

MINUTES
PWV BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
March 19, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members present: Gerry Cashman, Richard Clopper, Mike Corbin, David Fanning, Jerry Hanley, Alan Meyer, Bob Meyer, Meg Parmer, Daryl Smith, Mike Smith, Jennifer Watson, and Kevin Cannon (USFA Liaison).

Board Members absent: Judy Christensen, Judy Jacks, and Wendy Nicastle.

Advisory Board Members: Chuck Bell, Dave Cantrell, Sandy Erskine, Bob Manuel, Jacques Rieux, Karl Riters, and Jim Shaklee.

PWV Members present: Jeanne Corbin and Jeanne Smith.

AGENDA. The agenda was accepted with additions.

MINUTES. The February 2015 minutes were approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

A) CHAIR MIKE CORBIN. Mike Corbin reported that he and Alan Meyer had met with the group leaders from Indian Peaks Wilderness and Friends of Mt. Evans & Lost Creek to discuss common problems, issues, and goals. Alan added more details of the desired goals of these organizations. It was the consensus of all to proceed slowly, learn from each other, possibly include other like groups, and to invite USFS into the plan when appropriate. If other PWV members are interested in this endeavor, contact Alan or Mike.

B) USFS REPORT. Kevin Cannon will fill in for Andrea (who has left employment with USFS) for 3 months starting late April. His availability will be greatly impacted during this time. North Fork is the USFS's priority this year. No word from Cheley Camp yet (see prior minutes). County Road 43 is still under construction, and will include the expansion of the trail head at Garden Gate. In a couple years when that is completed, Hwy 36 will be closed for construction that will include expansion of the trail head at Lion Gulch.

C) TREASURER'S REPORT. Treasurer Bob Meyer gave his report and showed it on overhead. He had put in lots of effort to streamline the system and code categories so, among other things, committees can easily see their budgeted, but unspent, funds. He filed the annual registration required and the 990 tax return. We received \$2000 from Walmart in unrestricted funds.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

NOTE: On March 9, 2015, the **RESTORATION COMMITTEE** asked the Board to approve a motion on funding. The members voted by Email and the **motion passed**. The motion is set forth:

MOVE to approve an additional \$5,000 for the Restoration Committee to fund the Larimer Country trail crew. These funds will only be used if PWV does not receive the National Forest Foundation grant for which it has applied.

A) RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE. Jennifer Watson reported the committee has scheduled interviews for 72 recruits. She sought the Board's input on how to handle recruits who could not commit to any of the interview slots. It was the consensus those recruits should be invited to help with restoration, apply for membership next year, and/or do a shadow hike.

B) WINTER PATROL COMMITTEE. Jeanne Corbin reported 56 patrols, 725 contacts; removal of trees, trash, and fire rings. She noted the many errors in reporting, mostly that of new members, who have been contacted to educate them on proper reporting. It was suggested proper reporting on the most common errors should be emphasized at Spring Training.

C) STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE. Jerry Hanley explained the makeup of the committee, its work up to this time, its vision for stronger management, the benefits derived therefrom, and the main points of such a plan--clarify strategy of organization, establish meaningful metrics to assure progress, and balance team at the top. He explained "why a strategic plan?", along with objectives and time frames. The committee kept in mind the PWV Mission Statement and our focus. He explained the process and **objectives** (recruit/retention, train, field, members/patrolling, support, educate public); and to help in that a survey was conducted seeking member input, which ideas were all over the board. Therefore, the committee focused on high priorities only. The committee's **recommendations**: focus on activities, responsibilities, and path forward. **Next steps**: if Board approval, seek responsible committees to develop and execute plans. Discussion was had. **A motion was made, seconded, and passed**, as follows:

Move the PWV Strategic Plan be approved in principle; that execution plans be developed by the recommended responsible parties by August 20, 2015; and that the present ad hoc Strategic Planning Committee monitor and advise on the development of executing the plan.

A motion will be made at the August, 2015 Board meeting to approve the final plan.

D) INVENTORY COMMITTEE. Richard Clopper explained the proposed revisions to the PWV Inventory form, intended to simplify reporting procedures for the committees required to submit annual reports, as well as provide pertinent information in a clearer format. The proposed format utilizes an Excel Spreadsheet which all users must have. Comments are solicited. Additionally, committee inventory reports will now be required annually, by October 31, in order to facilitate budget planning.

E) ENDOWMENT FUND. Jerry Hanley reminded of the **Backyard Party** to be held Sunday, June 28, 2015, 4 -7 p.m., at Larry and Vicki Stroud's home. Several donations are committed. There is a form available to describe your auction items--labor, art, dinner out, etc.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

A) BUDGET PROPOSALS TO USE RESERVE FUNDS. Mike Corbin had sent to all Board members a graph showing the various requests for use of reserve the funds. Jerry Hanley withdrew the request for funds for the Endowment Fund.

NEW BUSINESS.

A) EMERGENCY LOCATORS. Gerry Cashman explained the new SPOT Gen3 and the more advanced Delorme inReach (2-way, global, many excellent features). He explained the capabilities of each unit; the prices of each, and the monthly and variable monthly rates of different plans. As well, he showed the details on overhead. Discussion followed on these units, as well as use of USFS radios.

B) PATROL COMMITTEE (New). Mike Corbin explained the need for this committee which would combine summer patrolling, trail head hosting, and winter patrolling committees. It would monitor reports, educate on accurate reporting, and encourage patrolling on holidays and weekends, particularly on trails that badly need more coverage. There was lots of discussion. A motion was made, seconded and passed, as follows:

Move that PWV establish a Trail Patrolling Committee. It would replace and encompass the Patrolling committee and the Trail head Hosting committee; and move to Appoint Jeanne Corbin as Chair of this Committee.

C) PHOTO/VIDEO POLICY. A new 2015 USFS Volunteer Service Agreement Form (OF301a) that is currently in effect, provides an optional check box for individuals that reads:

I, or group member, do not consent to being photographed or to the release of my photographic image. If a member of a group, see attached OF301b.

In order for the PWV Photo/Video Policy (documented in the Organizational Handbook) to be consistent with the USFS Volunteer Service Agreement Form, Karl Ritters made a **motion which was passed** to update the Policy to read:

Photos and videos of PWV related activities submitted to PWV or the USFS may be utilized for non-commercial purposes, as deemed appropriate by PWV or the USFS, without request or documentation of additional permissions.

Uses of photos/videos include, but are not limited to, postings such as on Internet, publications, posters, brochures, calendars, training/promotional videos. The photographer and whoever provides the photos or videos must have verbal acknowledgment from any person pictured that it is permissible to use the material as described above. It is incumbent on a member who does not want his image taken to notify the photographer and/or remove themselves prior to the image being taken.

Some PWV members have specifically requested on their volunteer agreements that their image not be used. If the image is inadvertently used, the member is to advise PWV to remove his image displayed on the Internet, in social media, or in publications. The

request will be honored as soon as possible to the extent possible. The only exception to the above is that pictures of children participating in Kids-in-Nature programs will be used only if documented permission from the parent or guardian is on record.

D) MENTORING PROGRAM. Mike Smith presented ideas for seeking new members who may be qualified as mentors, taking into account their past outdoor experience, patrols completed, and their ability and desire to mentor. He presented a motion which would modify the current mentoring requirements contained in the PWV Organizational Handbook. After much discussion, he withdrew his motion. He will reconsider his motion; and, if need be, prepare a different motion to better reflect what he feels will serve the program.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Meg K. Parmer, Secretary

Next Meeting: **April 16, 2015, 6:30 p.m.**