

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

ATTENDANCE

Board Members present: Gerry Cashman, Mike Corbin, Jim Greuel, Shannon Keigan, Jamie McCue, Alan Meyer, Bob Meyer, Meg Parmer, Margaret Shaklee, Daryl Smith, Mike Smith, and Kevin Cannon (USFS Liaison).

Board Members absent: Judy Jacks and Wendy Nicastle.

Advisory Board Members: Bob Hansen, Bob Manuel, Jim Shaklee, and Garin VanDeMark.

AGENDA. The agenda was adopted as presented.

MINUTES. The approval of the November Board minutes will be done later by Email.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

A) CHAIR ALAN MEYER. Alan reported he and several PWV members had an interesting meeting with the USFS Program Specialist for Europe and a Ukrainian involved in the **European Wilderness Society, loosely resembling the NWSA**. They discussed, among other things, recruiting, how to build a volunteer group; and, more or less, wanting to learn from PWV. The Ukrainian was familiar with some “United States Volunteer Organization” apparently, and inquired of the PWV group what it thought of it. The response: “Never heard of it!” Our group recommended starting small, finding some local or regional group already focused on wilderness, and building from there. Our group had an enjoyable time at this meeting, and had evidence to prove it! There was enough interest generated at this meeting to express a desire, whether real or imagined, of a further meeting in the U.S. or Ukraine.

Updated Budget Spreadsheet. All members had been given the updated budget spreadsheet. Alan had reviewed the Organizational Handbook as it pertains to the budget. He noted many sections of the Operating Procedures are out of date, including that which pertains to the budget; and stated the budget process will be different this year from that approved by the Board in January 2010.

Coloradoan Article on PWV. Alan had talked with a reporter from the *Coloradoan* which had featured volunteer groups in Northern Colorado, and indicated the article should be published soon. (Article was published 12/18/2015, Section C, front page.) The article about PWV was the biggest of the volunteer organizations covered.

B) USFS REPORT. Kevin Cannon reported the **new District Ranger**, Katie Donahue, will start her assignment in mid-January. New Volunteer Agreements are on line on Scheduling and Reporting website. Members need to complete, sign, and return them by mail.

C) TREASURER'S REPORT. Bob Meyer presented financial statements as of December 14, 2015. Regarding available funds, we have \$14,000 of operating and restricted funds in checking

accounts. In addition, PWV has approximately \$25,000 in emergency cash reserves (\$8,000 of which is set aside as matching funds for a prospective NFF grant). He noted unrestricted donations of \$1,225 to date from the fund raising letter, plus \$2,700 for the endowment fund. In addition, we have already earned \$750 to date from the King Soopers grocery cards.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

A) FUND DEVELOPMENT. Shannon Keigan will be ordering more King Soopers' cards, and will soon arrange for the same fund raising efforts with Safeway. The Pour Brothers event went well, and Shannon will look to arranging more of same, both at Pour Brothers and other venues on a quarterly basis. Jamie McCue mentioned the work done in the Rawah Wilderness by volunteers (Wild51) and small rewards that were given. There was discussion on both sides of giving rewards vs. recognition of members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

- A) PRESENTATION EQUIPMENT CHECKOUT. Mike Smith
- B) SUPPLEMENTAL TRAINING. Mike Smith
- C) MENTOR PROGRAM. Mike Smith
- D) PUBLIC FIELD GUIDE COMMITTEE. Alan Meyer

NEW BUSINESS.

A) NFF GRANT--OPERATING RESERVES, OTHER GRANTS. Mike Corbin reported we have three grants outstanding: National Forest Foundation matching grant for \$8000, Clinton Family Foundation which Fred Allen is handling, and NWSA Boots on the Ground for \$1500. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed,** as follows:

MOVE that \$8000 of the Operating Budget Reserve be set aside as possible matching funds for an \$8000 NFF grant to be submitted in December 2015.

B) 2016 BUDGET DISCUSSION and APPROVAL. Bob Meyer explained some line items that bore discussion and explained the need for 3-year average on some items. He explained a couple corrections, LNT, Spring Training, and DeLorme subsidy; and these were all discussed at length by members, including reduction of the stock budget to more adequately reflect its historical expenses.

Supplemental Training. Mike Smith gave input to support subsidies for First Aid, CPR, and Wilderness First Aid. He noted the cost to members--which is a greatly reduced cost from its

usual charge--and his desire to give \$10 or \$20 rebates to participating members. Alternatively, gift cards were suggested to eliminate excessive bookkeeping. Much discussion ensued on both sides.

Rewards vs. Recognition. Jamie McCue mentioned the work done in the Rawah Wilderness by volunteers (Wild51) and small rewards that were given. There was discussion on both sides of giving members rewards vs. recognition. Some comparison was noted where subsidies were given for purchase of safety equipment. Because of time constraints, everyone agreed to take up this matter at a subsequent meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Meg K. Parmer, Secretary

Next Board Meeting: **January 21, 2016, 6:30 p.m.**