

MINUTES
PWV BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
December 15, 2022 – 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Conference Call due to Covid-19 concerns

ATTENDANCE

- **Board Members:** Jim Branch, Rich Cappello, Jennifer Collins, Jeanne Corbin, Joe Cox, Ruth Janitscheck, Jim Medlock, Steve Musial, Sean Orner, Pete Ramirez, Jeff Randa, Dan Schultejann, Mark Snyder, Bruce Williams, Kevin Cannon (USFS Liaison)
- **Board Members absent:**
- **Advisory Board Members:** Tom Adams, Fred Allen, Dave Cantrell, Mike Corbin, Elaine Green, Alan Meyer, Karl Ritters, Jim Zakley
- **PWV Members, Other:** Tom Collins, Dave Carpenter

ESTABLISHING QUORUM AND MEETING GROUND RULES

- Mark Snyder welcomed everyone in attendance.
- Ruth Janitscheck established quorum was present.

AGENDA.

- Mark Snyder updated the agenda to remove discussing hybrid meetings and explained that we will instead discuss it in January. Alan Meyer proposed discussing the topic of the stock committee charter and it was added before old business. The December 2022 agenda was approved with these changes.

MINUTES.

- The November 2022 meeting minutes were approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

CHAIR REPORT.

- Nothing to report from Mark Snyder.

(B) CHAIR ELECT.

- Nothing to report from Sean Orner.

(C) IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR REPORT.

- Nothing to report from Bruce Williams.

(D) USFS STAFF REPORT.

- Kevin Cannon is substituting for Matt Cowan. Roaring Creek trail's lower 3 reroutes are complete and once the trail opens again in March-April they will work on the

upper 2 reroutes. Matt is going on detail in southeast Alaska and will be gone until mid-March.

(E) SECRETARY REPORT.

- Nothing to report from Ruth Janitscheck

(F) TREASURER.

- Jim Medlock: From January 1-November 30 our unrestricted donations increased more than \$15,000 from what we saw in 2021. Our November donations increased by over \$2000. 2022 Colorado Gives Day has raised \$8,219 thus far. Last year we received \$5,937 for the entire Colorado Gives Day program, an increase of over \$2,300. Expenses have increased \$27,800 over last year. Primarily because of increase of activities, reduction of covid restrictions and inflation, which is in line with projections. Cash balances at the end of November are \$57,379 in unrestricted cash and \$50,483 in restricted cash. We will be making an \$18,000 payment to Larimer County by the end of the year.
- Mark Snyder addressed the board prior to new business. He acknowledged that the executive committee received a lot of feedback since the November meeting. He reinforced that any member has a right to make a motion at a board meeting and this is clearly stated in our bylaws. Regardless of whether we believe it's appropriate or not, we should support each member's right to present a motion. Ultimately this allows the board to make a final decision on any motion a member want to make.

NEW BUSINESS

STOCK COMMITTEE CHARTER

- Alan Meyer discussed the committee charters for the Restoration, Trail Work and Stock committees. He asked, should the Stock Committee charter be expanded to include trail work and explained that if someone wanted to bring a motion to change the charter, they could. Mike Corbin pointed out that the Rawah budget was not brought forward as a motion but rather as a budget item. Jim Branch feels we need to adhere to our processes regarding the stock committee's desire to do restoration work. Elaine Green made a motion to not change the charter of the stock committee. Jeanne Corbin and Jim Branch seconded. Elaine explained that she brought this motion forward because adding this budget to the restoration budget is undermining the restoration committee rather than empowering it. Jeanne Corbin pointed out that the issue is with the proposal, it shouldn't have been a budget line item but rather a motion and that doesn't mean we won't do the work but that we need to follow our processes. Jim Branch feels that we have a process problem, and our process should start with a prioritized list from USFS given to restoration to see how much they can get done and then contract a portion out with the funds we have. We have a lot of energy to raise money to support contract labor options. Jeff Randa indicated that when donors gave money, we told them we would spend the money on contract labor and lumber. Bruce Williams suggested we vote on this motion, see if there's another motion to be made, and move forward with the other 2 budget items we planned to talk about. Fred Allen mentioned that he can make a motion instead of seeing it as a budget item like he did last year. The problem with waiting until March again next is

year is we will have a hard time getting a good schedule with WRV. Mark Snyder proposed that we vote on the motion. The motion to not change the stock committee charter passed.

OLD BUSINESS

FINANCIAL OPTIONS

- Jim Medlock projected that PWV would have sufficient funds available by end of December 2022 to fund the restoration budget and the Rawah North trail work. Projected unrestricted cash is \$70,370 and projected restricted cash is \$35,495. Projections suggest that we will have enough money to fund both and in the unlikely event that we receive no donations next year, we could fund all this work and all the operating expenses approved last month without touching the operating reserve.

RESTORATION BUDGET

- Mark Snyder asked for questions for Jim, Mike, and Fred and then ask for motions at the end of presentations and then have discussion on the budgets.
- Jim Branch asked Mike if he has a prioritized list from USFS and is his budget based on that or is it based on capabilities. Mike indicated that they would talk priorities and schedules when Matt knows his budget and when he knows how many summer hire employees we will get, which he doesn't know yet. Mike explained that he is willing to use hired crews when necessary. Dan Schultejeann feels that this issue could be resolved from a financial standpoint where we try to raise more money. Rich Cappello asked Mike if we've ever done work 7-8 miles in and how they handle large projects deep in backcountry. Mike explained they do 5-6 day backpacks and he's done that with stock support and we do it with PWV people because using public support has a high liability risk. He'd like to have stock help carry supplies and tools in for these trips. Mike moved to approve the restoration budget that he submitted. Bruce seconded. The motion to pass the restoration budget passed.

RAWAH TRAIL BUDGET

- Fred made a motion to fund the work on Rawah North as outlined in his budget item, "Rawah" next summer using WRV totaling \$25,000. Rich Cappello seconded. Fred remarked that WRV provides a quality product. Rich Cappello feels that the crews don't need supervision to create a quality product. Rich asked Fred what we will do with any funds raised for this project that may exceed the cost of this work and he explained that it will stay in the treasury. He plans to apply for a grant in January. He mentioned that the fund development committee would be able to help more with this effort given their knowledge. Rich mentioned that the stock committee has very few members that pack in for them. Fred explained that we have a good relationship with the wranglers at Rawah Guest Ranch and CSU packing students. He feels we have a good opportunity to work on this trail now. Dan asked why we can't do this work on our own. Fred explained that capacity, age, and availability are our biggest deterrents. Dan asked if commitment was an issue within membership. Fred feels that it is not. Dan feels we need money, that we may be outsourcing something that is part of our mission statement. Jeff Randa mentioned that this is part of our strategic plan that was voted on earlier in the year and offered to talk with him about it offline. Jim Branch stated he would vote against the budget add because we don't know where it falls

with the USFS priorities. He recommends we form a team that gets a better process and create a priority list and would be glad to help with a process team. Fred has had discussions with Matt about this trail outlining what works need to be done and where. Rich feels that we do need a better approach to a priority list. Kevin said the forest service needs to do a better job communicating the priority level of work needing done. The amount of work that can be done is dependent on availability of crews. He remarked that this trail is one of Matt's priorities this coming year. Tom Adams asked about weather being an issue and what happens if the crews can't work. "If we still have to pay them if no work can be done?" Fred said they come well prepared for the job. Elaine feels that we should empower the restoration committee to make these decisions for PWV. Alan mentioned that every committee has a capacity problem. We emphasis restoration a great deal and a lot of people join just to talk to people on the trail. If Matt comes back and says, "my highest priority is the Rawah Trail?", is that something Mike would do? Until you remove trees from the trails, you can't do much of anything whether you're on horse or foot and would like to see this rise in priority. Mike Corbin indicated that when Matt tells him something is a priority, he gets the work done depending on who does the work and the cost. Jeff feels that we should be having the restoration crew lead what we do. Rich feels that using WRV was a success this year and we should continue doing it until we implement a priority list. Joe Cox asked if we get recognition from WRV for using them. Rich explained that we get recognition on their website. Bruce remarked that we wouldn't be the same organization without either Fred or Mike. He expressed his concern about the issue of how we work within PWV and our huge reliance the committee system which is the backbone of what we do and he is reluctant to vote yes given the issue with undermining the committee system we have. He asked that Fred think about how he can work with the restoration committee because doing otherwise is damaging to our organization. Dave Cantrell supports the motion that Fred brought forward and suggested that this may need to come back reworded and worked out with restoration. Mark called for a vote, then asked Fred to state the motion. Mark asked if he'd like to withdraw the motion so we could do what Dave suggested. Jeanne Corbin stated the motion to fund work this summer on Rawah North and the total is \$25,000 needs to come to a vote. Jim would like to see where this fits in the priorities. Kevin remarked that they don't have a priority list, but rather, a list that has trails that need work and what work needs to be done. Fred withdrew his motion wanting to reword it and bring it to the board next month.

CLOSING

- Mark called for a motion to adjourn, Bruce moved, Jeff Randa seconded.

Next Board Meeting: **January 19, 2023, 6:30 p.m.**