting, and NWSA would be supporting. When called to question, the motion passed unanimously.

D) HOSTING GUESTS AT 2019 SPRING TRAINING. Dave Cantrell said in 2018 we hosted around 15-16 guests at Spring Training. Dave felt it was very successful. Dave asked for a general consensus to start planning the same effort for 2019. Consensus was granted.

E) FRIENDS OF WILDERNESS. Alan Meyer wasn't at the Board meeting. Dave Cantrell said Alan has reported that he recently met with Bob Korch, of FOW, for 3.5 hours of great discussion. This makes a nice solid base for planning this workshop.

F) UPCOMING INVENTORY ANNOUNCEMENT. Elaine Green gave a heads up that this is the time of the year she asks for a count of supplies that are stored in all areas, including the storage locker. It makes sense to Elaine to ask for this after the YEE when further supplies might be used, so she will be sending out a request to all committee Chairs in the next couple of weeks.

G) LEW GAITHER. Fred Allen mentioned that former County Commissioner, Lew Gaiter, passed away recently. Lew was a big supporter of the outdoors, conservation and the county. Lew was one of the major reasons this county has so many open lands. He will be missed.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Janet Caille, Secretary

Next Board Meeting: **October 18, 2018 6:30 p.m.**