

MINUTES
PWV BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
April 21, 2016, 6:30 pm

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Gerry Cashman, Mike Corbin, Jim Greuel, Judy Jacks, Shannon Keigan, Alan Meyer, Bob Meyer, Meg Parmer, Daryl Smith, Mike Smith, and Kevin Cannon (USFS Liaison).

Board Members absent: Jamie McCue, Wendy Nicastle, and Margaret Shaklee.

Advisory Board Members: Sandy Erskine, Bob Manuel, Karl Ritters, and Garin VanDeMark.

PWV Members: Jeanne Corbin, Lynnette Liley, Linda Reiter, Jean Routon, and Celia Walker.

AGENDA. The agenda was adopted as presented.

MINUTES. The March Board minutes were approved as presented.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

A) CHAIR ALAN MEYER. Alan reported that after moving the **PWV.org website** to Hostmonster, there were intermittent problems accessing the site. The PWV webteam was able to identify and fix the problem, and the website appears to be running well now. He reminded we are **looking to fill the positions** of Secretary, Inventory chair, Supplemental Training chair, and Field Guide chair; and to let him know if anyone is aware of members who may qualify.

B) USFS REPORT. Kevin Cannon reported his two **seasonal employees** are back, are working on readying the tools, and will start work on **North Fork** on Monday, first to finish up the crib, and then do some gravel work. There will be trail training sessions for work on **Young Gulch**. Kevin is working on **NWSA multi-functional grants**, wilderness stewardship, to help the Forest Service with trails/GPS descriptions, campsites--where education is rated. May have money to put toward Spring Training. The main purpose is to purchase equipment. Discussion followed. Kevin will be gone next week.

C) TREASURER'S REPORT. Bob Meyer reviewed the financials on overhead screen, noting few changes from last month. The NFF grant was approved, but not yet paid. He explained some budget items to actual, noting he does not pro rate budget items over 12 months. Endowment Fund is at \$48,482.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

A) RECRUITING COMMITTEE. Chair Celia Walker noted the efforts made by the Corbins at Red Feather Lakes. The committee will have a booth at the Poudre River Fest, and need members to help out with that. We began with 101 applications for patrolling; and, for various and sundry reasons are now at 88; and some of them may defer. Alan Meyer noted at KON we would

like to have no more than 80 recruits. There was good dialogue on handling deferrals. Average age of new recruits is 53, the mean being 58, oldest 79, and youngest 21. Acceptance E-mails will be sent to no more than 80 accepted recruits.

B) KICK OFF NIGHT. Chair Linda Reiter reported all the worker slots are filled, and noted some of them. “Dress rehearsal” for presenters is set for May 11. Gene Meyer will do the food. KON is May 18.

C) SPRING TRAINING COMMITTEE. Chair Lynnette Liley reported all jobs are filled, except for map & compass presenter. Alan Meyer will contact Ras Erdal to see if he might agree to do this one more time. It is difficult for him because of his age and needing to get to a place on the trail that is difficult. Gerry Cashman reported we have 8 animal groups, and role players and presenters are in place. He mentioned there are plans for a back-up date. Alan Meyer noted we have 36 mentors.

D) FUND DEVELOPMENT. Chair Judy Jacks reported her committee meets 3 times a year, and is still developing. King Soopers cards are very successful, and yielded \$1500 from November to date. Safeway cards have a \$5 load fee, but that is recouped by the user. She will make a presentation at Spring Training on the benefits of using the grocery cards; and will email the recruits prior to that.

E) LEAVE NO TRACE. Jim Greuel has been working with Madeleine LeCocq, who is a master educator. She will conduct a LNT trainer course on May 21-22; with pre-meeting on May 10. Jim plans to take the master education course in September. The members were in agreement we need more LNT trainers. On another note, Madeleine will lead stewardship skills patrols which emphasize how to convey stewardship skills and LNT ethics during contacts with the public. These are held Sundays, limited to 3 hikers, and are open to PWV members and potential members. For dates, see the *PWV Ranger Meetup website*.

G) KIDS IN NATURE. Chair Jeanne Corbin had previously submitted to the Board needed changes to the KIN section of the Organization Handbook, appendices needing revision, and new appendices; and explained the reasoning. **A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously**, as follows:

MOVE that updated changes to the Kids in Nature main document, appendices 5-10, and new appendices 12 and 13, to the Organization Handbook, be adopted.

H) PATROL DESCRIPTION DISTRIBUTION. In the absence of Jim Shaklee, Alan Meyer reported the patrol descriptions will be on the pwv.org website, and the full set of patrol descriptions will be printed for AGL’s and recruits, and put in a 3-ring binder. There will be individual patrol descriptions, a copy of Chapter 12, and 8 trailhead driving maps for veteran member pick up from the new PWV documents drawer in the USFS Visitor Information Center. The decision for the distribution of this information was based on the survey results. NOTE: Kevin Cannon noted that just recently he learned some radio frequencies have changed and those differ now from that in some places in the Field Guide. *Jim Shaklee hopes to not continue editing*

the Field Guide and Patrol Descriptions next year. Let Alan or Jim know of anyone who might be qualified and interested.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None.

NEW BUSINESS.

A) OFFICE CREW. Margaret Shaklee has been the chair of the office crew, and there is need to fill that position. A **motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously**, as follows:

MOVE that JAMIE McCUE be appointed Chair of the Office Crew, effective June 2016.

B) PWV MEMBER RECERTIFICATION. Kevin Cannon explained the need for member recertification. The focus will be on quality; not quantity. Chair Elect Margaret Shaklee is aware we will need a committee for this, the start to be in 2017. Discussion followed. The particulars are:

- * To be in line with other Forest Service programs' recertification process.
- * Allows a check on long-term members to be brought up to speed on new processes, i.e., rule and website changes, etc.
- * Allows members to be reminded of current policies--ethics, uniforms, etc.
- * Allows check on long-term member physical capabilities in regard to being able to answer the following criteria within the Volunteer Agreement: "Work is strenuous; volunteers must be in good physical condition and able to patrol at altitudes ranging from 5,000 to nearly 13,000 feet; hiking in typical Northern Colorado climates; and be able to hike 4 miles with an average weight of 15 lbs".
- * Focus more on quality of members, rather than quantity.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Meg K. Parmer, Secretary

Next Board Meeting: **June 16, 2016 - 6:30 p.m.**