

MINUTES
PWV BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
September 18, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members present: Archy Archuleta, Mike Corbin, Sandy Erskine, David Fanning, Jerry Hanley, Alan Meyer, Martha Shepard, Daryl Smith, Cathy Trout, and Jennifer Watson

Board Members absent: Judy Christensen, Richard Clopper, Bob Manuel, Meg Parmer, and Kevin Cannon (USFS Liaison)

Advisory Board Members: Jacque Rieux, Margaret Shaklee, and Mark Snyder.

PWV Members present: Mindy Cooper, John Halverson, *USFS* (standing in for Kevin Cannon), and members Mike & Jeanne Smith

AGENDA. The agenda was accepted.

MINUTES. The August 2014 minutes were accepted as presented.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

(A) CHAIR JERRY HANLEY.

Strategic Planning Process. Jerry reported that the first workshop of this Committee took place recently at the Shaklee's home, with Eduardo Boné serving as facilitator. They thought that overall much was accomplished. The foundation of the Mission Statement still stands; and at most some minor word-smithing might take place. They identified the organization's strengths, functions, and weaknesses; and did encounter some hang-ups in the process. A follow-up meeting of some of the members will follow at a later time, and some things will be ironed out. Margaret and Jerry met with Eduardo again, and feel they have a handle on finalizing the process. A number of workshops will be scheduled over the next six months. The next meeting will be October 5, again at the Shaklee's home. Jerry Hanley will assume chairing of process to completion for the sake of continuity.

Sustainable Living Fair. Scheduled for this weekend at Legacy Park (September 20-21). PWV booth staffing is adequate--2 persons for each shift on Saturday and 1 for each shift on Sunday.

New tent and 4-panel display. Existing tent is starting to show signs of wear. Jerry will look at it during the Sustainable Living Fair and make a recommendation at a future Board meeting.

Year-End Celebration. This year's event will be held October 26, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., at the Elks' Club again. Jerry solicited volunteers to help with the planning and organization of event. Liz Maynes-Ruhl has already volunteered to organize logistics.

B) USFS Jon Halverson. Jon manages the permitted outfitter/guides and Recreation Special Use Permits within the Canyon Lakes Ranger District and Roosevelt National Forest. He first stated his appreciation to PWV for its volunteer efforts. He distributed hand-outs, explaining all the types of permits, activities, and operating areas within the District that will be useful to PWV while completing trail patrols and understanding who may be encountered. Questions and answers followed that provided good information so we will be more able to provide more explicit detail in our reports. Jon also shared his contact information in the event we come across a situation that may

need more immediate attention than might be conveyed through the trail reporting/reviewing process. Jhalverson@fs.fed.us; (970) 295-6723.

C) TREASURER'S REPORT. Margaret Shaklee, Interim Treasurer, gave the report, explaining the accounting contained in the information sharing documents that were previously sent to Board Members. Margaret attended a Fort Collins "Sales and Use Tax 101" session, and gained good information and details. She confirmed that we are in compliance with all sales tax requirements. Martha, Margaret, Sandy and Jerry are reorganizing the chart of accounts to more accurately reflect expenditures. There will be approximately **\$20,000 grant funds** that will not be utilized in the time frame required, and return of funds will occur.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

A) 50th WILDERNESS ACT. Alan Meyer provided power point info sharing with detail on various activities related to Wilderness Act Anniversary events. He reported on activity for Estes Park Wilderness Walk (Fred attended) and Evergreen Wilderness Walk (which Alan attended) that took place on September 6. One more film event is scheduled for September 26. Alan requested that a push be made for more PWV presence at the Wilderness Art Exhibit First Friday art walk location at Bas Bleu, on October 3. Margaret shared that she sent emails to her Animal Group, reminding them of the event, and inviting them to try to attend. She will ask Jim to send out a reminder notice to all AGL's to see if they are able to attend the First Friday event on October 3. PWV's participation in this event has been financially advantageous, and we gained good publicity by hosting the event.

Plans are moving forward for the **National Wilderness Conference in Albuquerque**. PWV will have a table display, pens, candies, and other giveaways. We will give our posters away for donations made. Alan stated we need more funding for this event. When the budget was set last year, the scope of this event was really unknown; and he thinks more funding is needed in light of the expenses involved. Alan felt that income derived from the events to date justified the increase. There were other positive comments. **A motion was made, seconded, and passed as follows:**

That \$1,000 be added to the budget allocated for the 50th Wilderness Act Anniversary events.

Mindy Cooper will be handling a raffle for the event, and asked for donations or ideas from all for raffle items. Alan also asked for ideas for any props that may draw people to our booth, including stock items. Sandy Erskine suggested a saddle blanket. Any ideas and items for raffle should be sent to Alan.

NWSA Kiosk at West Branch. The installation of the kiosk has been delayed due to building of the Kiosk. It may not be up until late October or even November, but some special unveiling ceremony will be planned.

Table Top Display. Alan referred back to Jerry's comments about our table/tent situation needing an update. He thinks he can clean it up enough for Conference use, but thinks we need to update the content and materials on the table display for future use. He's been researching aspects of getting that done, and has the people (John Paul Lumpp and Gail Blinde) and plan identified. The members agreed it needs to be done. The plan is to have it ready for first event in 2015, which is probably Earth Day in April.

B) ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE. Judy Christensen was not in attendance, but a complete report was submitted in the information sharing packet. Fundraising letters will go out to members in late October. *This committee is looking for some new members.* The Back Yard Party that helps fund the Endowment will be held June 21, 2015, at Vicki and Larry Stroud's home.

C) RESTORATION ACTIVITIES. Mike Corbin reported on **North Fork**. The last public work days are September 27 and 28. September 27 is National Public Lands Day. At the end of restoration work that day, there will be an official ribbon cutting ceremony and opening of the trail *for hikers only*. **Lion Gulch** still has a lot of work to be done; and the reopening date will be well into next year. Work on **Young Gulch** will mainly be performed by Forest Service personnel. PWV will assist in a limited manner near the end of the project. We've had over 200 volunteers (members, Cheley Camp, public and other organizations) participate in restoration efforts this year.

D) KIDS IN NATURE. Mike Corbin reported for Jeanne Corbin. Information sharing packet contained results of the 2014 season. The season was successful in providing enjoyment to kids who participated. The weather and some issues within the agencies that participate affected the number of days and kids this year; but by next year the agency issues should be resolved. The Committee is considering expanding the activity to include educational activities, with possible focus on water, trees, and mammals. The Committee is also considering some program, with possibly one or two hikes next year, addressing specific activity for older age kids, possibly a hiking-fishing experience.

E) INVENTORY COMMITTEE. Richard Clopper was absent, but had confirmed that the larger 10 x 20 foot locker is available to us at the end of month; and he is hopeful to recruit some help to install shelving and move items.

F) NEWSLETTER. Daryl Smith and Gail Blinde will publish a final *2014 Newsletter* before year-end. The last issue's focus will be on the year's accomplishments in all areas of PWV functions and activities, awards received, special recognition to members and community, donors, etc. They are requesting that *all committee chairs and board members submit articles of interest by November 15*. Anyone who had summer adventures and experiences is requested to submit them to share with all. Not everyone does electronic social media; and our *Newsletter* reaches an audience outside of PWV so sharing your stories is not necessarily repetitive. Daryl asked that any topic or suggestion of articles of interest be submitted to her for follow up. Mindy suggested a 2015 "dates to remember"--Mindy accepted responsibility for pulling this together--so if anything can be identified months in advance, please submit that. Jerry noted a lot of this information will come from Jennifer Watson as part of Public Outreach.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

A) JAX DONATION JAR. Sandy Erskine reported that Ken Williams learned JAX has a "donations jar" at its coffee bar; and each month chooses a benefit to receive the funds collected. Ken put PWV's name in; and we were selected last month to receive a JAX gift card for \$250. Ken and Fred Allen suggested the gift card go to the Stock Committee. There is also a need at Stubb Creek for fence work. The Committee will discuss where to use these funds. **A motion was made, seconded and passed as follows:**

Move the \$250 JAX gift card be allocated to the Stock Committee.

B) WILDERNESS COOKBOOKS. Jacque Rieux reported last month the Board approved the purchase of 10 Wilderness Cookbooks. Only today did Jacque see the actual cookbook, and was impressed with its content and quality; and thinks it is something we can sell at the Year End Event or even use as giveaways or prizes at various activities. There was discussion, and noted we can sell the cookbook for \$16.95. **A motion was made, seconded and carried, as follows:**

Move that we purchase 20 more Wilderness Cookbooks at \$10.00 each.

NEW BUSINESS

A) NOMINATION COMMITTEE. Committee members are Mike Corbin (Chair), Bob Manuel, and Sandy Erskine. Mike felt we should have one more member on the Committee. They will be soliciting nominations, contacting nominees, and have a slate for election at the next meeting. Five of the current board members' terms are expiring. How many members are desired on the Board? General discussion took place about communicating with prospective nominees, how the Board operates, committee involvement, etc. **A motion was made, seconded and passed as follows:**

Move that the Nominating Committee be formed, with the objective to recruit five additional Board members, recognizing that three or four additional members would be sufficient.

B) WHAT CONSTITUTES A PATROL? Jerry Hanley reported that two members recently planned a patrol and encountered bad weather when reaching the trailhead. They decided not to hike in bad weather, but did check out the parking lot, etc. Should they take credit for that as a patrol? Discussion was had, recognizing we cannot monitor every like situation; but to recognize the good faith effort of members. It is, therefore, a non-issue and no policy is needed.

C) SHARON GREEN, UNIFORM CHAIR, STOCK PATROL MEMBER. Sharon extends her appreciation for the well wishes, prayers, and plant she received from PWV. She had a serious horse riding accident at Custer State Park in Rapid City SD, and suffered multiple broken bones and fractures. After hospitalization in Rapid City, she was in rehab at Columbine in Fort Collins. She is doing well, and will return home tomorrow to continue her recovery.

D) SOLICIT NAMES FROM BOARD FOR OPEN CHAIR POSITIONS, SECRETARY and TREASURER. Jerry Hanley reported on open positions: *Mentoring Chair, Recruiting Co-Chair, Fundraising Chair, Off Trail Members, Supplemental Training, and Board positions for Treasurer and Secretary.* Candidates were identified for Mentoring and Supplemental Training, and possibly other positions. Margaret Shaklee suggested Mike and Jeanne Smith for Mentor Chairs. They were in attendance and said they would be willing to serve. **A motion was made, seconded and carried as follows:**

Move that Mike and Jeanne Smith be appointed Mentoring Chairs.

Mike Smith had previously expressed interest in chairing the Supplemental Training Committee; and a **motion was made, seconded and carried as follows:**

Move that Mike Smith be appointed as Supplemental Training Chair.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Daryl Smith, Acting Secretary

Meeting: **October 23, 2014, 6:30 p.m.**