

## PWV Spending Proposals as of 03-06-2022

### 1) Supplemental Training First Aid Classes

Submitted by Linda Reiter on February 23, 2022

PWV member Joe Cox has offered to conduct our CPR/AED and First Aid and Wilderness First Aid classes in 2022. He is able to schedule a CPR/AED & First Aid Class for our returning members on Saturday, March 19, 9-12:30 am at Lifespring Covenant Church in Loveland. He already has access to this venue on that date, which is very helpful to Supplemental Training. The cost of the class is \$50 per person. When I submitted my budget, it included \$375 total for this class in 2022, with the assumption that our members would be paying **half**. I'd like to be able to offer this class at **no cost** to our members for the following reasons:

- It's a core class that we want all our members to take at least once.
- PWV is now in strong financial shape and can afford to pay for it.
- It is consistent with our mission and strengthens our usefulness to the USFS.
- March is a good time to offer the class, before the patrol season ramps up and people get involved with Spring Training.
- Last fall, the BOD approved that all attendees who successfully completed Wilderness First Aid receive a refund of the entire cost. I was not at the meeting when it was approved, but it happened about the time we were writing our 2022 budgets. I heard that Chuck Bell was a strong supporter of PWV underwriting this core class.

Note: several people declined the stipend, requesting that PWV keep the money.

I understand that I can spend 10% over my total budget without consulting the BOD. If we compensate our members for this class, I might need to petition the BOD for a budget amendment/increase later in the year. How does this sound to each of you? We don't have much time to deliberate, as I'd like the email blast to go out by Friday, February 25, if possible. That gives people a little over 3 weeks notice to register for the class, which has been submitted to Web Team to post on the PWV calendar. Your guidance is appreciated.

On 2/24, Linda consulted with Fred Allen re the various CPR/AED & First Aid vendors, as his work experience exposed him to many trainings. He asked if USFS Sawyer certification requires any specific organization, which I hadn't considered. Joe has written a curriculum and will give attendees a card from the company he formed named Nagi Luta. He developed it from various vendors' classes that he has instructed. It certifies attendees on CPR/AED and basic First Aid. Joe shared with me the various organizations that use his program, including State of CO and school districts. I am reading Joe's curriculum and it is very complete and includes topics not covered in some other programs. It should cover what our patrollers need.

If the USFS only recognizes CPR/AED and First Aid from specific companies, we can direct our Sawyers to whatever organizations meet the USFS requirements.

On 2/28, we now have 12 registered for the class and 5 on the wait list.

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On 3/1/22, Joe can do a second class on the 19th from 1-4:30. Let me know about funding before I send the email blast.

On 3/2/22, the class costs \$50 per attendee, with a maximum of 12. If the second class fills, we would need \$600.

Note: 2022 Supplemental Training budget includes \$1,050 for Wilderness First Aid and \$375 for AHA CPR/AED & First Aid.

### **2) Kids in Nature Smokey Bear Costume**

Submitted by Jeanne Corbin on March 1, 2022

#### **PURPOSE and NEED:**

Smokey Bear is used by many groups, including PWV's own Kids in Nature program, to promote Fire Safety. He draws big crowds every time and helps us draw folks to our educational material and our Kids in Nature program.

PWV can also use Smokey for other events. He would draw crowds quickly at Public Outreach events. As long as fire messages are offered, only our imaginations hold him back. As PWV members who find and put out abandoned live fires and clean up illegal fire rings on our patrols and who work hard to restore trails destroyed by big fires, we know the importance of fire education.

Smokey Bear would add a lot to the recently revised CLRD Christmas Tree Sale. For decades he has been a big hit, having posed in family photos for through generations, greeting the visitors as his helpers offer Smokey swag, fire education materials and guidance on finding and cutting Christmas trees.

Smokey is used by many other groups in the community, including volunteer fire departments, libraries, nature festivals and schools for wildfire education and safety-related presentations.

The current Smokey costume at the USFS is 20 years old and is very frayed and worn. Holes have been mended in the hands and the faux fur is ragged. This grant request was approved early 2020, but when COVID hit, the original company went out of business and no one was able to use a new costume during the pandemic. We are now hopeful that Smokey can be used again soon.

#### **REQUEST:**

I propose that PWV Endowment purchase a new Smokey costume, storage/ transportation bin, cooling fan and cooling vest for the price of \$3,400, including shipping. (Unfortunately, the cost has increased since 2020.) This would be managed by the USFS for use in the community, including PWV. The costume will be ordered from Facemakers, Inc.

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Questions may be addressed to Jeanne Corbin, [pwwJCorbin@gmail.com](mailto:pwwJCorbin@gmail.com) or 970-221-1492 Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Note: 2022 Kids in Nature budget includes \$3,000 for Smokey the Bear costume.

### **3) Satellite Communication Rebate**

Submitted by Jeff Dean on February 28, 2022

I recall that PWV has a \$100.00 rebate program but, I didn't see anything about it on the website. Can you direct me to the person or website page to apply for the rebate.

Note: The 2022 budget includes \$3,000 for member subsidies – SPOT/inReach.

### **4) Photo Video Additional Equipment**

Submitted by Peter Skiba on March 4, 2022'

Last year Photo Video received funding for a GoPro Hero 9 camera and related accessories. Our experience with that camera (and my personal camera) allowed us to capture action on the trails with the versatility of its special features. We are requesting permission to purchase a similar setup to the one we purchased last year. This would allow us to shoot both long and short shots of action (without having to rely on the use of personal equipment that may not always be available) or to shoot in more than one location simultaneously. It would be helpful as well for members of the Committee less experienced in video to learn using its stability features to avoid camera shake.

Another improvement would be to have some soft sided bags to house and sort the various cables and accessories protecting them during use in the field.

I'm estimating the cost of a GoPro camera setup at \$500 and the cost for several soft-sided bags at \$100 for a total request of \$600.

5) Spring Training Funding, see spreadsheet

6) Wildlands Restoration Volunteers

As we are all well aware the major donations that PWV have received over the past 10 years have been intended for our work on trails. Perhaps not all were specified as restricted on each check but the communication with the donors whether The Clinton Family Fund, Odell Brewing, Channel 7ABC or Walmart Foundation and of course our crowd funding activities need to be directed to trails.

WLRV is a Boulder and Fort Collins nonprofit that sponsors and perform outdoor

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projects. They are professional. Various counties and the USFS often have them work on projects. PWV has teamed up with them on North Fork Trail (about 2010?), Hewlett Gulch Trail (about 2011?) and Young Gulch Trail (after the High Park Fire) They bring crew leaders, a mess cook, tools and equipment and planning. They also are able to recruit often much younger volunteers than we do. As we did on North Fork Trail some 12 years ago, PWV can also recruit folks and provide leaders. Several PWV members have attended the WLRV crew leader training sessions.

WLRV has the weekend of September 9-11 available. I would like to propose a major work weekend in the Rawahs. There should be enough time for the FS to identify projects since most of the trails are clear of snow by middle to late July. This would give the PWV Stock Patrol ample to pack in any required lumber or supplies.

WLRV estimates a cost of \$13,000 for the weekend with 30 people. If lumber is needed, then an additional \$1,000 should cover it. Depending what role PWV plays in this project there may be some room to negotiate on WLRV's price Stub Creek would be a good base-camp location, but some may be camping in the Rawahs.

I propose the board authorize up to \$14,000 for this project.