

MINUTES
PWV BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
June 17, 2021 – 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Conference Call due to Covid-19 concerns

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Mike Corbin, Jeanne Corbin, Elaine Green, Mark Snyder, Sandy Sticken, Sean Orner, Bob Hansen, Jim Branch, Karen Roth, Matt Cowan (USFS Liaison)

Board Members absent: Katina Mallon, Janis Brady, Bruce Williams, Pete Ramirez, Mike Shearer

Advisory Board Members: Tom Adams, Alan Meyer, Karl Ritters, Fred Allen, Jerry Hanley, Jack Morgan, Kevin Cannon

PWV Members, Other: Jeff Randa, Liz Manes, Tom Collins, June Chapman

Guests:

ESTABLISHING QUORUM AND MEETING GROUND RULES.

Mike Corbin welcomed everyone in attendance.

AGENDA.

Karl Ritters requested to add an item to the agenda. The Web Team would like to make a motion to bring on a new committee chair. Mike added the item to New Business.

MINUTES.

The April 2021 meeting minutes were adopted with no changes.

Karen Roth requested to provide a Supplemental Training report during Committee Reports on the agenda.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

(A) CHAIR REPORT.

- Mike Corbin did not have anything to report, noting that he had been working on the trail all day.

(B) IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR.

- Elaine Green did not have anything to report.

(C) SECRETARY REPORT.

- Sean Orner requested clarification on the requirement for a quorum, then confirmed that there was not currently a sufficient number of Board Members in attendance. Mike Corbin requested that Sean provide an update if enough members join during the meeting.

(D) TREASURER'S REPORT.

- Sandy Sticken explained that an item that should be considered for next year's budget is a new computer. The computer used for bookkeeping is eight years old, and the battery no longer holds a charge. She attempted to replace it with a new battery from Amazon, but it

did not seem to help so she returned the battery. She noted that it does work while it's plugged in, but at eight years old, it's pretty out dated and should be considered for a budget item.

- Mike Corbin told Sandy that if she needed to replace the computer sooner, that we could find the funds to do it this year, otherwise he did not think it would be an issue to include on next year's budget. Sandy said it worked well enough that it could wait.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(A) FUND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

- Jeff Randa provided a final summary of the GoFundMe campaign held in April.
 - Jeff recognized Fred Allen for his contributions to the campaign. He explained that while it initially began as a fund raiser, it became an opportunity to better understand what the community knows about PWV, to build awareness through public relations, to assess the public's interest in the damage caused by the fire, and to gauge PWV's resource capability to be successful with the campaign.
 - The campaign goal was to raise \$25,000. We raised over \$47,000. The initial goal was reached after two weeks. We had 345 donors, with representation from 34 Colorado cities and 15 states.
 - Tom Collins added that we had donations from as far away as Alaska and Florida, demonstrating the reach of the campaign and emphasizing the exposure PWV received.
 - Jeff explained that there was a last-minute donation of \$10,000, but when you analyze the first \$37,000 in funds received, the average donation was about \$100, which is significantly higher than an average GoFundMe donation.
 - Jeff added that 86% of the donations came from outside of PWV membership. Tom said that there are now over 250 new contacts in Donorsnap that can be followed up with in the future.
 - Jerry Hanley explained that historically, fundraising was focused pretty exclusively on membership. It wasn't until PWV began raising funds through Colorado Gives that we had some external reach. The GoFundMe campaign demonstrates our potential to reach out to the general public for significant donations, which allows for a bit of relief to the membership as well.
 - There was significant synergy when it came to the various outreach channels used throughout the campaign (print media, TV, radio, social media, emails, and direct partners).
 - Jeff highlighted the importance of the partnership with the Eagle Summit Wilderness Alliance (ESWA), who put out a newsletter featuring PWV's efforts to their 1,000+ subscribers in addition to contributing \$1,000 towards the campaign.
 - Jeff thanked Karl Ritters for his quick turnaround for getting emails out to PWV and outside contacts.
 - Post-campaign, several print media outlets ran follow up stories except for the Coloradoan. Jerry Hanley helped facilitate a Coloradoan story that ran at the very end of the campaign which led to a final surge of donations and volunteers for public work days. Mike Corbin noted that he was swamped with folks who want to help with trail work. Jeff thanked Jerry for his efforts.
 - With regard to TV media, ABC has already put out a new story that went out last Friday. Jeff explained they want to do a follow up to focus on the public work

days. Fox is scheduled to join us out on the trail on Sunday, and CBS is working on a documentary about the Cameron Peak fire, and want to include PWV as part of the restoration initiative. All three of these networks followed up with us to continue telling the story beyond the GFM campaign.

- Jeff thanked Mike for his efforts with KUNC. They did not initially respond to our media requests at the launch of the campaign, but have since.
- ESWA, Friends of Mt Evans & Lost Creek, and American Trail Running Association all pushed out follow up messages to their contacts. Tomorrow, Jeff, Sean Orner, and our GFM consultant Grace Wright, will be presenting with the NWSA coffee hour to cover the strategies of the success of the campaign.
- Odell Brewing will be having a company work day, as will New Belgium. NB is also talking about a collaboration launch with a new kombucha line called Flying Embers. They want to continue to post and share our work via video/photo.
- Tom Collins thanked Fred Allen for establishing a good relationship with Jax. Tom explained that they are working in partnership with OBOZ to host a local trail campaign in July. The event info page prominently features PWV with photos and our logo. It's free to register, and Strava is used for participants to log their mileage on the trails to compete with themselves. Fort Collins is one of 6 locations nationwide for the promotional event.
 - Tom noted that he spoke with someone at Jax because he couldn't find the event featured anywhere on their website or event calendar and was told they would be posting something within a week or so. He added that he didn't see anything on Brown's Shoe's site either, the third major sponsor of the event.
 - While the event coordinators haven't committed any funds, they have said they will be making a donation to PWV at the end of the event, likely at the end of July or early August.
 - Jeff explained that each of the six local partners for each event location were asked to select a non-profit partner, and Jax recommended PWV. He thanked Fred for facilitating the opportunity.
 - Tom commented on the importance of supporting the event, even if members didn't complete the challenge, as a meaningful way to acknowledge the partnership with the sponsors.
 - Jeff addressed Mike Corbin, saying that PWV should have a plan to leverage the unique opportunity. Mike asked what Jeff thought should be done. Jeff listed several possibilities, including adding something to the website, encouraging members to participate, social media posts, and having the photo/video team capture the event. He suggested that we could possibly follow up with the marketing coordinator at Jax for guidance on how we should engage.
 - Tom Collins added that at minimum he would recommend having an email go out to PWV informing them of the event and encouraging them to participate, since there are many trail options for any level and it's free.
 - Fred Allen described his longtime efforts to partner with Jax and explained that this is one of the bigger opportunities that has come up. He also likes the idea of having the photo/video team interview participants to capture the event.
 - Fred added a comment about the success of the GFM campaign. He explained that he saw the urgency of having a fundraiser soon after the fire while it was still relevant to

the public. However, he explained that the success of the campaign really came down to what the team was able to do and the knowledge that Grace Wright had to offer.

- Alan Meyer asked to clarify if the ask for members would be to hike trails and record their mileage. If they would be asked to hike trails, what would the overlap be with PWV trails?
 - Tom replied to confirm that there is some overlap. He explained that there are 20 designated trails, and possibly half are trails that PWV patrols. He reiterated the ease and convenience of participating, and the importance of showing Jax our commitment to the event.
- Sandy Sticken asked if it would be possible to link to the event page from the PWV website.
 - Tom agreed that would be a good idea, and said he and Jeff had discussed the possibility of promoting the event from the website using the banner similar to how the GFM campaign had been promoted.
- Mike Corbin requested that Tom and his committee come up with a list of recommended actions to send to the Board for consideration.
- Kevin Cannon requested clarification on the trails included for participation. Tom had listed Upper Dadd as a PWV trail included in the event, but that trail is not yet open. Kevin encouraged Tom to ensure that all event trails are appropriate selections.
 - Tom pulled up the event page to confirm it listed “Dadd Gulch”. Kevin explained that the Lower Dadd Gulch trail is open, but not the Upper. He suggested that Tom request that the event page is updated to clarify the specific trail.
- Jerry Hanley asked if you can participate in the event with mountain biking, noting that several of the trails listed are trails that allow biking. Tom and Jeff explained that the boot companies are promoting the event for hiking and walking.
- Jeff Randa explained that after the campaign, the committee debriefed to discuss lessons learned.
 - The campaign video was impactful, as were Tom’s personal thank you notes.
 - The web team was very responsive in ensuring timely and functional communication and updates to the website.
 - Tracking the source of donations was challenging, so Google Analytics should be used in the future for better measurement of results.
 - All donor information has been captured in the Donorsnap software.
- Jeff wrapped up by saying that we learned a lot from the campaign, and it was very much a success.
 - We have a better understanding of the public’s awareness of PWV. We were able to use the opportunity to build our social media presence. The public clearly cares about the effects and restoration after the fire.
 - The amount of funds raised far exceeded our expectations. Additionally, there has been an outpouring of requests to help with trail work or to join.
 - Jeff reiterated a point that Mike has previously shared, that we need to be cognizant of how public support wanes over time after a fire or other event.
 - The media continues to support our efforts and provided a lot of exposure that we were looking for.
 - The campaign team worked very cohesively, and their efforts provide a playbook for future GFM opportunities.

- Fred Allen brought up the need for a future conversation about how to best handle “personal” follow up emails. Tom sent thank you messages from his personal email account, which can appear somewhat less professional. Fred suggested something like a finance@PWV.org email address that could be used. This could also help reduce the likelihood of the messages ending up in recipients’ Spam folders.
 - Jerry Hanley thanked Fred for the suggestion and said he would add it to the lessons learned document for future reference.

(B) NEW RECRUIT TRAINING COMMITTEE.

- Mike Corbin said this year’s training went very well. We successfully trained 44 recruits.
 - We did things differently as a result of Covid, with no Kick Off Night and an abbreviated Spring Training experience.
 - Mike is working with the AGLs on lessons learned. There were no major issues reported.
 - A point for consideration is the challenge of scheduling so many training meetings with a younger recruit group, many of whom work and had busier schedules to accommodate.
 - There are discussions about how to implement KON in future years, as well as determining what did/didn’t work that should be carried over to next year.
 - Mike hopes to have details to share by the August BOD meeting.
 - Mike added that he has heard from experienced Spring Training role players who have commented that this year’s recruits seemed better prepared for the training trail than years past.

(C) LEAVE NO TRACE COMMITTEE.

- June Chapman shared that the LNT committee has a new partnership opportunity with the Matthews House. The organization serves at-risk youth and families. Their Experiential Education Director has requested LNT training for their staff as well as for students in their program who will be going out on backpacking trips in groups of 6.
 - The LNT committee will assist with the staff training.
 - They will also have training with the students on the Monday before their hike. It will be done in the LNT training style, where Plan Ahead and Prepare is first taught, then the remaining 6 principles are delegated to the participants to teach (with assistance and resources).
 - The committee will also assist the students with packing their backpacks. None of the gear they will be using is their own, including their shoes.
 - The committee will then initially go out on the trail with the students to further train and reinforce the LNT principles in the field. They will help them select a good campsite, set up camp, then leave the group to continue on themselves for the remaining 3 days of the hike.
 - Mike Corbin commented on what a great outreach opportunity the program would be. PWV supports youth programs through Kids In Nature, but that primarily serves elementary school-age children. The Matthews House is a well-respected organization, and there could be great mutual benefit for PWV’s collaboration with them.
 - Kevin Cannon asked if they will be hiking on Forest Service trails. June explained that they are looking to hike West Branch in the Rawahs.
 - Kevin explained that guided hikes on FS trails require a permit, particularly when guides are compensated.

- June noted that the program is a 501c. She furthered that the coordinator is working with the Poudre School District to possibly facilitate high school credit for students who participate. There's a strong emphasis on the LNT component, and some of the students are aging out of the foster system—June believes it's a great opportunity to reach a population segment we haven't previously served.
- Kevin recommended that they still contact Jane Gordon, the permit administrator with the Forest Service just to make sure everything is covered.
- Jeanne Corbin asked if the program is just one week or if they take several groups over multiple weeks. June explained that the experience is Monday-Friday in a single week. 4 separate trips had been planned, and enrollment was sufficient for just 3.
- June wrapped up by noting that it is an ambitious program that she's excited about. She hopes it fosters an ongoing partnership.

(D) SPRING TRAINING DATE 2022.

- Mike Corbin explained that Mike Shearer has requested that the 2022 Spring Training date be set early. While we'd prefer the weekend after Memorial Day, that's a weekend that Buckhorn Camp is usually able to book for paid reservation. Buckhorn doesn't know until late spring if that weekend is unreserved and available for us to use, which is too late for us to realistically plan a schedule around. Mike Shearer's requesting the date be set so that new recruits can be sure to reserve that date. Mike Corbin thinks that it's still a bit premature to finalize the schedule. It can be discussed at the next meeting if Mike Shearer attends.

(E) RESTORATION COMMITTEE.

- Mike Corbin said a company was on the trail today. It was a successful work day, and they got a few miles of trail cleared.
- This weekend is the first big work event, with nearly 40 members of the public and 12 PWV members going up to Jack's Gulch to work on Little Beaver and the lower part of Flowers. There are about 28 public volunteers scheduled for Sunday. Mike is hoping that they are able to complete Little Beaver at least up to Beaver Meadows and the first two miles of Flowers (which was completely destroyed). Flowers will enable access to Little Beaver so it can be accessed from both sides.
 - Mike reiterated that there's been incredible support from the community. They probably could have had an additional 20 volunteers for the weekend, but we're not able to handle that. Even just the number planned for Saturday will be a challenge, but they should be able to handle it and get a lot of work done.
 - There are also public work days scheduled for the 17th and 18th of July, as well as the 14th, 15th, 21st, and 22nd of August. A work day is scheduled with a group of trail runners, and another with a group of junior college students (both dates in July). A church group has a work date set for August 7th, however, the trail they were initially planned to work on has already been cleared, so another opportunity will need to be identified. Mike explained that there's really more volunteers than we can accommodate, especially because most want to work on Saturdays.
 - Jerry Hanley asked if the Unitarian Church is scheduled for June 26th. Mike confirmed that was the case, but said they only have 8 volunteers, but a minimum of 15 is needed. Mike's trying to coordinate a second smaller group so they can combine work days to keep the June 26th work day.

- Kevin Cannon let Mike know that Little Beaver can also be accessed from Crown Point, which was recently cleared of trees. Although the road isn't open, our crew would be able to access it with a Forest Service key. Mike explained that he had wondered if the road had actually been cleared and would check it out next week to verify if it's accessible.
- Jeff Randa asked if we would have any crews out next Tuesday, as CBS has requested a follow up opportunity. Mike said he was not aware of any work planned that day.

(F) SUPPLEMENTAL TRAINING COMMITTEE.

- Karen Roth reported that we recently held a CPR certification course and 25 members certified/re-certified.
- Other recent sessions held have been COTrex, Birding Basics, and Wildflowers, which have all been recorded and are available to access on the PWV website under News>Resources.
- An ongoing training happening right now is Tuesdays with Techtonics. Karen noted that Jennifer Collins and Gerry Cashman are very knowledgeable and the session she attended was wonderful. She highly recommends the upcoming sessions that are planned through September.
 - Jeanne and Mike Corbin attended the June hike. Mike agreed that it was well done and that Jennifer and Gerry are great instructors. Jeanne added that it was worthwhile to attend and that the handout references were well-organized.
 - Karen explained that there are two dates each month for members to choose from. July's hike is at Red Mountain Open Space on the 6th and 13th. August will be at Young Gulch on the 17th and 24th. September will be at Trap Park on the 7th and 14th.
 - Jeanne noted that it's not necessary to attend the whole series, you can just pick the dates and hikes that work for you. Karen added that there is a power point presentation that should be reviewed prior to participating. Gerry Cashman and Jennifer Collins can be contacted directly with questions.
 - Alan Meyer confirmed that he checked the calendar, and all of the upcoming sessions still have space available to register.
- Karen explained that the National Wilderness Skills Institute recently held their all-virtual training workshop. All of the sessions were recorded and can be accessed by visiting www.wildernessstewardship.org/NWSI. That link will also be shared with the next monthly newsletter that goes out.
- Karen mentioned that several requests have come in from members looking to better their knowledge of using SPOT/InReach devices. Alan Meyer and Gerry Cashman have been working on informational resources.
 - Alan Meyer explained that an email will soon go out to members directing them to new resource material that will 1) explain why we carry the devices and 2) go into detail about how to use them. The references will be slide decks, but no formal training is planned at this point. However, contact information will be shared so members know who they can reach out to for further instruction if needed.
 - Alan added that a third device is being added to the list, a new satellite communicator called Zoleo that's growing popular. We have one member who uses the device, who will be preparing an article explaining how to properly configure the Zoleo to send the correct messages per PWV.

- Karen noted that there's some confusion with regard to identifying which trails require an emergency communication device. She was unable to locate a list of hazard tree trails, though she wondered if that list would need to be updated after the fire. She added that there's confusion about what people are supposed to do with their devices when they are on the trail, when they should be sending messages or noting fire rings.
 - Kevin Cannon explained that each PWV trail description notes if the trail is a hazard trail requiring a communication device. Mike Corbin explained that the training manual also has a table that lists all of the trails and added that he believes all of the trails damaged in the fire already required communication devices.
 - Matt Cowan noted that the USFS would be updating the list and details later this season.
 - Alan Meyer suggested that the current requirements for the messages be revisited. His experience at Spring Training demonstrated that confusing information was provided to new recruits about what messages should be sent.
 - Kevin said he and Kristy Wumpkes reviewed the list last year, and although the messages noting downed trees and hazards can be useful to inform the public, there's not currently the staff to really process the information.
 - Karen reiterated the need to review and clarify to alleviate the confusion.

(G) USFS STAFF REPORT.

- Matt Cowan apologized for arriving late to the meeting, he was at the chainsaw training session today. He thanked everyone for their work clearing trails to allow his crews to access the areas that are currently closed to begin trail stabilization.
- The Rocky Mountain Conservancy and Larimer County Youth Conservation Corps crews have both come on the last few weeks. They're starting out on Roaring Creek to train and complete rock work. They'll move out to Comanche Peak Wilderness and Blue Lake in the coming weeks.
- Matt explained that he's been out to Roaring Creek with OMBA several times to look at 3 sustainable reroutes that will be submitted for clearance next week. Assuming the clearance comes through, we'll begin working on the reroutes to get the trail reopened.
 - Mike Corbin asked if the reroutes are in the first mile of the trail. Matt confirmed, saying all 3 were in the first mile and a half of the trail. He added that everything beyond that point looks good, and he'll be hiking the entire trail next week just to check it out.
- Matt said that WRV is getting started on their projects at the Elkhorn Creek trail. They have 3 scheduled weekends with a lot of members of the public coming out to assist. Matt noted that they don't expect to be able to complete the entire trail this year, so work will extend into 2022. He said they are rerouting the trail and expects it to be well-received by the public once it's complete.
- At the end of the month, Matt will be recommending that the southeastern part of the district be reopened; areas that include Signal Mountain, Bulwark Ridge, Indian, Donner Pass, and Lookout Mountain. He wants it to be opened to foot traffic only. This should not be shared with the public yet. A lot of work has been done in this area and the trails are clear. Matt will send updates later in the month.

(H) JULY BOARD MEETING.

- Mike Corbin asked for input on possibly resuming in-person BOD meetings. They could not be held at the Forest Service location since they remain closed to the public, so an alternate location would need to be identified.
 - Karen Roth said she prefers the Zoom meetings because they eliminate the need to drive to a meeting location and allow for more flexibility in her schedule. Mike asked to clarify if Karen is indicating that she prefer to stay with Zoom meetings indefinitely. She said she thought it worked for the meetings, and the format helps her concentrate. She added that the reduction in driving for all attendees reduced our carbon footprint, especially those who come from further away.
 - Mark Snyder suggested the possibility of a hybrid model, so one could choose between Zoom or attending in-person.
 - Mike Corbin explained that this would require full communications equipment to accommodate, which the Forest Services does not have. This equipment can be rented, but it's not cheap. We could possibly find a commercial facility to host our meetings in order to do this, but it would likely be a difficult and probably expensive thing to do.
 - Alan Meyer added that often time meetings held in this format are challenging for participants. Oftentimes there are audio difficulties for those who are on the call remotely. Alan recommends having either an all-Zoom or all-in-person format for the meetings to be successful. He noted that while he misses seeing members in person and some of the camaraderie, that we've become efficient on Zoom. He offered the possibility of having some meetings remote and others in-person.
 - Fred Allen suggested that we not consider meeting in-person again until we're able to use the Forest Service facility. PWV historically has had quite a challenge finding a meeting space that works well. He suggested he would see if he could find an alternate option.
 - Jerry Hanley said he agrees with what both Fred and Alan said. He agrees with Alan that in-person meetings foster more teamwork and camaraderie which is tough to replace and is a missed opportunity with Zoom.
 - Mike noted that he agrees with Jerry, that there is much more discussion offline. This allows more ideas to come up organically before and after meetings. There's also a better opportunity to build relationships and get to know one another in-person. He added that there's value in the suggestion of some in-person and some remote meetings.
 - Jeanne Corbin said she feels there are two things missing from our remote meetings. First is the relationship building and side discussions. Second is that the in-meeting discussions when we're in-person are richer. During Zoom calls, people often stay quiet out of concern for interrupting, whereas in-person, we can use body language and queues to have a much more engaging conversation without being limited to just what we can see on-screen. Jeanne acknowledges that the Zoom call allows for more flexibility (she and Mike arrived home from trail work just shortly before the meeting began), but she would prefer if we do not stick with Zoom exclusively/permanently.
 - Fred Allen asked if the USFS has planned when their office will reopen. Matt Cowan replied that there has been much discussion, but nothing definitive is planned at this point. Fred pointed out that if the Forest Service offices aren't reopened, that many commercial locations may not be reopened either, posing a further challenge to finding a meeting space. He added that restaurants don't work.

- Jim Branch explained that as a new member, he would benefit from in-person meetings as a way to better build relationships and participate. Even an occasional in-person meeting would help.

(I) WILDERNESS CAMPSITE PROJECT.

- Kevin Cannon explained that over the winter, he went through the SPOT records for campsite locations, and assessed data from campsite monitoring from the 70's through 2000's in the wilderness areas. He's offering a project opportunity for members to a) verify that campsites are where they were reported to be b) monitoring the sites through a rapid assessment procedure (approx. 5 minutes per site).
 - Kevin has prepared a video explaining the project. The verification of these sites is relevant to the Wilderness Stewardship Performance numbers and the Wilderness Character Monitoring for the Forest Service. In a more general way, it helps us track the health of the wilderness.
 - The project video would go out to PWV membership, who could contact Kevin for more information or to volunteer. Kevin would hold trainings, likely at Jacks Gulch. Volunteers would essentially "adopt" a certain area to verify and/or monitor the sites there.
 - Mike Corbin pointed out that PWV exists to help the Forest Service, so the project certainly seems in-line with our charter. It would be a good thing if some of our members wanted to assist with the project. Elaine Green agreed it seemed to go along with our mission to help the USFS and would be a manageable way to assist.
 - Jack Morgan noted that it's a different kind of task from how our members normally volunteer, so it could be an added value for PWV members who can't assist with something like trail building.
 - Jeanne Corbin agreed the project goes along with our mission but asked for Kevin to elaborate on how the project affects the Wilderness Stewardship Performance numbers and monitoring.
 - Kevin explained that as the sites are verified/monitored, the Forest Service gets points on their Stewardship rating. He said that currently, they have a low rating that would be improved with the new campsite data.
 - The data would also be used for a trend line for Wilderness Character Monitoring, to show whether the wilderness is improving or degrading.
 - Kevin added that he has maps and GPS data on all of the sites, so they are easy for people to carry or use digitally to find the locations. There are approximately 150 maps completed.
 - Karen Roth expressed some concern for the amount of work that it sounds like it would be for PWV members, which may limit how many people volunteer. She suggested the possibility of an info flyer that could be shared with folks at the trail crew work days.
 - Kevin explained that it's best for an individual to adopt the location. It's also a way for someone who doesn't participate on trail crews to help in a different way.
 - Karen explained that she wasn't suggesting trail crews complete the monitoring, but instead that they were a group of possible volunteer candidates. Kevin replied that he prepared the video for that purpose, to be sent to all members, since only the Board has seen it to-date.
 - Mike Corbin added that it would be interesting to see how many PWV'ers do volunteer for the project. Since the sites are in wilderness, members who backpack are the most likely to volunteer.

- Matt Cowan reiterated the importance of the project to the wilderness program, and thanked Kevin for facilitating the work. He noted that because of the focus on Cameron Peak trail restoration, he has no wilderness monitoring going on this year with his limited team. Having volunteers help to fill that gap would be very helpful.
- Jeanne Corbin asked what the commitment would be for someone who adopts an area. Kevin explained that it would depend on how many sites there are at the lake, and how much needs to be done. Some lakes have as many as 30 or 40 sites, though some may be duplicate data points, which is why the verification is important. The verification only has to be completed every 5 years. Once the sites are verified, then just the rapid assessment needs to be done per site.
- Fred Allen shared that 12 years or so ago, some PWV'ers helped with a similar project in Wyoming. He said it was a successful project, and some days you knocked out several sites, and others you did a few. He agreed it would be worthwhile to share the opportunity with our members to see how it goes.
- Matt Cowan explained that the project data directly affects how the wilderness is managed by the Forest Service. With the increased use of the Front Range, there will likely be talks of permit systems and use capacities. The project will help inform the CLRD when making those decisions. If the necessary data isn't collected to help protect the degraded resource, little can be done to help.

(J) WEB TEAM COMMITTEE CHAIR.

- Mike Corbin confirmed with Sean that a quorum is now present.
- Karl Ritters made a motion to approve Alan Meyer as the new chair of the Web Team committee. Elaine Green seconded the motion.
 - Karl began discussion of the motion by explaining that he had a meeting with the committee to let them know he would be stepping down as chair, and there was unanimous agreement that Alan would be the best-equipped to take on the role.
 - Karl added that he's identified 3 criteria to a capable committee chair: 1) good knowledge of PWV operations 2) good leadership skills 3) good IT skills. He believes Alan meets these requirements, having been a PWV member for 10 years, serving on both the BOD and Advisory Board, various committees, and additionally for his extensive professional experience.
 - Elaine Green expressed some concern for Alan's growing list of commitments in addition to Web Team, but said she trusted his judgment as to whether he was available to take on the role.
 - Alan explained that overall, his role with the Web Team would not change that much. The committee does a good job of distributing responsibility, so he does not expect his time commitment with the team to increase significantly.
 - Alan also pointed out that he has served as chair with Member Relations for a few years now, so he would over time begin to search for someone to take over that role.
 - Kevin Cannon noted that during new recruit interviews this past season, at least two members work professionally in web development-related fields and expressed interest in helping the Web Team.
 - Alan added that there's a larger concern about who will help maintain the USFS patrolling site once Fred Sprague and Joan Kauth step down, since that site requires a specific skill set. Kevin confirmed that one of the new recruits suggested this is something they would be able to do.
 - The motion was passed with unanimous approval (Bob Hansen stated his approval via chat).

- Mike Corbin thanked Karl for his seven years of service as committee chair. He noted that Karl brought much-needed order and discipline to the committee, and the PWV website has been significantly improved.
 - Karl thanked Mike, noting that he's enjoyed serving as chair and working with the team.

OTHER BUSINESS.

- Sandy Sticken pointed out that only 5 of the communication device rebates remain unclaimed. She asked if an email should go out informing members.
 - Mike Corbin asked how many rebates have been issued so far. Sandy explained that 14 were complete and she's finalizing a 15th.
 - Alan Meyer commented on the strong response, noting that previous incentive programs were not so successful.
- Mike Corbin shared an unrelated note about having patrolled over the weekend; his patrolling partner had parked at Ted's Place, and upon returning, his vehicle along with all others parked there had been towed, despite no warning or signage. A message has already gone out to members, but parking at Ted's Place should be discouraged.
 - Alan Meyer said he'd heard that the lower Poudre Canyon had road construction and asked how the conditions were. Mike said when he was there on Sunday there was no construction.
 - Karen Roth explained she drove through today, and it's one way traffic, but it only caused a 4-5 minute wait.
 - Karl Ritters added that when he drove up to Montgomery Pass a few days ago, it was only a short delay.
- Karen Roth returned to Sandy's original question about whether an email should go out to members.
 - Sandy explained that she wanted to know if there was any consideration for going over budget if more rebate requests came in than the original 20 that were allocated for.
 - Mike Corbin suggested that she let the BOD know if additional requests do end up coming in, then we can decide if we want to extend the program or not.
- Karen Roth inquired as to whether a decision was made for July's meeting to be held in-person or by Zoom.
 - Mike Corbin suggested that July's meeting be held by Zoom, while we continue the conversation about potentially transitioning back to in-person.
 - Jeanne Corbin asked if anyone would be able to look into an alternate meeting space. Mike replied that Fred Allen had already offered to do so.
- Tom Adams explained that yesterday he had a mentor patrol with a new recruit, Tyler Petersen, who had his own InReach and is very skilled with the device. Tom suggested he may be a good resource should we decide to do any device training.
 - As an aside, Tom thanked Karen Roth and her hiking group at Lily Mountain last week for putting up a cairn at the wash. He noted that it was helpful. While he was on the hike, he encountered folks who described a ranger named Fred, who was there putting up trail markers.
 - Karen thanked the Patrol Report team for their responsiveness in letting the Forest Service know about the sign needs on the trail.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Sean Orner, Secretary

Next Board Meeting: **July 15, 2021, 6:30 p.m.**