

## Minutes of the Grand County Wilderness Group Board Meeting

April 16, 2023 5:30 pm

Present: Monica Sandstrom, Joyce Clair, Gary Piper, Steve Hennings, Ingrid Anderson, Oliver Davis

YMCA donation: Ingrid moved that we donate \$500 to the YMCA for use of their facilities for our meetings. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Spring meeting: April 30 5:00 pm at the YMCA. As members check in they will be asked to fill out an updated membership form which will include their interest areas for volunteering. Gary will present a powerpoint program as an overview of our volunteer opportunities for the summer. There will be sign up sheets for members to sign up for cabin hosting, trail ambassador, trail assessment, trail maintenance and leading a special education hike such as wildflowers, birds, geology, fish. Chicken will be ordered from City Market. Joyce will pick it up. Gary will bring a container for water. If someone is there from the Forest Service they will speak last. Two new Board members will be elected. Joyce will do a second term.

Cabin Hosting: Monarch cabin hosting will be Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. May 24 will be opening day for Monarch Cabin. On that day we will have a training session for Trail assessment by Steve or Erica from HTA. The backpacks for children were discussed. With so many people at Monarch it is hard to check them out. Junco is easier. It was decided that the volunteer of the day can decide whether to offer these to visitors. Junco cabin will open mid-June.

T shirts: The shirts are at Beth's house. A new person to organize and store the shirts is needed.

Trail Work: Steve will pick dates for trail assessment /ambassador hikes based on the trails that we collect data on. We have trail ambassadors who can hike as much as they want or even be at the trailhead to greet and inform. We will report trail conditions to HTA. This will be done on the HTA sign up website and there would be training for members how to do this. Steve mentioned the need to assess our two adopted trails, Columbine and Vasquez, at the beginning of the hiking season.

Gary moved that we join the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance. Steve seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GCWG facebook page: Oliver reported that some things had been added and he will get together with Al to work on this as Oliver does not have full administrative power right now. Items and pictures can be sent to Oliver.

Birding trip: Al and Toni usually plan this. Another birder in the group Ned Wallace might be interested in leading also.

Weed Warrior Day: This is a possible group activity this year as is Public Lands Day. Oliver mentioned that some people prefer a planned group activity more than just hiking trails as individuals.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Clair