

MINUTES
PWV BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
October 19, 2023 – 6:30-8:10 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting

ATTENDANCE

- **Board Members:** Jennifer Collins, Rich Cappello, Jeanne Corbin, Joe Cox, Ruth Janitscheck, Jim Medlock, Steve Musial, Sean Orner, Jeff Randa, Dan Schultejann, Mark Snyder, Bruce Williams, Matt Cowan (USFS Liaison)
- **Board Members absent:** Jim Branch, Pete Ramirez
- **Advisory Board Members:** Tom Adams, Fred Allen, Chuck Bell, Janet Caille, Mike Corbin, Elaine Green, Celia Walker, Jim Zakely
- **PWV Members, Other:** Peter Skiba, Renee Skiba, Carol Kennedy, Stephanie Simmons, Randy Jones, Joan Kauth, Don Gibbs, Fred Sprague, Anne Yakos

ESTABLISHING QUORUM AND MEETING GROUND RULES.

Mark Snyder welcomed everyone in attendance. Ruth Janitscheck confirmed a quorum was present.

AGENDA.

The September 2023 agenda was approved.

MINUTES.

The September 2023 meeting minutes were adopted with no changes.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

(A) CHAIR REPORT.

- Mark Snyder reminded those in attendance of the year end party coming up.

(B) CHAIR ELECT.

- Nothing to report from Sean Orner.

(C) IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR REPORT.

- Nothing to report from Bruce Williams.

(D) USFS STAFF REPORT.

- Matt Cowan reported that they've filled some vacancies that haven't been filled in a long time in the recreation department. We will have a volunteer coordinator filling in and participating in PWV going on with Matt continuing to be the main liaison. Our new recreation staff officer, Shannon Wesstrom, was in attendance. Shannon said that she is excited to work with PWV. The Roaring Creek trail is going to open back up to the public on the 28th. Matt thanked everyone for an incredible season. 95% of our wilderness trails have been logged out and many restoration projects have been completed.

(E) SECRETARY REPORT.

- Nothing to report from Ruth Janitscheck.

(F) TREASURER.

- Jim Medlock reiterated that he needs committee budgets to be submitted by the 27th and thanked those who have submitted their budgets thus far. He hopes to have the budget out for review by November 6th.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) KIDS IN NATURE MOTION

- Jeanne Corbin moved to appoint Stephanie Simmons as the Chair of the Kids in Nature Committee with Julie Ramirez as Vice-Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

(B) SUPPLEMENTAL TRAINING REPORT

- Mark Snyder spoke for Linda Reiter. He stated that the last event of the year was Indigenous Perspectives on Wilderness on October 11. There are no other events scheduled for 2023 at this time. In early 2024, we have some speakers scheduled at the Council Tree Library, followed by informal gatherings at the BJ's Brewery nearby.

(C) MOUNTED PATROL COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Rich Cappello spoke about a training he and Dan Schultejan attended recently. They showed photos of their 4-day trip to Colorado Fire Camp in Salida where they got certified as level "A" chainsaw sawyers.

(D) TRAILS FOR ALL UPDATE

- Carol Kennedy wanted to reiterate that Trails for ALL continues to work with adaptive sports agencies in our area. We had a long conversation with Fort Collins Open Space personnel regarding the possibility of promoting or working together to get adaptive equipment such as a Track Chair, power assist mountain bike, or other such equipment to make trails more accessible. They have sent representatives out to other parks to look at what is happening there. This is very early in the process.
- We will be co-hosting two hikes with Fort Collins' Adaptive Recreation Opportunities program on April 25 (Pawnee Buttes) and May 23 (Elkhorn trailhead to Disappointment Falls). More details to come!
- We have been asked to work with the Arc of Larimer County on more programming. We are waiting to see what they would like us to do.

ELECTIONS OF BOARD AND OFFICERS

- Sean Orner shared that Board and Advisory members were sent bios of the nominees, including Jim Zakely, Anne Yakos, Randy Jones, Donald Gibbs, and Joe Cox (as Chair Elect).
 - Sean asked if any of the nominees wanted to take a moment to comment before the vote. Jim felt that he was on the board too early in his time with PWV and would like to give it a second shot. Joe is looking forward to working with the board more closely as chair elect.
- The meeting attendees were separated using Zoom Breakout rooms and removing the in-person attendees from the room, so the voting members were able to hold discussion and vote confidentially.
- After the attendees reconvened, Ruth Janitscheck reported that all candidates were elected:
 - BOD Members:

- Jim Zakely
- Anne Yakos
- Randy Jones
- Donald Gibbs
- Officers:
 - Chair Elect – Joe Cox
- New Advisory Board Members:
 - Bruce Williams
- Renewing Advisory Board Members:
 - Tom Adams
 - Janet Caille
- Sean thanked everyone for their patience this evening with this process. She looks forward to working with everyone in 2024.
- Bruce Williams reminded everyone of the recently voted on bylaw change regarding training board members while putting off voting privileges until January 1st.

OTHER

- Jeanne Corbin spoke about the high level of detail included in the board meeting minutes and asked why we need such detailed records of the meetings. Sean Orner said that her entire secretary tenure was via zoom, and she used a recording to write the minutes which gave her the ability to write such detailed minutes. She stated that most of the criticism she received aired on the side of requesting more detail, not requesting less. She did think that as we continue to have hybrid meetings, we could preserve the recordings for a period for anyone who wishes to go back and watch but have the minutes be highly abbreviated. She remarked that the pushback is what makes it challenging. Bruce said that traditionally, minutes summarize actions and decisions. He remarked on how difficult it is to find information in past minutes. Ruth Janitscheck remarked that it takes anywhere from 8-16 hours for her to write the minutes and she is in support of shortening them. Bruce Williams asked to work with Ruth to put together a policy.

CLOSING

Mark Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Jeanne Corbin.

Mark Snyder thanked the new BOD and Advisory Board members.

Next Board Meeting: **November 16, 2022, 6:30 p.m.**