

MINUTES
PWV BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
February 18, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

Board Members absent: Judy Jacks, Bob Meyer, Wendy Nicastle and Daryl Smith.

Advisory Board Members: Fred Allen, Jerry Hanley, Bob Manuel, Jacques Rieux, Karl Ritters, Jim Shaklee, and Mark Snyder.

PWV Members: Joan Kauth, Linda Reiter, Jean Routon and Celia Walker.

PWV Guest: Jane Kauth.

AGENDA. The agenda was adopted, with the addition of two items.

MINUTES. The January Board minutes were approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

A) CHAIR ALAN MEYER. Alan Meyer was out of state for the past month; and has no report at this time.

B) USFS REPORT. Kevin Cannon reported the USFS Visitor Center will not be open to the public on Wednesdays throughout the summer months. He reported some trees had fallen on CR 14 on this side of Mishawaka, and to be careful in high winds. On the Greyrock Trail, trees had fallen some short distance from the parking lot.

C) TREASURER'S REPORT. In the absence of Bob Meyer, Margaret Shaklee gave an update on the finances. Generally, PWV total assets are \$102,302.00, roughly divided as follows: \$48,000 in the Endowment and Community Foundation, and \$54,302 in the other accounts.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

A) FUND DEVELOPMENT. Shannon Keigan stated there are four grant proposals in process, two of which are matching grants. The committee is working on Safeway grocery cards, which requires a \$5 load on new cards, and has return levels of 3% and 5%. We received \$276 for January and February on King Soopers' cards. Other events are under consideration.

B) ENDOWMENT FUND. Jerry Hanley stated the Backyard Party will be held on June 26, 4:00-7:00 p.m. He is checking on a proper venue, and some ideas were suggested. The Committee needs more members. Suggestions should be forwarded to Jerry.

C) RECRUITING COMMITTEE. Celia Walker reported on the preview event held February 17, and attended by 37 potential applicants, of which 15 were new contacts. (Margaret Shaklee noted she currently has 45 patrolling applicants.) We have some potential winter shadowing recruits. Celia and other committee members held the KUNC interviews; and, as follow-up, plan to invite Wendy Wham Mills to Spring Training. Flyers have been posted at stock related businesses. The *Coloradoan* continues to run our weekly public service announcements. PWV previews are on the calendars for Greeley and Loveland papers, and Warren AFB paper inquired about a feature article. The Corbins are making a presentation to the Upper Poudre Canyon group on March 14. PSA's are going into the Newcomers' newsletter. Interviews of new recruits will be held April 9 and 23; and we are working to streamline the interviews. Celia will make a list of those who will be interviewers. There was some discussion about pertinent questions to be asked of recruits. Karl Ritters commended Celia for the good committee coverage.

D) KICK OFF NIGHT. Chair Linda Reiter reported KON will be held Wednesday, May 18, with back-up date on May 25. Make-up night will be arranged by Gerry Cashman at a later date. So as not to interfere with USFS office hours, KON will start at 5:30 p.m., with recruit arrivals at 6:00 p.m., and plan to finish at 9:00 p.m. She put forth some ideas to more efficiently conduct timing of sessions--so the evening is not dragged out--and assuring no group misses a session. The 3-D map in the VIS at USFS will be used so recruits get an idea of the areas PWV patrols. Karl Ritters will arrange for a photographer for the evening; and Linda will ask Cathy Trout to handle the food. **It was suggested that everyone attending KON be notified there will be food at the meeting** to avoid wasting food. *Alan Meyer asked Linda to update the Board at each subsequent meeting leading up to KON.*

E) SPRING TRAINING COMMITTEE. Mike Corbin, in the absence of Chair Lynette Liley, reported the committee is working on fill the volunteer coordinator position. Pete "the Packer" was invited to come back this year. A survey will be sent to members on ST and KON recruitment by April 1. Some interns from Front Range CC will be attending ST. Mike Smith updated on some of the events; and they will have lots of returning instructors. Fred Allen will do the food; and he noted in 2015 we served noticeably fewer attendees at the Saturday evening dinner. This year, the plan is to be more aggressive to get returning members to attend ST.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

A) ARROWHEAD LODGE. Alan Meyer updated on past discussions on this matter; and Kevin Cannon then reviewed the numerous difficulties associated with the potential use of the lodge for members who may want to patrol in the higher trails, using the lodge for overnight stays to save time and mileage. The unsanitary problems at the lodge are no small matter--viruses, mice, ticks . . . Things are lining up to be very difficult: If use were permitted, it would not be exclusive for PWV; and no guests, friends, or pets would be allowed. As well, there are right-of-way issues. Camping on the grounds would be impossible because there is no durable surface and ticks abound. Kevin will talk with the ranger who makes the decision. We have not yet surveyed PWV members on their interests in using an overnight cabin, and no survey will be done if the USFS gives us a "no go". It was mentioned, in lieu of using the lodge, members may wish to camp on dispersed

camping sites up the Poudre, i.e., Laramie River Road, Manhattan Road, and lots of other similar places.

NEW BUSINESS.

A) INVENTORY CHAIR. Richard Clopper has been in charge of the inventory at the storage unit, and was responsible for organizing and putting it in good order, which was no small task. **A huge THANK YOU to Richard for his excellent work.** Unfortunately for PWV, he has resigned that position, and we are looking for a replacement. Ideas for someone to fill this position should be given to Alan Meyer. The main tasks are to:

- 1) Manage lockers, organize them, and pay the annual rental charges; and
- 2) Manage the inventory report.

B) NEWSLETTER PERSON NEEDED. Daryl Smith and Gail Blinde have been doing a **excellent job on the Newsletter**, but neither can continue with it beyond 2016; so we are looking for replacements. Please forward your ideas to Alan Meyer. There are funds set aside for software to help facilitate the job.

C) TRAIL and FIELD GUIDE. Jim Shaklee gave a good overview on the substances and changes to the Trail and Field Guide books up to the present time, some of which information is on the website. He was seeking input from the Board on how to handle the matter going forward. He explained the difficulty in keeping the editions current, the information that is not consistent on the two PWV websites, the use of the printed books vs. the website, and the time and money that must be spent to keep the books current. His two, big questions are: how to handle the distribution for 2016, and what to do in 2017? Should we have a PDF file, which is no cost to PWV? Is it reasonable to print books for those who mostly do only 6 patrols? What kind of Field Guide should be produced, if any? The books are mainly used for new members, AGL's, and some members. Help on the Field Guide was requested from members, but no one came forward. There was lots of discussion that followed. The matter will be taken up again at the March Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Meg K. Parmer, Secretary

Next Board Meeting: **March 17, 2016, 6:30 p.m.**