

MINUTES
PWV BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
October 20, 2022 – 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Conference Call due to Covid-19 concerns

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Jim Branch, Rich Cappello, Jeanne Corbin, Mike Corbin, Jim Medlock, Sean Orner, Jeff Randa, Mark Snyder, Bruce Williams, Matt Cowan (USFS Liaison)

Board Members absent: Janis Brady, Joe Cox, Steve Musial, Pete Ramirez, Karen Roth

Advisory Board Members: Alan Meyer, Tom Adams, Fred Allen, Janet Caille, Kevin Cannon, Linda Reiter, Karl Ritters, Celia Walker

PWV Members, Other: Dan Schultejaan, Anne Yakos, Ruth Janistcheck, Jennifer Collins, Liz Manes-Ruhl, Robert Orner

Guests: David Crews (former member), Michael Zand

ESTABLISHING QUORUM AND MEETING GROUND RULES.

Bruce Williams welcomed everyone in attendance. He asked the meeting guests to introduce themselves.

- David Crews shared that he was a volunteer many years ago but left the state. He's back in Colorado and wanted to listen in on the call to learn about what's happening.
- Michael Zand shared that he moved to Fort Collins from New Jersey in August. He loves hiking, backpacking, and camping, and he'd like to help take care of our backcountry.
- Dan Schultejaan said that he was unfamiliar with using Zoom.
- Anne Yakos shared that she's a newer member who joined mid-year as a Non-Patrolling member.
- Liz Manes-Ruhl said she would be sitting in on the meeting.

AGENDA.

Bruce explained that the Agenda on the screen was a bit different than what was sent out yesterday since he made a few corrections. The October 2022 agenda was approved.

MINUTES.

The September 2022 meeting minutes were adopted with no changes.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

(A) CHAIR REPORT.

- Bruce Williams shared that at last month's meeting, we spoke briefly about we wanted to investigate the possibility of having hybrid meetings. This would allow people who want to attend in person at the USFS to do so, while also allowing remote attendance via Zoom. A small team worked together, including Alan Meyer, Jeff Randa, and Matt Cowan who met at the Forest Service office for a trial run while Mark Snyder and Sean Orner called in by Zoom. Bruce shared that the results were very encouraging. We have a few wrinkles to work out to make sure that it works well, and we've done the troubleshooting before the meeting. He anticipates that if things continue to go well, they will come back to the Board with a recommendation to begin hybrid meetings for the November or December meeting to commence in the new year if the motion were to pass.

It could give us the best of both worlds as many miss the informal chit chat and networking that occurs during face to face meetings, but many appreciate the ability to join by Zoom if they are traveling or if there is inclement weather.

- Bruce noted that the Year End Event was Sunday. Bruce thanked Mark Snyder for doing a lot of the planning and coordinating of the food.
- Bruce shared that he made a mistake during the Annual Meeting that he wanted to correct. Jeanne Corbin sent him a note to remind him that unlike most years, our season did not end on September 30th last year and some patrols were completed in October.
 - Jeanne shared that she found that we had completed 831 patrols total. She explained that we always start our patrolling numbers on October 1st because we sometimes have restoration and trail maintenance that is completed off-season and approved by the Forest Service.
- Bruce concluded by expressing his appreciation for all of the support he has received. Today is his last day as Chair and he has had tremendous support from all of the members over the past year. He shared that it has been a real pleasure being the Chair of this organization and he looks forward to helping Mark Snyder get kicked off and do a great job.

(B) CHAIR ELECT.

- Mark Snyder shared that he's also been receiving a lot of support and he appreciates everyone for stepping up to help keep him on the right track.
- Mark recognized Rob Orner, Janis Brady, Jeff Randa, Joe Cox, and Bruce Williams for helping to make the Year End Event great. He thanked them for their assistance with the planning, food, and organization.
- He shared that the new Board members will be formally trained and onboarded for the first time. He looks forward to having that meeting in November, and incoming members should be on the lookout for a reading list that will be shared by email.
- Mark shared that he is excited to be stepping up as Chair.
 - Linda Reiter shared that it was a great event and added that the Wild 58 pins that Russ Smith was distributing at the YEE are works of art. She said they were really excellent and people should check them out if they did not receive one.

(C) IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR REPORT.

- Mike Corbin shared that this was his 8th year on the Board, which is probably a record and he doesn't plan to continue it.
- He added that there is an Odell work day next week, so he will be sending an email to the Trail Crew to see who wants to participate. He added that they are a great group to work with and always bring beer.

(D) USFS STAFF REPORT.

- Matt Cowan shared that they are planning another Poudre River cleanup event on Saturday, November 5th. They are hoping to take advantage of the lower river waters before we have snow. He will be sending emails out soon with details.
- He is doing a lot of end of year reporting and looking towards next year. The big project next year will be the new Lady Moon loop. They are planning to construct an ADA-accessible trail which will include a lot of road base and boardwalks. They are working on a grant with the State of Colorado with Wildlands Restoration Volunteers to accomplish that, and they will be asking for PWV support to get that project done.
- Matt said that we are getting an Indigenous Lands Conservation Corp crew next year, which will involve folks from Native American tribes from across the country to help

with Cameron Peak fire restoration specifically. They are looking to have a similar number of Youth Corp numbers as last year also.

(E) SECRETARY REPORT.

- Sean Orner shared that new annual BOD and Advisory Board lists will be put together for the upcoming term and encouraged folks to ensure their contact information is up-to-date.

(F) TREASURER.

- Jim Medlock shared that PWV's finances are in an extremely good position. We are a little over \$11,000 above what the Unrestricted donations were at this time last year, which is good because most of our Unrestricted donations come in in November and December.
- Our expenses are also up though by nearly \$29,000 over last year. This can be attributed to 3 different items. We've had additional PWV activities with the ease on COVID restrictions. Some increases were caused by inflation. We've also started to make payments for the summer restoration work that was completed. We've paid \$13,700 so far and anticipate about \$25,000 to be paid.
- Jim Medlock thanked Fred Allen for a correction that he provided regarding the \$400 gift cards. These were to reimburse for some extraordinary expenses that some PWV members incurred on the Stock Committee to get the horses up to the Rawah ranch and back.
- At the last meeting, Jim explained that we had opened the new First National Bank of Omaha accounts, and on October 7th the Independent Financial accounts were closed. Sandy Sticken is happy because First National is much easier to work with.
- Today, \$30,000 was moved from the Money Market account to the Operating Reserve account with LPL Financial. Based upon the discussion that the Board had earlier this year, we will be keeping the same investment policy on these new funds in addition to the funds that are there now. We have seen some declines in the Operating Reserve and Endowment accounts primarily because they're invested in the stock market.
- Finally, Jim explained that he's received many Committee budgets for 2023 so far. He'd appreciate receiving the remaining budgets by November 1st so he can have them ready to prepare at November's Board meeting.

ELECTIONS OF BOARD AND OFFICERS.

- Bruce Williams explained that according to our Bylaws, the Chair Elect automatically passes on to the Chair position after one year, there is no election required. Bruce turned it over to Mark Snyder to manage the rest of the meeting.
- Mark Snyder shared that Board and Advisory members were sent bios of the nominees, including Jennifer Collins, Ruth Janistcheck (as Secretary), Sean Orner (as Chair Elect), Dan Schultejaan.
 - Bruce asked if any of the nominees wanted to take a moment to comment before the vote. None of the candidates wanted to speak.
- There were no questions for any of the nominees. The meeting attendees were separated using Zoom Breakout rooms, so the voting members were able to hold discussion and vote confidentially. During the transition, Janet Caille noted that we should ask if there are any other nominees before proceeding.
- After the attendees reconvened in the Zoom meeting, Sean Orner reported that all candidates were approved:
 - BOD Members:

- Jennifer Collins
- Ruth Janistcheck
- Dan Schultejaan
- Officers:
 - Chair Elect – Sean Orner
 - Secretary – Ruth Janistcheck
 - Treasurer – Jim Medlock
- New Advisory Board Members:
 - Karen Roth
 - Mike Corbin
- Renewing Advisory Board Members:
 - Kevin Cannon
 - Randy Ratliff
 - Karl Ritters
 - Celia Walker
- Mark Snyder said that we have a great slate of new officers and thanked everyone.
 - Celia Walker asked Mark to share the names of the Advisory Board members.
 - Mark shared that Karen Roth and Mike Corbin were new Advisory members, and the renewing members include Kevin Cannon, Randy Ratliff, Karl Ritters, and Celia Walker.
 - Alan Meyer asked if that was the full list of Advisory Board members. Mark explained that it was just the members who were new or renewing.
 - Mark said that Sean will be updating the BOD and Advisory Board list. Sean reminded Mark that Ruth would be responsible for the task. Mark thanked Ruth.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

NEW BUSINESS

(A) NOMINATION FOR LEAVE NO TRACE CO-CHAIRS.

- Mark Snyder began by asking if any of the representatives from the committee would like to speak.
 - Rob Orner shared that the LNT organization has a new campaign introducing Leave No Trace in Daily Life, which encourages people to practice LNT values in their homes and communities. He explained that he, Dave Carpenter, and Josh Balzer will be collaborating as co-chairs to continue the committee's work.
 - Alan Meyer asked if June Chapman would be stepping down. Rob confirmed that she would be. Alan said that currently the committee mailing list includes June, Jim Gruel, Rob Orner, and Walt Brady. He asked Rob who should be on the revised list. Rob explained that he, Dave Carpenter, and Josh Balzer should be on the list.
 - Bruce Williams made a motion to approve Rob Orner, Dave Carpenter, and Josh Balzer as co-chairs of the Leave No Trace committee. Jeff Randa seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed. Mark Snyder thanked the new committee co-chairs.

(B) 2023 SPRING TUNE UP PROPOSAL DISCUSSION.

- Linda Reiter explained that she started to propose this idea last year, which was hatched after being Chair of KON and seeing how much enthusiasm people bring to the first event of the year. Everyone is excited to see each other and get back onto the trail. She

added that Supplemental Training used to hold mini-events which aren't enough for a full-blown class session. She explained that Supplemental Training used to be mostly done at Spring Training, but travel, weather, and volunteer overlap lead to trainings to be held more on a year-round model. She thought a launch of the patrolling season with a "spring tune-up" could be a successful collaboration of various committees who want to reach out to the returning members as an open-house style event. Members could better familiarize themselves with our Forest Service liaisons, could get assistance with GPS devices, replenish supplies from the Office Crew, and purchase new gear in addition to a possible gear swap. Members could meet the Trail Patrolling committee who we mostly interface with via email. People could also get assistance with getting their annual volunteer agreement completed and submitted. We could have representatives present to answer questions about committees and general membership. Presentations and handouts can be prepared, and mini-sessions could be held.

- She shared that this would be something a variety of committees could collaborate on and a great way to kick-off the new patrolling season. She envisioned this could occur the first week of March before Spring Break and early patrols.
 - Janet Caille said she thinks this is an awesome idea and thanked Linda.
 - Karl Ritters said he also thinks it's a great idea, and he thinks it's something that should possibly be timed to include new members since the information could be very useful for recruits as well.
 - Celia Walker said she thinks it's a terrific idea, and we have an idea based on our experience with the 2nd Year Event how useful it is to get people together to socialize and get some instruction before the season starts.
 - Dan Schultejaan asked for clarification about the obstacles that were listed. Linda explained that she was referring to past challenges to having substantial Supplemental Training at the Spring Training including weather, travel, and the inability of many volunteers to attend because they were working at the event. Dan asked what challenges travel presented. Linda explained that travel, particularly during inclement weather, is a detraction from attending something like a 30-minute presentation.
 - Alan Meyer agrees that this is a great idea and noted that Karl Riter's suggestion of including new members is something that can be debated. He shared that it was previously discussed with Linda whether this idea should be combined with the 2nd Year Event, but it was decided that there's a benefit to having a specific opportunity to just focus on those 2nd year members. Alan said the last time this was discussed during a BOD meeting, there was similar support for the idea, but he asked to clarify that Linda is not looking for this proposed event to be owned and managed by the Supplemental Training committee.
 - Linda said she thought 3-4 hands would be ideal. She added that the Forest Service should be a presence, Trail Patrolling could use the opportunity for outreach. She said that some of our committees that are more consequential should be some of the essential pillars of participants. She thinks the Board should be there.
 - Alan agreed that many groups would be participating and presenting, but he wants clarification that she and Supplemental Training are not looking to take this on. Linda replied that she thinks it should be a broader PWV event as opposed to a Supplemental Training event.
 - Jeanne Corbin shared that she likes the concept, but unfortunately, we have nobody who was trained after 2019 who has had a real Spring Training event. A lot of our members might have difficulty understanding where this is coming from and where Linda sees it going. She thinks the idea of having a day, sometime, to

brush up on skills, to get information, to maybe have some big trainings like First Aid, as maybe more like a convention. It would need somebody to be in-charge. She said she spoke with Trail Patrolling committee at their meeting, and they're interested in participating, but they do not want to be responsible for planning the event.

- Janet Caille said that she would be happy to help Linda if a committee were to be started. She added that Celia Walker would be a wonderful addition to the committee as well. Celia explained that it's not ideal timing for her as she would just be coming off of Recruiting season at that time.
- Linda Reiter said that if PWV is interested in the event as an organization and if enough people agree to help on a committee, they could share the chairing of it. She would like commitment and direction from the Board. She agrees with Jeanne's point that many members did not have a "real" Spring Training who would benefit from an in-person reunion of some kind, with fun and skill-sharing.
 - Dan Schultejaan explained that as a new Board member he hasn't yet had a copy of the proposal to review and would like an opportunity to consider the idea further before discussing.
 - Mark Snyder agreed with Dan that it could benefit from being sent out again for further consideration and additional discussion. He noted that much of the proposal is reminiscent of sessions that used to be included at Spring Training, such as Bird Watching and First Aid. He did see it as a great time to bond, and this could be a good time to revamp and look toward the coming Spring Training. He thinks it could be good to take the discussion offline by email.
 - Rich Cappello said he did not receive the proposal by email, and also hadn't received the BOD nominee bios either.
 - Bruce Williams explained that the proposal was included with the notice and agenda sent yesterday for today's meeting. He asked Rich to double-check and suggested there could be a problem with the distribution list. He noted that Dan did not receive the proposal because he wasn't yet on the Board email list and did not consider sending the meeting notice to the nominees also. He said that Alan Meyer and Ruth Janistcheck will be revising the BOD and Advisory mailing lists for the new term.
 - Alan Meyer noted that there are numerous updates that need to be made to several mailing lists after today's meeting. He asked that Sean Orner or Ruth Janistcheck please send him the changes, particularly to the Board and Advisory Board list so those can be updated.
 - Sean Orner shared that at least two people did not receive her email with the nominee bios who did receive other messages from the mailing lists. It is not an issue she has experienced before in the past but could be an indicator that there is an actual email distribution issue.
 - Celia Walker circled back to the Tune-Up proposal and asked if it would be brought back to the next BOD meeting, and if people would be discussing offline, if Janet Caille and Linda Reiter would be willing to field comments. Linda agreed that folks could share their thoughts with she and Janet by email to compile and present at next month's meeting. Then the BOD can decide if it's something to move forward with or defer for now.

- Mark Snyder asked Linda to resend the proposal so it can be fresh in their minds and request that thoughts be sent to her and Linda.
- Fred Allen asked if Matt Cowan could clarify what Mary Bollinger's role with the USFS is with regard to PWV.
 - Matt Cowan shared that he spoke with Mary Bollinger about this yesterday. She's not quite prepared to speak on this topic and just came to listen in on today's meeting, but she'll plan to present at next month's meeting on the Information Delivery Team and what PWV's involvement currently is and can be in the future. He added that at this point, we can still consider her to be a primary contact for VIS for the CLRD.
- Janet Caille said she's heard a lot of recent discussion about the possibility of the return of the Affiliation Meetings. She said many people have expressed hopes, and she too hopes they come back.
 - Mark Snyder said that was a good suggestion, and he remembers being able to attend them in-person. He asked if Janet would like to send an email to initiate the discussion or raise it at a future BOD meeting. She explained that she usually has a conflict during our meetings on Thursdays. She asked if Bob Hansen, who was responsible for planning the Affiliation Meetings, is still an active member. Alan Meyer explained that his understanding is that the Affiliation Meetings were very popular, but nobody owns it anymore. Bob is not currently an active member and may not come back due to health reasons, so we need someone to take on the role of planning the meetings again. Mark Snyder said we can discuss as a Board and consider a way to bring them back—everything needs to be “owned” by somebody.
 - Alan Meyer suggested a Non-Patrolling Member could possibly manage the task, noting that we've had several NP Members join recently.
 - Celia Walker explained for members who were unfamiliar with them, that the Affiliation Meetings were monthly meetings held at C.B. & Potts. Folks could purchase a meal or drink, or not. They lasted about an hour and a half. There would be an interesting presentation topic such as insects or snakes in the area. They were a good way to stay in touch in the off-season and learn a bit about something.

CLOSING

Bruce Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Janet Caille.

Mark Snyder thanked the new BOD and Advisory Board members.

Next Board Meeting: **November 17, 2022, 6:30 p.m.**