

MINUTES
PWV BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
January 16, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members present: Archy Archuleta, Judy Christensen, Richard Clopper, Mike Corbin, Sandy Erskine, Bob Manuel, Alan Meyer, Meg Parmer, Daryl Smith, Cathy Trout, and Kevin Cannon (*USFS*).

Board Members absent: David Fanning, Jerry Hanley, Martha Shepard and Jennifer Watson.

Advisory Board Members: Fred Allen, Karl Ritters, Margaret Shaklee and Mark Snyder.

PWV Members present: Jim Shaklee and Sandy Sticken.

AGENDA. The agenda was accepted.

MINUTES. The December minutes were accepted as presented.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

A) CHAIR ELECT MIKE CORBIN. Mike briefly covered two concerns: 1) **Five-year strategic plan.** The Executive Committee will convene to decide whether to advise the Board to move forward. Any facilitation would be done internally. 2) **Expanded Website Committee** will meet to discuss how our website is being used, what PWV volunteers and general public need, the content, and who/how it will be maintained.

B) LIAISON KEVIN CANNON. In addition to his usual duties, Kevin will be the **Acting Recreation Staff for the District, starting late January and ending late May 2014**, while Andrea is on job detail in the regional office in Denver. **REMINDER** that trails closed to the public are also closed to volunteers. Kevin is working on a process to allow specific access for reconnaissance of trail conditions on selected trails. It will include requirements, procedures, limitations, specific permission, and specific dates when the Ranger will allow specified individuals to partake. Kevin is working on a **Trail Work Certification** (other than crosscut and chain saws) he hopes to present to the February Board meeting. It will track specific trail work on water bars, steps, walls, grade dips, etc. Kevin has a list of **2014 priorities** which is shown in the Information Sharing document for this meeting. A couple big projects are North Fork and Lion's Gulch Trails. He's hoping to get help from a CSU group to work on Hewlett Gulch to redo a stretch about ½ mile from the TH. The rest of the work on that trail can be done while it is open. Young Gulch will be closed all year, awaiting an environmental document, which has been put off until next year. Kiosks on Poudre Canyon trails will go up this year. **VOLUNTEER AGREEMENTS need to be sent it by many folks yet.**

C) TREASURER'S REPORT. In Martha's absence, Margaret Shaklee gave an overview of the Treasurer's report. As of 12/31/2013, we have \$34,024.60 in Operating/Investment funds; \$3,317.00 in restricted Operating/Investment funds; and \$22,174.45 in Endowment Funds/investment. Total funds are \$59,516.05, which includes matching donations. With year-end giving completed, we plan to move some funds into investment accounts. The 2014 budget was shown in the Information Sharing document for this meeting. The following **motion was made, seconded and approved:**

Move the 2014 Budget, previously approved in December, be amended to reflect the addition of \$350.00 for member recognition awards at the

Year End Event.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

A) 50th ANNIVERSARY WILDERNESS ACT POSTER. Alan Meyer reported that Scott Ackerman is unable to continue his work on this project. Alan has committed to handle the printing and fill the orders. **A motion was made, seconded and approved as follows:**

ALAN MEYER is appointed Chair of the 50th Anniversary Wilderness Act Committee, to succeed Scott Ackerman.

Alan explained the changes made to the poster. It is calculated our break-even point to be 3000 posters, and we are right at that now. John Fielder will buy 500-1000 for his travel photo show; and John has agreed to split the profit between PWV and the non-profits at his shows. Alan covered a litany of events to be held in Colorado and NM to celebrate this event, including the Wilderness Act Exhibit and gallery walk in September; National Wilderness Conference in Albuquerque NM (David Fanning hopes to present a paper for PWV); PWV booths at National Wilderness Conference (where Alan has reserved some rooms for the booth workers); Wilderness theme beers (Bob Manuel reported on this); Wilderness films; EcoWeek for 5th graders (need some help to coordinate this; perhaps Elaine Boni, per Margaret Shaklee); 50th Anniversary brochures; local media campaign; and KUNC story on the 50th and PWV.

Alan met today with the State group on the Anniversary celebration. Its next meeting will be April 10 in Fort Collins (10:00 am to 2:00 pm). He met Glen Ryan, who expressed a willingness to help with work on the trails with his horses and mules when available. He also met Leigh Lambert, who handles logistics for the celebration in Albuquerque. He also met PWV member Dee Lynn, who is in charge of the Evergreen Wilderness Walk, on September 6, 2014, for the 50th and for Colorado's 100th. She wants PWV to participate with a volunteer booth. There will be a state event on February 26, at Monument CO, where it is desirous to have PWV represented. Alan knows of one person who would attend that if another member would accompany. Alan cannot attend, so someone else is needed. Please contact Alan.

B) PUBLIC WEBSITE. Alan offered to do minor updates on this site as a backup to Scott.

C) FUND RAISING COMMITTEE – DONATION CHALLENGE. Margaret Shaklee reported we had pledged and/or received \$8,060.00 as of December 31, of which \$1,700.00 was pledged and went to the Endowment Fund.

D) NEWSLETTER. Daryl Smith has assumed responsibility for the newsletter. She passed out a discussion sheet with her ideas, and asked for input. She asked members to review those ideas and concerns, and to get back with her prior to her going forward. (This is important, so please give some consideration and get back with Daryl.)

E) ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE. Judy Christensen reported on efforts to raise funds. Letters will go out to members. The co-Chairs are hosting a back-yard party on June 22, with a services/goods' auction. They have in mind making this an annual event.

F) SPRING TRAINING COMMITTEE. In Mindy's absence, Mike Corbin reported that committee chairs have been named, and the committee planning meeting was held.

G) INVENTORY SURVEY and REPORT. Richard Clopper contacted all Committee Chairs on December 15, sending each an inventory sheet and requesting them to list all of the goods and equipment in their possession that belong to PWV. The Chairs are to return the completed sheet so Richard may compile his **MASTER INVENTORY**. The Master Inventory, then, will list all of our **"Inventory"** (salable items), **"Assets"** (non-salable items) and **"Supplies"** (replaceable items like gloves, staples, etc). The Chairs are responsible for determining if others on their committees have any such items. If there are missing or new items, that should be indicated by the Chair on his inventory sheet; and the Chair should contact Richard about those items. Richard also explained and showed instruction sheets posted in the storage units indicating where each item needs to be placed, i.e., north wall, east wall, etc. Contact Richard with any question so he may organize the unit more thoroughly. He wants input from member users.

H) PWV GRANTS IN PROCESS. Fred Allen has submitted proposals to four different organizations for grants totaling \$100,000, pertaining damage to North Fork and Lion's Gulch Trails. He has about 50 people who will work on these projects, but we need many more. If any grant is awarded, we have 9 months to use the funds; otherwise return them. This presents a problem of sorts because it is very difficult to know the exact work, the cost, secure workers, and complete projects within that "window". Timing is crucial to make use of the grants, if awarded. Fred also reported on hiring people and/or securing volunteers to make this work.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None.

NEW BUSINESS.

A) CANCEL SPRING TRAINING DUE TO ACCESS TO TRAILS ?? Fred Allen expressed his concerns about holding Spring Training because of the condition of many trails and unavailability of others this year. He posed the question: does it make sense to bring more members into the organization with these variables? There was much discussion that followed, with varied opinions on both sides. Of particular note was the need for more people to work on the trails vs. more members to patrol the trails. No change was made to this year's Spring Training; and it will proceed as planned.

B) PATROL SHADOWING BY POTENTIAL RECRUITS. There was some discussion and no action taken.

C) NON-PATROL COMMITTEE HELP NEEDED. See the website for this information.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Meg K. Parmer, Secretary

Next Board Meeting: **February 20, 2014, 6:30 p.m.**