

Grand County Wilderness Group Board meeting

March 20, 2022 2:00pm

The following board members were present: Beth Collins, Joyce Clair, Ingrid Anderson, Monica Sandstrom, Gary Piper, Al Rothenbach (for Toni Wujek)

The meeting was called to order by President, Beth Collins.

Treasurer's report: Written report passed out by Al for Toni.

Headwaters Trail Alliance: Beth gave an update on HTA from Maire. The Forest Service has hired a seasonal Wilderness Ranger and the hiring of a District Ranger is in process. Erica Bean will be organizing the Ambassador program and they are willing to have their ambassadors sign up to help at Monarch and Junco cabins after they are trained by GCWG. They use genius sign up method so they could coordinate with GCWG to sign up new volunteers for the cabins. USFS is considering a call center that people can contact for information. Perhaps some of our group would be interested in helping with that. The Forest Service may not be opening the Sulphur Ranger District office to walk in visitors. Erica is certified as a Leave No Trace trainer and the LNT team may come in May or June. HTA appreciates our hard work and is looking forward to working together again this year.

Cabin Hosting: Monica reported on the survey taken at the last meeting and used the results to recommend the following plan for manning the cabins this year. It was decided to open Monarch cabin on Memorial Day weekend with a possible work day at the cabin on Wednesday, May 25. We would cover the cabin on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday May 27-30. During June, July and August we would cover Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. For 4th of July weekend we would cover Friday, Saturday, Sunday July 1-3. In September we would cover Fridays and Saturdays except for Labor Day we would cover Friday, Saturday and Sunday September 2-4. A question came up about possibly having a key to the gate so volunteers could park inside the gate. Beth will check with the Forest Service to see if that is possible.

Junco cabin will be open Saturday, June 18 if the road is clear. Weekends will be covered until after Labor Day. The bathroom has a problem with the door not closing. Gary will email Clayton of the Forest Service to ask if we can fix it. Beth, Monica and Erica of HTA will work together to make a schedule. It is possible we will get some volunteers from the HTA Ambassador program if they go through training with GCWG. GCWG members will sign up at the Spring meeting in May. The hours will be 9-4. All volunteers have to sign the HTA waivers. They will be available at the Spring meeting and at the cabins.

Membership: A discussion was held about attracting new members. Gary suggested an ad in the Sky-Hi News before the Spring meeting on May 1. Beth will check on listed the meeting in the community calendar. Gary will check on putting it on the radio. Gary Piper moved we place an ad in the Sky-Hi News about the meeting. Seconded by Monica Sandstrom. Motion passed. It was decided that dues would continue to be \$20.

Hikes: It was decided to have two hikes a month on Thursdays. There will also be work hikes on our adopted trails--Columbine Lake trail and Vasquez Trail. Steve Hennings with coordinate the work day on Vasquez Trail with the HTA.

Daisy Days: Beth will check with Doreen Summerlin to see about a work day at Monarch on a Wednesday when the cabin is open. We discussed a clean up day at Monarch also. Ingrid said it used to be a day to earn an ANRA pass for the season. Beth will ask HTA if they might sponsor that.

Newsletter: Holly Whitten is not able to continue doing the newsletter but will do one more. She needs pictures and articles. A discussion was held concerning the