

MINUTES
PWV BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
September 17, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members present: Judy Christensen, Mike Corbin, David Fanning, Jerry Hanley, Alan Meyer, Bob Meyer, Meg Parmer, Daryl Smith, Mike Smith, and Kevin Cannon (USFS Liaison).

Board Members absent: Gerry Cashman, Richard Clopper, Judy Jacks, and Wendy Nicastle.

Advisory Board Members: Fred Allen, Bob Hansen, Karl Ritters, Jim Shaklee, and Margaret Shaklee.

PWV Members present: Jamie McCue, Shannon Keigan, Jim Greuel, and Celia Walker.

AGENDA. The agenda was accepted with the addition of website update by Karl Ritters.

MINUTES. The August 2015 minutes were approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

A) CHAIR MIKE CORBIN. Mike Corbin reported restoration work is going well, but slowly. As well, there is a slow down on patrols. We received \$4530 in website grant money.

B) USFS REPORT. Kevin Cannon reported the crews are ready to start work on the main bridge at **North Fork**. A call will go out to PWV members who have experience in form work to help on this project. We need 8 people. We have secured a concrete contractor. **Public Lands' Day** is 9/26 (and 27) and those folks will help out. So far, PWV members have contributed 22,000 work hours.

C) BOARD MEMBER TERMS. Alan Meyer reported there are 6 Board members whose terms expire next month, i.e., Jerry Hanley, Meg Parmer, Judy Christensen, Richard Clopper, David Fanning, and Jennifer Watson. We are required to have at least 9 members, 3 of which are new each year. We will bring in 3 new Board members, with 8 continuing members; and this will be reflected on the voting ballots.

C) TREASURER'S REPORT. Treasurer Bob Meyer showed the income and expense, budget-to-actual, and balance sheets on overhead screen, all figures to September 15. He explained various entries and answered questions. We have about \$11,000 in operating funds to yearend. We are still holding \$14,000 for the Larimer County Work Crew because no statement has been received. We have operating reserves to cover about 2 years' expenses if no further funds were received.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

A) WEBSITE UPDATE. Karl Ritters reported that the PWV Website Component Management System (Joomla) is outdated, no longer supported, and resides on a private server not controlled by PWV. Major project by the Web Team is to update Joomla to a current supported version, redesign the system to take advantage of current technology, to integrate it with the USFS Patrol Reporting website, and transfer the system to a server managed by PWV. To assist with the project, PWV received a \$4530 grant from the National Environmental Education Foundation, for which an outcome report is due

August 26, 2016. Valid, new website requirements may be delayed to avoid new implementations that would have to be redone in the transition to the new redesigned system.

B) YEAR END EVENT UPDATE. Alan Meyer is working on the list of duties, and has this:

LOGISTICS	Nancy Hicks, Jamie McCue, Meg Parmer
VIDEO	Karl Ritters
AUDIO/VISUAL	Alan Meyer
FOOD	Kathy Ayer
E-VITE LIST	Karl Ritters
AWARDS	Sandy Erskine
SPECIAL AWARDS	Mike Corbin, Alan Meyer

C) FUND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE. Shannon Keigan reported that Judy Jacks asked her to be Co-chair, and she accepted. The **King Soopers' gift cards** arrived for use by members and others (PWV to get 5% after \$5000, collectively, in purchases, as reported in the August 2015 minutes). **Pour Brothers "tip day"** will be December 2, from 6-8 pm, with all tips going to PWV. This committee is working on **year-end fundraiser**, and will go outside PWV membership. It will finish the **strategic plan**, and should know what funds are needed where in the organization. Shannon mentioned they would like to do things well vs. doing lots of things.

D) STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE. Jerry Hanley has appealed to the committee chairs to develop their strategic plans by October 1. To date, he has received two. When all are received, it will take a little work to put it all together. *Jerry is willing to help chairs get their plans together.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None.

NEW BUSINESS.

A) ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE. Mike Corbin reported that Judy Christensen has resigned as chair of this committee. **A motion was made, seconded and carried as follows:**

Appoint JERRY HANLEY as Chair of the Endowment Committee.

B) PROPOSAL TO EXPAND TRAIL DESCRIPTION for "Alter-Abled" hikers. Celia Walker had previously sent a preliminary, written proposal to PWV Board members covering the background, process, sources of assistance, timeline, costs and unaddressed issues of this proposal. In short, the proposal would expand trail descriptions so that people who have difficulty hiking the trails, because of having had surgery, are mobility hindered, etc., could know in advance if a trail were suited for their physical conditions. For instance, is the trail steep, loose gravel, rocky, uneven or slanted surfaces, etc? Her proposal had two parts: Updating trail descriptions and a short trail to get practice and gain confidence for hiking. There was discussion of trail descriptions on the website vs. those in the Field Guide, and perceived inaccuracies. There were many worthwhile comments that followed,

including the cost and effort of members' time to implement such a proposal, and whether this proposal fits with the Mission Statement of the organization.

C) OPTION TO ADVANCE 2016 RESTORATION ACTIVITIES. Fred Allen reported less than 14% of PWV members took part in restoration, which is a new, low number. He suggested one of three options we might consider: 1) In 2016, do North Fork and let USFS do the rest; 2) do the same as 2015, with low participation; or 3) fund heavily to use PWV to train others and have them do the bulk of the work. He said we wasted lots of food and effort, there were lots of “no shows”, and *none* of the general public people showed up. There was discussion about how to recruit workers, and how long it would take to restore the trails, among them, Young Gulch, Hewlett Gulch, Lion Gulch, and North Fork. It appears most of these are years down the road. Kevin Cannon reminded the most important task is still safety.

D) DELORME inREACH GPS SYSTEM. Mike Smith attended the recent Affiliation Meeting where the Delorme rep gave lots of information on the device, its capability, and pricing structure. There may be a group rate possible and a share plan on time used. Mike proposed sending a survey out to determine who has the plan, how many members may be interested, and who has GPS systems. He talked about possible creation of a library of data on the trails, campsites, and points of interest. The device makes it possible to create your own route and get a profile of trails. He mentioned perceived discrepancies on trail information in PWV sources. Lots of discussion followed; and members generally agreed the discrepancies or variances in distances, for instance, are affected by the device settings, different systems, and interference from forest cover—even as much as 10%. There was mention the USFS also has a GPS data library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Meg K. Parmer, Secretary

Next Board Meeting: **October 15, 2015, 6:30 p.m.**