

Minutes of September 12, 2015 - GCWG

Location - meeting was hosted by Jack and Debbie Reichert

Attendance - Board Members: Bob Saint, Al Rothenbach, Tom Whitten Doug Smith, Gary Perkins, Jack Reichert, Roger Shaw, Paisley and Nick Shade on speaker phone.

GCWG Members and Guests - Ann Steers, Toni Wujek, Holly Whitten, Pat Potter, Sue Perkins, Debbie Reichert

1. Approval of June 14, 2015 Minutes - meeting commenced at approximately 6:30pm. Motion was made by Doug Smith to approve the June 14th minutes. Motion passed.

2. Treasurer's Report - Tom Whitten reported a current balance of \$4044.54 + \$179 (not deposited yet). Included in this total amount is \$1137.01 belonging to the Joan Shaw Memorial Project Fund.

3. Membership Report - Mike Brady not present

4. Registration Boxes - Stephen Lee not present. Discussion: Nick advised that Registration Box information goes to the USFS Recreation Manager and not to Ron Archeletta, FS Supervisor. Trail user sign-in denotes usage which is used for funding purposes. Trail grants may be available based on the box information.

5. Clothing Inventory - Sue Perkins reported that the t-shirt vendor requires a minimum order of 24 shirts. It was decided that no additional shirts were needed before the fall meeting.

6. Voice of the Wilderness Report - Bob Saint responded to the HTA Master Trail Plan offering GCWG's willingness to help, but we have received no response. The BOD feels we need to be prepared to help only with exactly what is important to us with respect to "wilderness".

7. By-law Changes - Jim Magill not present

8. Volunteer Hours - Toni Wujek stated that volunteer hours (overnights included) begin when a person leaves his or her home and terminate when the person returns home.

9. Joan Shaw Memorial Project - The final sign layout will be printed by the end of September. The question is whether to install the sign(s) this fall or wait until spring. It was suggested that the printed signs be taken to the fall Membership Meeting on October 25, 2015 for exposure and then be installed next spring. The balance of \$1137.01 in the Joan Shaw Fund could be used for more signs for Indian Peaks Wilderness. It was decided to apply a "YOU ARE HERE" sticker to the individual signs which will be installed at Monarch Lake, Devil's Thumb, Roaring Fork, and at the top of Corona Pass.

10. Monarch and Junco Cabin Procedures - Al Rothenbach - **Indian Peaks Wilderness Use Permits** - discussion ensued regarding a more efficient permit protocol. The communication issue here remains since the USFS office is closed on weekends. The FS staffing continues to be minimum with no promise of forthcoming funds.

ANRA Passes - the BOD feels that the current ANRA pass protocol is not perfect. The government will not buy back excess passes. We need a procedure for handling abundant cash in the cabins. Nick will look into a proper way to transfer money from the cabins to the Granby office. A question posed: Does the USFS have a problem with Wilderness Volunteers NOT selling ANRA passes and just letting the public deal with their own decisions and delinquencies?

Updating Trail Descriptions - A suggestion was made to standardize the Indian Peaks Wilderness Map that is placed in the Granby office, at Junco Cabin and at Monarch Cabin. The Monarch map, specifically, is very big and very faded.

Communication with USFS - GCWG's hours at Monarch Cabin increased by 50% this past season. To this point, Bob Saint will draft a letter to Mr. Ron Archeletta, Arapahoe National Forest Superintendent, denoting the Wilderness Group's involvements, concerns and suggested improvements for next year.

Reminder of Cabin Hosting Day - There are some products out there like Google Calendar, but each reminder requires the entry of a lot of information including the recipients email, of course. Given all, it doesn't seem like a feasible effort at this time.

11. Name Tags - Bob Saint - Name tags will be available this spring to individuals placing their order with Al Rothenbach / PayPal. Price will be \$16 for the magnetic style and about \$7 to \$9 for the pin-on style.

12. Orientation Hike Liability Waiver - it was suggested that the liability waiver be a component of the membership papers even though 501-C Non-Profits are not able to be sued.

13. Spring Camping Trip - Possibly Dave and Doris Klein will take on this project. Dan McGrail was suggested as a third organizer. Tom Papathakis will be in Granby until the end of September as a resource person.

14. Vasquez Peak Wilderness Kiosk Sign - This sign is ready to be installed on the west side of Berthoud Pass just up the trail a short distance.

15. 2015 Wilderness Workshop in Missoula, MT is October 28-31 - GCWG members are encouraged to attend. Bob Saint and Ann Steers will be attending this event.

16. Fall Membership Meeting is October 25, 2015 - Agenda is as follows:

- a. Chicken from City Market to be picked up by Bob Saint
- b. Cabin Hosting
- c. Trail/Campsite Hosting
- d. Orientation Hikes
- e. Knight Ridge Trail
- f. Granby 4th of July Parade
- g. Columbine Lake Trail Re-route
- h. Devil's Thumb Trail
- i. Bowen Lake Campsite Rehabilitation
- j. Daisy Demolition Day
- k. Junco Lake Trailhead Kiosk
- l. Wilderness Patrols with Izzie
- m. Talk by Izzie on "Why all the rules in Wilderness?"
- n. Update on HTA's Master Trails Plan???

17. White Deer Party - January 31, 2016

18. Summer Picnic - Sunday, August 7, 2016

19. How to Attract Younger Members - GCWG now has a FaceBook hook-up, thanks to Al Rothenbach. Anyone can update the FaceBook page. GCWG web site will remain unchanged.

The "Untrammled" video is about getting folks into "wilderness".

A suggestion was made that we talk to the High School guidance counselor about referring students to our group that are attempting to fulfill "community service" requirements. Bob Saint offered to pursue contacting the High School.

20. January Board Meeting is Sunday, January 10, 2016 -

Hosted by Bob Saint and Ann Steers

21. Old Business / New Business

The Membership Brochure - reported to be outdated. Al Rothenbach or Roger Shaw will check to see if he has the updated version.

Recreational Sport Shooting - The Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forest is hosting an open house on Monday, Sept. 14, in Granby, for the proposed Forest Plan Management Direction for recreational sport shooting activities on national forest lands in Boulder, Clear Creek, Gilpin, Grand, Jefferson, Larimer and Park counties. GCWG Board Members are encouraged to attend.

Fall Semi-annual Networking Session - Thursday, November 4, 2015 from 12 noon to 2:30 pm. at Snow Mountain Ranch, Schlessman Commons Dining Hall.

Wilderness Ranger Assist - A suggestion was made that it would be helpful if the FS Wilderness Ranger had a USFS person assigned to help them in the field, in addition to the Wilderness Volunteers. Nick averred that, alas, the budget is already set for next summer.

22. Adjourn - Doug Smith moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.