

MINUTES
PWV BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
April 18, 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 Members absent: Kathy Burgess and Richard Clopper.

Advisory Board members present: Mark Snyder and Garin VanDeMark.

PWV members present: Jeanne Corbin, Sandy Sticken, Robert Blakely and Mindy Cooper.

AGENDA. The agenda was accepted as presented.

MINUTES. The March minutes were accepted as presented.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

A) CHAIR BOB MANUEL. Bob Manuel reported, after some further discussion with the Hilton, the most suitable **venue for the YEE** would be the Sunset. Last year it was apparent the speaker system at the Sunset was lacking, but that will be remedied prior to this year's event. Bob also gave a review of the work that was done on the training trail for **Spring Training**. He will be checking it again after some of the snow melts, with particular attention to the stream crossings because of the recent heavy snows.

B) LIAISON KEVIN CANNON. Kevin noted the further reductions of the USFS budget. He has workers on the North Fork Trail. Flash floods are expected on Young Gulch. Regarding rafting on the Poudre River, stairs will be installed on the river's edge to preserve the banks when water is low. This year, he will have some much needed help from a few interns for 6 to 8 weeks and help from the Rocky Mountain Nature folks for working on trails.. Heli mulching will be done in an area south of the Cache LaPoudre. Long Draw Road will be closed all year.

C) TREASURER REPORT. Judy Christensen reported donations in March from Walmart of \$2000, HP employees of \$512, and HP matching funds of \$512. Judy mentioned she felt the bookkeeping system needed to be upgraded; and Bob asked her to provide specifics of the changes she felt were needed; after which he suggested the Finance/Budget Committee should meet to consider the suggested changes. Judy also announced she cannot continue to serve as treasurer after the term that ends this Fall; and suggested the Board start a search not for a replacement.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

A) RECRUITING and PUBLIC OUTREACH. Jerry Hanley reported we have 67 new recruits: 53 hikers, 5 non-patrollers, and 9 stock recruits. There are still some folks who have not turned in their Volunteer Agreements, and he will follow up on that. His committee held outreach events at the Senior Center (not much response) and at Otter Care. After Spring Training, his committee will look at changing the recruiting process. There were a number of people wanting to join PWV after the 2013 deadline. Bob Manuel mentioned he corresponded with them, advising it

was too late to join this year; and suggested they contact mentors with the thought of going on patrols to determine their interest, if any, and look to joining next year.

B) WINTER PATROL UPDATE. Jeanne Corbin reported 61 patrols in February/March and 134 contacts through March. There were dog violations, 49 trees removed, lots of garbage hauled out, and 3 fire rings removed.

C) SPRING TRAINING UPDATE. Bob Manual gave an overview of the changes on the training trail--added .67 mile to the trail, dropped llama and dog-on-leash stations. The time spent on the trail will remain the same; stream crossing will be a challenge; and Bob will recheck the trail again in 2 weeks. Finish time will be 2 pm and Jeopardy will start at 2:30. Bob Blakeley mentioned he has plenty AGL's. When he was recruiting for AGL's, he phoned members and they were happy to volunteer. Mindy Cooper reported she has necessary supplies and folks lined up for the training, including "go to" people. There will be no guest speaker this year. There will be one person from Alabama who will join us this year to learn how PWV trains its volunteers; and he will be join an Animal Group to do the training trail. Some committee chairs will do a 3-minute "sales" talk for their committee, and prizes will be awarded for the best "sell". The 2012 Season's Highlights brochure will be included in the packet for each new member. Fred Sprague will be the "reverse" trail monitor. All AGL's will be given orange bandanas.

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS' DAY. (September 27, 28, 29, 2013)

Fred Allen reported this year's event will be at Bellaire Campground, which will be closed for the weekend. ARP Foundation is funding this project. Attendance is expected to be upwards of 250 to 300 participants (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and townspeople), many of whom will be camped at the site that weekend. Gate keepers will be needed from Friday noon until 9:00 pm, folks to man the welcome table and for hosting the campground, as well as leaders for Saturday morning and holding a Leave No Trace workshop. About 1000 shrubs and trees will be planted, and the group hopes to have time to spread gravel at the campsites. We will finish Saturday afternoon by securing the camp and assure it is clean. *It is hoped that PWV would help out, as it has done in the past, with many of the projects and leadership areas.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None.

NEW BUSINESS.

A) SPEAKER SYSTEM FOR SPRING TRAINING. It was agreed that the sound system at last year's Spring Training event was inadequate; and that we should look to purchasing a system that serves our purpose. A suitable microphone/amplifier (\$104) and speaker system (4 speaker set-up at \$162) are available on Amazon, with free shipping. We would need our own power source. **MOTION was made, seconded, and carried,** as follows:

PWV purchase the suggested sound system for \$266 for use at our events, and have it ready for Spring Training. The purchase price will be paid from funds derived from Spring Training.

B) INCREASE KIDS-IN-NATURE BUDGET. Jeanne Corbin, who is heading up this program for 2013, shared her plans and needs for this year's events. The program will expand to 80 kids (8 kids on trail at time intervals), and increase the number of hikes to 10, up from 5. Funds are

needed for gifts of water, juice, granola bars, T-shirts, bandanas, field guides, loupes, etc. We will reduce the number of “freebies” per child from \$16.50 to about \$8.00. We are low on T-shirts, the first batch of which was ordered in 2008; and what we order this year will carry over to next year. We would purchase 80 or more shirts to get a reduction in price. We are not receiving the “More Kids in the Woods” grant, as expected; but Jeanne will apply for a grant from the North Face for 2014. After discussion, the following **MOTION was made, seconded and carried:**

*The budget for the Kids-in-Nature program for 2013
is increased from \$65.00 to \$950.00.*

C) UNIFORMS - HIKERS AND STOCK PATROL: Sandy Erskine asked for a **recommendation** from the Board regarding how many stock riders are allowed to patrol together for credit after having received an e-mail from the Executive Committee stating they recommend no more than two stock riders patrol together. Bob Manuel attended a stock committee meeting after Sandy received this recommendation. After much discussion, Bob understands there may be a cost factor where riders haul together to save money. Bob suggested to Sandy she bring the recommendation to the Board that two members in uniform, but no more than four, be allowed to patrol together for credit. It was suggested that when an encounter takes place, that no more than two stock patrollers make contact. Bob suggested where there are multiple trailheads, they should consider splitting up to cover more trails. Bob will send this matter to the Executive Committee for review.

D) NON-PATROL MEMBERS AT SPRING TRAINING. There was much discussion about the responsibilities of non-patrol members at Spring Training. It was the general consensus these members should be aware of the goings on and to be able to answer inquiries about patrolling and duties on the trail. They are required to wear PWV shirts and badges while on duty. It is up the Committee Chair sponsor to assure the member is qualified for the position in which she or he serves. **While attendance at Spring Training is not required, it is very beneficial for them to attend. Mike Corbin offered to head the instruction, education and information needed for non-patrol members at Spring Training.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Meg K. Parmer, Secretary

Next Board Meeting: **June 20, 2013, 6:30 p.m.**