

MINUTES
PWV BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
December 14, 2023 – 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting

ATTENDANCE

- **Board Members:** Rich Cappello, Jennifer Collins, Jeanne Corbin, Ruth Janitscheck, Jim Medlock, Steve Musial, Jeff Randa, Dan Schultejann, Mark Snyder, Bruce Williams, Carri Zamonski (USFS Liaison)
- **Board Members Absent:** Jim Branch, Sean Orner, Pete Ramirez
- **Board Members Elect:** Donald Gibbs, Randy Jones, Anne Yakos, Jim Zakely
- **Board Members Elect Absent:** Joe Cox
- **Advisory Board Members:** Tom Adams, Kevin Cannon, Mike, Corbin, Elaine Green
- **PWV Members, Other:** Carol Kennedy, Beth Wilcox

ESTABLISHING QUORUM AND MEETING GROUND RULES.

Mark Snyder welcomed everyone in attendance. Ruth Janitscheck confirmed a quorum was present. Mark presented a certificate of recognition to Jeanne Corbin for her long and dedicated service with Poudre Wilderness Volunteers as chair of the Kids In Nature Committee

AGENDA

The December 2023 agenda was adopted with one addition for Trails For All.

MINUTES.

The November 2023 meeting minutes were approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

(A) CHAIR REPORT.

- Mark Snyder thanked everyone for a great year as chair and remarked that it was a great experience and thanked the new board members for joining. He reminded everyone that Sean Orner will begin her term as chair next month with Joe Cox as chair elect.

(B) CHAIR ELECT.

- Sean Orner was not in attendance.

(C) IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR REPORT.

- Bruce Williams mentioned that they conducted new board member training earlier in the week.

(D) USFS STAFF REPORT.

- Carrie Zamonski introduced herself as our new Volunteer Coordinator. Matt Cowan will still be our main point of contact for the next few months as she settles into her position.

(E) SECRETARY REPORT.

- Nothing to report from Ruth Janitscheck.

(F) TREASURER.

- Jim Medlock said Sarah Woehrer is now handling all the full charge bookkeeping and they're using Sandy Sticken for consulting purposes only. On the revenue side, we are looking good for the year end. Colorado Gives Day has produced almost \$7,000 and we are expecting a \$10,000 check from a foundation. He thanked Fred Allen for coordinating with that foundation to get that donation. We had a couple of big checks go out this month paying WRV and the Rocky Mountain Conservancy for the work they did this summer. The planned 2023 budget was \$73,050 and Jim is projecting our total expenses for 2023 will be \$50,000. The primary reason is restoration expenses being much less than projected. LPL Financial recommended we move some low interest balances to the money market account to increase the interest it earns and they did move that money so we should see a nice bump from that.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) SUPPLEMENTAL TRAINING REPORT

- Mark Snyder spoke for Anne Haverkamp. Supplemental Training has lined up 4 Evening Talks from January to April 2024. He encouraged people to sign up for the Winter Patrolling talk, January 17 at 6:00 P.M. at Council Tree Library in Fort Collins. This class will be taught by Gerry Cashman and will cover the critical differences between winter and summer patrols. February's talk will be by Megan Maiolo-Heath, from the Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed (CPRW). She will be addressing the long- and short-term impacts of wildfire in the watershed. CPRW is an agency doing significant work along with us in protecting our watershed and wilderness. This talk will be February 6 at 6:30PM at the Council Tree Library in Fort Collins. Jeff Randa spoke with Megan, and she has offered to support any sort of promotion or outreach we need help with. They have a strong social media presence and would like to use that to help PWV. Jeanne pointed out that with year-round patrolling starting on January 1, anyone who is new to winter hiking would benefit from attending the winter patrolling talk with Gerry Cashman.

(B) SUPPLIES AND STORAGE COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Elaine Greene will soon be asking committee chairs to review and update their list of supplies. In addition, for several years we haven't used the kitchen supplies we have accumulated for Spring Training. Elaine will distribute the list of Spring Training kitchen supplies to all committee chairs to determine if there is a need to keep any of the items for future use or if we can find a new home for them.

(C) MOUNTED PATROL UPDATE

- Rich Cappello went some over ways they keep everyone safe while working around stock. They take safety very seriously, so they don't pack more than 150lbs on a horse and only use one pack horse per rider. He pointed out that often the horses aren't familiar with each other and can change the herd dynamics so keeping them comfortable is important and Stubb Creek is very helpful for introductions and observation of herd dynamics. Rich and Mark Snyder remarked on how useful Stubb Creek is for PWV member and encouraged anyone to take advantage of our access to it.

(D) TRAILS FOR ALL

- Carol Kennedy has 2 hikes planned with Fort Collins Adaptive Rec on April 25 to

Pawnee Buttes and May 23 to Disappointment Falls from Elkhorn Trailhead. They're still talking with the ARC of Larimer County. They have clients who could become non-patrolling members and even a few who could complete Spring Training with their wide spectrum of clients. She asked if it would be appropriate for clients to ride with volunteers to the trailhead and who would sign agreements for clients. Mike Corbin and Kevin Cannon pointed out that the Forest Service is not liable for volunteers' safety while driving to or from the trailhead. It was agreed that it would be good to have someone from ARC with them. Jeanne Corbin mentioned that for Kids In Nature they have designated parent or guardian who would be in charge of any issues that arise. Jeff Randa strongly recommended that someone from ARC be with clients for any event or activity with PWV.

NEW BUSINESS

(A) REFUND RESTRICTED DONATION TO CATS MOTION

- Jim Medlock reminded everyone that at the January 12, 2023, PWV Board meeting, the Board approved expending \$12,500 to fund the estimated total cost of \$25,000. On July 7, 2023, PWV received a \$12,500 restricted donation from the Colorado Addicted Trailbuilders (CATS). CATS is a volunteer-based non-profit trail-building organization (501c3). More information on CATS can be found at <https://www.trailcats.org/about-us/>. With the completion of 2023's work, we have expended \$12,663 so we have a significant amount left unused due to having about half the volunteers needed for the original plan. As a result, WRV has reduced their fee to \$10,000 instead of \$20,000. Jim Medlock moved that \$6,168 unused from the restricted donation made by the Colorado Addicted Trailbuilders for the Rawah Trail North and Camp Lake Trail restoration during the summer of 2023 be returned to Colorado Addicted Trailbuilders. Bruce Williams Seconded. The motion passed.

(B) 2024 SUPPLEMENTAL TRAINING BUDGET ADJUSTMENT MOTION

- In 2023, the Fund Development Committee and the Board approved using available Endowment Funds to fund the Supplemental Training expenses based on the following application submitted by the Supplemental Training Committee. At the time the requests to use available Endowment Funds for 2024 budget expenses were prepared and approved by the Fund Development Committee, Anne Haverkamp, chair of the Supplemental Training Committee, was not able to meet the due date for the 2024 Endowment Grand request as she was having cancer treatments during August and September. Jim Medlock moved to use up to \$7,320 of the available Endowment Funds to cover the 2024 budgeted Supplemental Training expenses. Jeff Randa seconded. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

(A) PWV MOUNTED PATROL/TRAIL WORK

- Rich Cappello opened discussion on his motion to recruit and train stock and trail crew separately from patrolling members that he's taken off the table due to existing PWV policies. Mike Corbin feels that one of the issues with trail crew is the lack of crew leaders. Training new crew members and leaders is a top priority, and they hope to get a lot of that done this year. Jim Medlock thanked all who responded to Rich's email string because he learned a great deal from everyone's input. Kevin Cannon reminded folks that Matt Cowan has a contract for the next 2-3 years to get trail surveys done which haven't been done for about 25 years. Those should identify where all their health and safety problems are on the trails. He will be making priorities when those surveys come

in.

CLOSING

Mark Snyder asked if anyone had anything to add since we still had a few minutes left and Mike Corbin said that they had just finished supporting the Forest Service in their Christmas tree sales and contacted almost 1,000 people over the 7 days they spent helping people find trees. Mark Snyder asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made, then seconded by Bruce Williams.

Next Board Meeting: **January 18, 2024, 6:30 p.m.**