

MINUTES
PWV ANNUAL MEETING
October 29, 2017 3:45 – 4:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

146 people attended the 2017 PWV Annual Meeting, held at the Sundance Steakhouse.

OPENING

Chair Margaret Shaklee opened the meeting with several housekeeping matters: Comment sheets are available on the tables, on the back of the programs. Photos in the center pieces may be taken home. Appetizers will be on the buffet line after the program.

She then summarized the accomplishments of 2017, including Spring Training conducted in town because of the snow, the successful first recertification program, 2,658 trees removed from trails, 20 weed pulls, trail restorations completed for Lion Gulch and North Fork and continuing on Young Gulch with completion planned for the end of 2018. She reported over 300 members having filed USFS Volunteer Agreements. Key positions have been difficult to fill this year. She ranked communication as a high priority for her tenure, starting the Chats with the Chair, meeting with all the committee chairs, organizing the first ever Committee Chair Conference to be held November 11. Plans call for the Board to review PWV By-Laws in 2017, and Affiliation meetings will continue.

Margaret reported the PWV Endowment Fund is currently at \$68,600 and summarized the source of donations, noting that 28% comes from grocery gift cards. The Clinton Family Foundation provided a \$5,000 grant, Foothills Unitarian Church donated \$1,994, and Odell Brewery made in-kind donations. Jerry Hanley and Karl Ritters recently revised the PWV webpage to make it simpler to donate. Donations made to PWV on Colorado Gives Day, December 5, will make PWV eligible for additional funds.

Plans for 2018 include emphasis on the Strategic Plan: increase new member retention, enable new members and veterans to reach 6 patrols, achieve the overall priority patrolling target level, facilitate robust training, and increase patrolling hours.

Margaret recognized two deceased and valued PWV members, Judy Christensen and Tom Peterson.

Thanks to Jacques Rieux, door prizes were available from Hot Corner Concepts Restaurants. Raffle tickets were drawn throughout the meeting and five door prizes awarded.

REPORTS

A. Chair Recognitions

Margaret specifically recognized five committees or individuals for their exceptional efforts this year: Web Team, Restoration Crew, Jeanne Corbin for Kids in Nature, Celia Walker for Recruiting, and Jim Shaklee for Weed Management.

B. Arrowhead Recognition by USFS

Kristy Wumkes, Partnership Coordinator with the USFS, recognized Jim and Nancy Casadevall and Fred Allen, Janet Caille, Donald Eggleton, Becky Hartmeister for their roles in volunteering to re-stain the exterior of Arrowhead Lodge to help preserve this historically important building.

C. Long-Service Recognitions

Margaret read the names of individuals being recognized for long service, noting that their service pins were available at the registration table. Recognition was made for the number of years as an active member and with a total number of patrols or off-trail hours equivalent to patrols totaling 6 patrols multiplied by the service years. Service Recognition pins this year are for 10, 15, and 20 years; new this year is a 5-year pin.

13 volunteers were recognized for 10 years of service and 60 patrols

2 volunteers were recognized for 15 years of service and 90 patrols

1 volunteer was recognized for 20 years of service and 120 patrols

143 volunteers were recognized for 5 years of service and 30 patrols

Prior to opening the floor for questions, Margaret announced that Spring Training 2018 would again be at the Cub Scout Camp, with options being the weekend before Memorial Day or Memorial Day weekend. Celia Walker presented briefly regarding PWV members having two tasks: 1) patrolling and 2) maintaining the organization. The latter requires volunteering for other duties, short- and longer-term, such as serving on committees. Margaret mentioned needing a leader for Supplemental Training Kick-Off Night, and AGL Training.

D. Q&A

Comments included praise for all Margaret Shaklee has done this year and praise for the year. Bob Manuel asked whether recruiting fewer new members has reduced active membership. Margaret reported over 300 volunteers filed USFS Volunteer Agreements and 247 completed one or more patrols. Mari Murphy asked the USFS Liaison, Kevin Cannon, when a stock gate will be installed at Lower Dadd so stock riders don't have to go through barb wire. Kevin responded that the matter is being discussed with the range permittee, but this and similar matters on other trails are backlogged. Mari then asked for a "Do not Block" sign to be posted, which Kevin said could be done. There being no further questions, attendees were reminded of the comment sheets on the table and encouraged to submit questions and comments on them.

E. Transfer to 2018 Chair

Margaret introduced Randy Ratliff, the Chair-Elect, and transferred the Chair position to him, replete with cowbell and staff. Randy noted how honored he is to be entrusted with this non-profit with no paid staff. He joined in 2014, following a 48-year career in behavioral health care. He is a Colorado native, and joined PWV, because he realized he was riding the trails anyway. Now he rides, hikes and backpacks. He introduced Tom Adams, the Chair-Elect, and named the other officers and Board members: Janet Caille as Secretary, Margaret Shaklee as Past Chair, Bob Meyer as Treasurer; members Jeff Dean, Elaine Green, Jim Greuel, Jack Morgan, Linda Reiter, Mike Reynolds, Celia Walker, Holly Young, Jim Zakely and Kevin Cannon as the USFS Liaison.

F. Patrols and Non-Trail Recognitions

Randy announced the recognitions for 2017, noting that this year recognition was for specific behaviors we wish to encourage among members. Recognition was made for:

Most contacts: Madeleine Lecocq (789)

Most downed trees removed: Mike Shearer (476) and Steve Musial (435)

Most fire-ring work: Jeanne Corbin (12) and Mike Shearer (11)

Most stock patrol days: Mari Murphy (11), Jeanne Fitzgerald (10), Sandy Erskine (8), Lynn Walter (8)

Most patrol days: Madeleine Lecocq (42), Eugene Packer (33), Mike Shearer (28)

Most wilderness patrol days: Mike Shearer (27), Steve Musial (17), Madeleine Lecocq (14)

Most trails work days: Joan Kauth (51), Jim Shaklee (28), Mike Corbin (27)

Most distinct trails patrolled: Joan Kauth (24), Mike Corbin (21), Jeanne Corbin (20)

Most non-patrolling hours: Lyn Warrick (43)

Most non-trail hours: Margaret Shaklee (1484), Mike Corbin (1003), Jim Shaklee (876), Joan Kauth (695), Jeanne Corbin (650).

G. New-Member Patrols Accomplished

Randy recognized all new members who met or exceeded patrol expectations. He noted that 78% of new patrolling members completed 6 patrols or more.

Russell Smith	13	Mary Beth McCubbin	7	Tom Carlsen	6	Cassie Parker	6
Karen Artell	9	Karen Roth	7	Gay Conover	6	Lori Wayne	6
William Roellig	9	Bruce Williams	7	Frank Reid	6	Eileen McInerney	6
Geri Braden	9	Judson Haverkamp	7	Woody Hodgdon	6	Paul Sutton	6
Timothy Van Donselaar	8	Steve Mendez	7	Fernando Ibarra	6	Amparo Maya	6
Frances Feinerman	8	Derek Sherlock	7	Gerry Roop	6	Michael Shobe	6
Natalie Shrewsbury	8	Carl Kronberg	7	Joy Sherlock	6		
Elaine Green	8	Michelle Reulet	7	Gretchen Ibarra	6		
Richard Nelson	8						
Erik Van Arsdale	8						

Sandy Erskine announced that new-member 6-patrol certificates and a small gift were available at the registration desk for new members completing 6 patrols.

The meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

RESULTS OF YEAR END EVENT SURVEY AND COMMENTS RECEIVED

Comments about 2017 Year End Event & Annual Meeting	Comments about PWV or general	Your Name so we can respond (Optional)
Maybe have appetizers first - the meeting went a bit long & we got hungry! Maybe I don't read all names for 5 year members & those who did six or more patrols.		
	Can PWV coordinate with CSU or Front Range Community College to offer a credit class or internship? This might bring a younger group of members with energy and knowledge to the organization...	
You forgot Jacques as one with more than 20 years' service	Could I get more notice of tree clearing outings? I'm a good follower, but not a good instigator.	David Bye
Worthwhile to learn more about the various committees & tasks & accomplishments.	Recommend, as a newbie, from me & my husband, that you add option get together after training to practice web reports. We both had difficulties that in-person hands-on would have eliminated.	Fran Feinerman
Great event -- very well organized.	I vote for Memorial Day weekend to avoid graduations.	
I recertified as well this year.	I feel we should get credit for recertification by crediting us for it in place of a ride. Is patrolling a difficult trail (North Fork (58) rewarded? We did it! Margaret has done a fantastic job!	Lora Lee Carter

<p>It was great!</p>	<p>Need to work on retaining our current volunteers and keep the volunteers who didn't rejoin PWV in the loop. Getting emails costs nothing and hate to lose people with good skills & training. Don't think volunteers feel appreciated. Need to get the newsletter back.</p>	<p>Sandy Erskine</p>
<p>Thank you, you got it tonight! Great concise meeting, well done, Margaret! I did not receive a 10-yr pin. Can you check your records. I recertified this year and I've been a PWV member for 10 years. Thank you.</p>	<p>Can we get credit for recertification training? I did not get all 6 patrols this season, because I just got a new horse. We patrolled a 'high priority' trail, don't we get more credit for that?</p>	<p>Brenda Dyer</p>
<p>Too much reading. Too long of a presentation and chair recognitions. If we have that many recognitions, don't read names and numbers. 5-year pins are too much. Recognition is not for the norm.</p>	<p>Don't have ST on Memorial Day weekend. All that said we celebrate accomplishments. Thank you Board, for your dedication to PWV.</p>	
<p>Well done</p>	<p>I have volunteered for many different things but for years now it doesn't seem like it is announced that in food and other committees are needs looking for people who would like to be part of a committee.</p>	<p>Gayle Vancil</p>
<p>Thank you for a super fun event ;-)</p>	<p>I enjoyed my first season so much, every member was kind and helpful. I look forward to the future as a member doing stock patrols.</p>	<p>Katina Mallon</p>

Submitted by Celia Walker, Secretary *pro tem*