

**MINUTES**  
**PWV BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**June 20, 2024 - 6:30-8:00 p.m.**  
**Hybrid Meeting**

**ATTENDANCE**

- **Board Members:** Rich Cappello, Jennifer Collins, Joe Cox, Donald Gibbs, Ruth Janitscheck, Jim Medlock, Steve Musial, Jeff Randa, Dan Schultejann, Anne Yakos, Jim Zakely, Matt Cowan (USFS Liaison)
- **Board Members Absent:** Sean Orner, Mark Snyder
- **Advisory Board Members:** Tom Adams, Dave Cantrell, Mike Corbin, Lori Wiles
- **PWV Members, Other:** Dave Carpenter, Peter Skiba, Dee Woodcock
- **PWV Members, Other:** Eugenia

**ESTABLISHING QUORUM AND MEETING GROUND RULES**

Joe Cox welcomed everyone in attendance and a quorum was established.

**AGENDA**

The June 2024 meeting agenda was adopted.

**MINUTES**

The April 2024 BOD meeting minutes were approved.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**(A) CHAIR-ELECT**

- Joe Cox had an excellent Wilderness First Aid Class last weekend with 10 attendees. He asked for nominations from the Advisory board for next year's Chair Elect and if anyone is interested in taking on the role to contact him.

**(B) IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR REPORT**

- Nothing to report from Mark Snyder.

**(C) USFS STAFF REPORT**

- Nothing to report from Matt Cowan.

**(D) SECRETARY REPORT**

- Nothing to report from Ruth Janitscheck.

**(E) TREASURER**

- Jim Medlock reviewed his treasurer's report.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**(A) SPRING TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT**

- Jeff Randa thanked his team leaders for their contributions to a great Spring Training event. Dee Woodcock reviewed the results of the evaluation survey. Jeff presented a framed photo collage they put together to thank Chuck Bell for the incredible presentation he gave at Spring Training.

## **(B) OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT**

- Jeff Randa reported that for the past 6 weeks, they've been working on a branding logo to be complimentary to our patch. These logos will be used externally to build our branding image and will not replace the patch we wear.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **• DISCUSS CONTINUED PATROLLING ON MT. MCCONNELL TRAIL**

- Mike Corbin asked the board their thoughts on continuing to patrol and maintain the Mt. McConnell trail now that users must pay to park at the trailhead. Joe Cox asked if PWV members could park at the trailhead for free when patrolling and working on the trail. Matt Cowan said that we just need something to display on our cars to make them identifiable. It was concluded that we could put our trailhead sign on our dashboard and not pay to park.

### **• MOTION TO AMEND CHECK-IN MESSAGING ON HAZARDOUS TRAILS**

- Mike Corbin moved that when patrolling a trail that is deemed hazardous by the USFS, it is a requirement to send a check-in/OK message with a satellite communication device at your turnaround point and when you return to the trailhead at the end of the patrol. Backpackers must send the message at the end of each patrol day. The message should be sent to a family member or friend. See the Training Manual for a list of hazardous trails.
- Mike Corbin moved to amend the motion to say:
  - o When patrolling a trail that is deemed hazardous by the USFS, it is highly recommended to send a check-in/OK message with a satellite communication device at your turnaround point and when you return to the trailhead at the end of the patrol. Backpackers should send the message at the end of each patrol day. The message should be sent to a family member or friend. See the Training Manual for a list of hazardous trails.
  - o The amendment was passed unanimously.
  - o The amended motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### **• MOTION TO AMEND CHARTERS FOR NRT AND STOCK COMMITTEES**

- Mike Corbin moved to change charters for the New Recruit Training and Stock Committees to:
  - NRT: The NRT committee is responsible for the training of new recruits each spring. This includes selecting and training the role players/instructors for the training trail. This includes producing the PWV Training Manual, Kick-off Night activities, and all training

- activities prior to and including Spring Training.
- Stock: The purpose of the PWV Stock Committee is varied. Part of the year is spent planning and executing training for our stock members providing insight when encountering horses, mules, and llamas on our trails. The Stock Committee also assists in recruiting and interviewing potential stock members. A stock challenge course is also organized to evaluate potential new stock members and their animals. The PWV Stock Committee also provides a bridge between the stock members, the Board of Directors, and the PWV Trail Crew. The committee also acts as a clearing house for both work days and overnight stays at the Stubb Creek Ranger Station. Once or twice a year, a public outreach type event is planned. Finally, the PWV Stock Committee organizes several social events each year.
  - o The motion was seconded and did not pass. 5/5
- **DISCUSS PROJECT TO WRITE HISTORY OF PWV**
  - Dave Cantrell suggested that he would like to see someone write a comprehensive history of PWV to complement Chuck's summary on the website. Jeff Randa asked if the Advisory Board could make a recommendation for a historian or a historian committee.
- **DISCUSS POTENTIAL MEMORIAL FOR JACQUES RIEUX**
  - Dave Cantrell asked if we could do a memorial for Jacques Rieux who was one of the founding members with long participation with the organization, staying active until 2 years ago, and passed away last December. He asked how we could recognize him. Jeff Randa suggested the Advisory Board help him with ideas. Matt Cowan added that now that they have a volunteer coordinator, they would like to give the acknowledgment that all of PWV deserves, and he would prefer to do it before we pass away. He suggested that the Forest Service could do a social media post about Jacques, and he hopes to get some President's awards for some of our members.

## **CLOSING**

Joe Cox adjourned the meeting.

Next Board Meeting: **July 18, 2024, 6:30 p.m.**