

MINUTES

PWV BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

August 15, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board members present: Archy Archuleta, Judy Christensen, Mike Corbin, Sandy Erskine, David Fanning, Jerry Hanley, Bob Manuel, Meg Parmer, Karl Ritters, Martha Shepard, Cathy Trout and Kevin Cannon (USFS).

Board member absent: Richard Clopper.

Advisory Board members present: Fred Allen, Chuck Bell, Kathy Burgess, Jacques Rieux, Margaret Shaklee, Garin VanDeMark.

PWV members present: Scott Ackerman, Jim Shaklee, Sandy Sticken,

AGENDA. The agenda was accepted as presented..

MINUTES. The July minutes were accepted as presented.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

A) CHAIR BOB MANUEL. Bob noted the New Member Get Together went well, attended by about a third of new members.

B) LIAISON KEVIN CANNON. Kevin reported Long Draw Road will close the evening of August 21 and hikers need to be out by 5 p.m. It will be closed for the rest of the season. Starting August 22, trees will be felled. Kreutzer and McConnell are still closed. Kevin will be checking Young Gulch tomorrow, and he will let Mike Corbin know the Forest Service recommendations as to restoration on Young Gulch or on another trail. Of the 88 kiosks up the Poudre, 80 of them will be replaced/upgraded in the next couple months. Work is also being done on the camp grounds in the High Park fire area. Kevin noted the amount of work PWV contributes is impressive.

C) TREASURER REPORT. Kathy Burgess and Martha Shepard presented slides showing income/expenses and budget, explaining along the way. While we had somewhat less income in 2013, still we have on hand about \$25,000, not including the Endowment funds. There was discussion about inventory items not expensed until sold, and cash accounting vs. another method. Because not all budgeted funds were used, Bob Manuel mentioned we should consider reducing our budget. Martha mentioned the Finance/Budget Committee might look at these concerns for next year, along with cash flow budget for 2014. Kathy asked and received the Board's approval to move the raffle funds (held in a separate account) into the operating account. Mike Corbin expressed the Board

should give input to the Finance/Budget Committee's philosophy for spending money; and posed the question: should we be spending money for items for our members?

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

A) YEAR END EVENT. Bob Manuel and Jerry Hanley updated the search for a suitable venue. There was mention of donations of beer and wine, and how to handle their delivery to the venue. It was the consensus this event is our way of showing appreciation for our members and we should arrange to have food catered.

B) PHOTOGRAPHY-VIDEO COMMITTEE. Karl Ritters reported on the photo contest, showing the photos which were considered. He explained his call for photos, the number of photos received, the non-responses by members, and the rules of the contest. Scott Ackerman was voted the winner and was presented an award of a fine bottle of wine.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None.

NEW BUSINESS.

A) LEGACY SOCIETY FOR ENDOWMENT FUND. Cathy Trout had designed a "Legacy Society" pin to present to anyone who makes a bequest to the Endowment Fund. Jerry Hanley mentioned we had not received new funds recently and that is the nature of endowments. Jerry will send an Email to all present and former members and friends to remind of the PWV Endowment Fund and its needs, and will put this on the web page and on PWV's Facebook.

B) NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR BOARD MEMBERS. Jerry Hanley mentioned if anyone knows of members who may want to serve as Board members and/or officers, to let him know. The following **motion was made, seconded and adopted:**

Move that an ad hoc nominating committee be formed for the 2013-2014 elections to be held in October, consisting of the Chair-Elect (committee chair), two Board members and two Advisory Board members, the members to be appointed by the Chair-Elect. The committee shall provide a recommended slate of candidates prior to the October Board meeting.

C) LACK OF PATROL COVERATE IN HIGH USE CAMPING AREAS. Chuck Bell expressed his concern about the resource damage in many of the wilderness areas, particularly the Rawah's, Brown's Lake, Commanche Peak (Big South and Emmaline), mostly due to lack of patrol coverage and/or possibly the resource needs are not met by members patrolling those areas. Concern was expressed that members are not covering the high and medium priority trails, while spending an inordinate amount of time on the Red Feather Lakes' trails, i.e., 58 patrol days in the Rawahs and 116 days in Red Feather Lakes trails. It was recognized that we need more backpacker patrols to handle the wilderness trails. Kevin Cannon reported it will take a couple years, but the Forest Service will be providing facilities at Stub Creek for horses (as at Jack's Gulch) and that should help some. Mike Corbin noted we might consider having an experienced person lead some less experienced folks on backpack trips in these areas. Margaret Shaklee mentioned the Spring Training Committee offers clinics on backpacking, and the need to encourage members in this endeavor. Kevin Cannon reported

it will take a couple years, but the Forest Service will be providing facilities at Stub Creek for horses (as at Jack's Gulch) and that should help some.

D) CLINTON FAMILY GRANT USAGE (\$2500). These funds are restricted, and there was discussion on how to use the funds. Fred Allen and Mike Corbin mentioned their needs for the funds. The following **motion was made, seconded and adopted:**

Move that \$2000 of the Clinton Family grant be used for planting shrubs this year at Bellaire Campground for National Public Lands' day and \$500 be used for fire restoration.

E) 50th ANNIVERSARY WILDERNESS ACT POSTER. Kevin Cannon showed views of the Colorado 50th Anniversary Wilderness poster, John Fielder being the photographer. He gave an overview of the costs of design, printing, mailing, where and how many posters may be sold. Orders are expected from an Albuquerque event to be attended by volunteer Colorado groups, NSWA will no doubt sell some, and there are other outlets. It is anticipated because 2014 is the 50th anniversary, there will be more demand than at the 40th anniversary. PWV is desirous of funding this venture, and can reasonably expect to double its output. The following **motion was made, seconded and adopted:**

Move to commit up to \$8500 from the Operating Funds for the design and printing of Colorado's 50th Anniversary Wilderness Act poster.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Meg K. Parmer, Secretary

Next Board Meeting: **September 19, 2013, 6:30 p.m.**