

Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness
Meeting Minutes – February 25, 2016

Attendees:

FENW: Currie Craven, Ken Harper, Cyndi Koop, Mike Mayrer, and George Resseguie

Treasurer's Report – Jan 31, 2016 bank balance totaled \$28,518, with no outstanding bills.

Warren/Oster Kiosk – Kiosk will be officially dedicated at the beginning of the summer season. Frank will organize.

Trail Projects

- **June 4 – National Trails Day**; joint project with FDRD and the Town of Silverthorne (TOS) at Salt Lick Trail. Following BBQ will be at North Pond Park in Silverthorne. TOS (Susan Lee) will be actively sponsoring trail projects in 2016.
- **July 9 – Trail Hosting Day**; joint project with FDRD. Event will begin and end at Meadow Pond Park in Frisco. FDRD will cover costs of refreshments
- **Overnight Projects** – two are planned with locations and dates TBD. Bill R. will coordinate with Cindy.

FDRD Liaison – Mike and George will contact Daryl Roepke, the incoming FDRD Board President, about setting up a social event between the 2 Boards.

Wilderness Volunteers

- Summit has about 25 volunteers and Eagle has 18.
- Volunteer applications will be accepted until June 1
- Combined training will be on June 11 from 9:00am to 4:00pm; location TBD. Eagles Nest HOA C. Center is unavailable.
- Public relations opportunities – newspaper articles and hikes with a reporter. Further details below under Strategic Initiatives.

FENW Mission and Strategy

Mission Statement complete – see website.

Strategy – Four Strategic Initiatives agreed as follows:

- Education – Ranger Program, Signage, and Publications
- Stewardship – Trail Maintenance & Improvement, and Weeds
- Funding – Grant Procurement, Members, and Sponsorships,
- Advocacy – Local Issues, National Issues, and CO Impact

Supporting the Strategic Initiatives are three Tactical Support Programs

- Volunteer Recruitment – Bill Reed will lead. Key strategies – volunteers do not need to be members, skill-sets needed are varied, need to grow the size of our resources to achieve our Strategic Initiatives. Need to put together an expanded mailing list. Response received from Maryann Gaug that provided excellent ideas.

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Tactical Support Programs, continued

- Public Relations – Key strategies/next steps:
 - Identify a lead
 - A-Basin – Currie will discuss a FENW presence/participation in their year-end party. Will consider a hat/t-shirt as thanks. Get summer mailing list for possible volunteers.
 - Newspapers – George to contact SDN to identify the new “environment” reporter, and to gauge interest in writing an article. Ken to do the same with the Vail Daily.
 - Newsletters – Develop strategy with Frank for 2016. Newsletter is key fund-raising tool through dues. Consider a bi-monthly mailing (paperless or hard copy).
- Member Relations – there were 66 dues paying members in 2015; need to energize our membership.

Website

- Website – Bill B. has posted text for a new website aimed at recruitment at http://www.fenw.org/index_new.htm. Read the upper right box (white), roll over the red text, and click.
- Website – Bill B. also has loaded the draft text of the Mission Statement and four Strategic Initiatives. On the website, click on the tab labeled “about us” at the top of the page.

Next Board Meeting

Board Meeting – March 31 at 5:30. Location is TBD, as the Eagles Nest HOA C. Center will be closed for remodeling.

Respectfully Submitted,
George Resseguie, Secretary/Treasurer

Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness

Planning Meeting

31 March 2016

Dillon Ranger District Office, Silverthorne

[agenda items *in italics*]

1. *5:36 PM Roll call/Introductions: Ken's Mountain lion portraits, if available*

Attendees: Currie Craven (CC), Cyndi Koop (CK), Bill Reed (BR), Mike Mayrer (MM), Bill Betz (BB), Cindy Ebbert(CE), Frank Gutmann (FG)

2. *Review/Approve Agenda:* Motion to approve (BR), second (MM), unanimous

3. *Review/Approve Minutes of 02.25.2016*

The picnic after Trail Hosting Day July 9 will be in Frisco. Motion to approve (MM), second (CC), unanimous vote

4. *Review/Approve Treasurer's Report:* Treasurer Resseguie was unable to attend.

5. *Old Business:*

A. *Trail Projects; Cindy Ebbert and Bill Reed discussion, Bill (From Last, Cindy and Bill unable to attend last meeting):* BR shared handout listing 3 day projects and 2 overnights. CK suggested contacting Summit Daily for an article, perhaps with photos from a real trail, such as Meadow Creek. BR to investigate that possibility.

B. *Volunteer Wilderness Ranger updates:* New VWR training will be June 11 at the ENHOA Center. BB will edit handout for calendar use and attend meeting to help if problems arise. Hopefully wifi will be available. Number of new VWRs (east side) was 10, but has shrunk to 5. There will also be a required meeting for returning VWRs; two times will be offered; venues TBA, perhaps FG home, BB cabin.

C. *FDRD/FENW Board Social* – MM and GR are arranging for this early June BBQ at the ENHOA Center

D. *Warren/Oster Kiosk, updates, Frank:* FG is arranging for memorial plaques, aims for a dedication ceremony in early June. CC said that out-of-town family attendees could stay free at Beaver Run.

E. *A Basin, Alan Henceroth's interest. Date TBD.* CK is arranging. Invited guests are A Basin employees who have donated to FENW. CK will order 75 hats (\$900; needs 2 week lead time) with FENW logo to give to A Basin donors. Leftover hats will be given to other FENW dedicated volunteers (e.g., repeat trail workers).

F. *Bill Reed email to mailing list. Response from Maryann Gaug.* BR email soliciting volunteers from about 00 people netted three replies: i) Becky Hopkins, for work with Member Relations. BB will contact her to inquire about working on website, social media, newsletter. ii) Shirley Beatty, a lively senior, will be assigned Volunteer Recruitment; BR will contact her. iii) Kim Fiske, a colleague of CK's, a contributor to the Summit Daily, a photographer, and a publicity expert, with work on Public Relations. CC and BR will contact him.

A fourth new volunteer, Tim Drescher, has expressed interest in the website and social media (BB will follow up) as well as working to increase FENW visibility on the Vail side.

6. USFS:

A. WSP-FS Grant Update; Cindy

CE described DRD efforts to secure internal grant funding from the USFS. Their aim is to fund multiple years (~4) in order to stabilize planning (which has been challenging with year-to-year funding). They would like to have funds for 2 Wilderness Rangers for 4 years. CC will write a letter of support for FENW.

CE described a Wilderness Stewardship Performance (WSP) internal grant, which has been funded. It will acquire baseline data about native fish in ENW and Holy Cross by sequencing and analyzing DNA from water samples. Matt Grove is a fisheries expert leading this.

CC and BB will participate in a USFS-led webinar about WSP – April 15.

B. Other USFS news, summer plan updates.

Denver Water has funded a two person weed crew for Dillon this summer.

This summer, USFS will have two Wilderness Rangers (CE and Kate Demorest) and two SCA interns (Kait(lin) and TBN). CC will invite them to our June Planning Meeting.

Rocky Mountain Youth Core (RMYC) will field 22 crew-weeks in total this summer, 7 of which are in ENW (4 weeks finishing up near Wheeler Lakes; 3 weeks with cross-cut saws)

The USFS has reserved funds (\$33K) to replace the bridge at Lower Cataract. The work will be done in 2017.

Colorado Fourteeners Initiative (CFI) will have 15 people on Quandry Peak this summer.

7. FENW Mission and Strategy: Complete, see web site.

The Mission Statement is complete.

8. *Strategy-Four Strategic Initiatives 2.25.2016 minutes*: BR will edit the text for the four Focus Areas (see www.fenw.org/aboutus_new.htm for current and BB draft text).

9. Tactical Support Programs, 2.25.2016 minutes:

Updates: BR reviewed assignments made during today's meeting: Member Relations: BB. Advocacy, Public Relations: CC. Volunteer Recruitment: BR. Grant Writing: George Resseguie (?). Weeds: FG.

10. Website: Report and comments.

BB reported on the first newsletter email blast: The newsletter featured an essay ("After Malheur") by Currie, along with a sidebar aimed at volunteer recruitment. (You can view the newsletter at http://www.fenw.org/img/newsletter_160327.htm) MailChimp handled the process (e.g., they manage lists, monitor openings and clicks, analyze performance). There is no charge to FENW for their service.

* 267 emails were sent successfully (11 no joy) on Sunday, 27 March. * 113 people (= 42%) have opened the email (average for all non-profits = 23%) Some people have opened the email multiple times (304 total openings)

55% were opened on a mobile device; 45% on a computer. * 13 links to our website have been clicked (=5%; average for all non-profits = 2.5%) (5 to VWR, 5 to home page, 3 to trail schedule) * 3 people have unsubscribed * 2 people have signed up.

A discussion followed about the benefits of a hard copy solicitation of funds/memberships, SASE, and brief updates of FENW projects and performance. It was thought that autumn would be a good time to send this. FG will write a draft.

11. *Next Steps Discussion*: It was decided to send the email newsletter monthly. BB will organize. CE agreed to be featured in the next newsletter.

List: BB pleaded with people to send names & email addresses to grow the list (now 278). Wish lists include Eagles Nest HOA, Wildernest, Breckenridge Senior Center. BR suggested that we should arrange a way have an FENW blurb in their newsletters, or otherwise figure out a way to share lists.

Events: BB suggested a series of friendraising events, which he agreed to organize. The first (hopefully) will be some combination of talk/hike/newsletter feature about Birds of Eagles Nest. BB will invite Dr. Susan Bonfield to present, lead, and draft these. FENW will provide refreshments, and a donation jar. A good venue for the talk will be the Silverthorne Library, for the bird hike the A.M. Bailey Birdnesting Area on Rock Creek. Other possible topics include mushrooms, flowers, beavers, among many others.

12. New Business:

A. Advocacy; New Contacts: [?]

B. John Fielder new Board member Save the Colorado . <http://www.savethecolorado.org/>. A wonderful website for a colossal undertaking with an unforgettable opening photo.

C. Solicitation for support for Colorado Public Lands Day bill. Bill Reed: This has been on the FENW website for several weeks.

D. BVR/BLM Land Exchange: Blue Valley Ranch (45K acres) wants to exchange some land with the BLM. The ranch owner, Paul Jones, has spent millions of dollars on ecological projects.

13. Set Next Meeting, Adjourn: April 28, 2016, location TBD. Adjournment was about 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Betz

Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness
Meeting Minutes – April 28, 2016

Attendees:

FENW: Currie Craven, Bill Betz, Tim Drescher, Frank Gutmann, Ken Harper, Mike Mayrer, and George Resseguie

Agenda – **Motion to approve (Bill), second (Mike), passed unanimously.**

March Minutes – **Motion to approve (George), second (Bill), passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report – March 31, 2016 bank balance totaled \$28,519. April deposits total \$2,174 and checks written total \$1,925, for a \$249 net gain to date. **Motion to approve (Bill), second (Ken), passed unanimously.**

NewsLetters

Topic of the month for May will be “Bikes in the Wilderness” (Tim) and June will be Birds of Eagles Nest Wilderness (Dr. Susan Bonfield).

There will be two “fund-raising” newsletters – June and November – relying on US mail and a simple 1-2 page status report. George will handle.

Warren/Oster Kiosk – Frank will target installation of individual plaques before May 23. The Kiosk will be officially dedicated at the beginning of the summer season with a special event for Helen Barker and the Oster family. Potential dates will be a June 15 Bird Talk by Dr. Bonfield at the Silverthorne Library (5-7 pm) or the 150th yr. Celebration of Ute Pass on July 2.

Trail Projects

- **May 28 – Gateways** maintenance project(s). Locations TBD
- **June 4 – National Trails Day**; joint project with FDRD and Summit Fat Tire at Salt Lick Trail. Picnic lunch after the work day.
- **June 18 – Trail Maintenance Project.** Locations(s) TBD.
- **Two Overnight Projects** – Slate Creek (July 15-17) and Upper Cataract Lake (August 12-14).

A-Basin Recognition Event – Currie will work with Alan Henceroth to organize something at season's end.

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FDRD Liaison – Mike and George will contact Daryl Roepke, FDRD Board President, about setting up a social event between the 2 Boards in June.

Wilderness Volunteers

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- Mike Mayrer will order hats and shirts. Inventory of other supplies is OK.

FENW Mission and Strategy

Mission Statement complete – see website.

Strategy – Four focus areas are still in discussion. These apply to the structure side and the opportunistic side. Bill Reed will make the call for how to proceed.

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Wilderness Stewardship Performance Grants

Bill B watched a webinar about this program that links grants to the 10 stewardship elements that the White River Nat'l Forest has adopted. Agreed that we will pursue a grant in 2017.

Website

- Has migrated from HTML to WordPress. Tim is helping.
- Melinda Pearson, a friend of Bill B. has provided “Ideas and Observations re: Building Audience through Facebook” with exceptional tips and techniques. Lengthy discussion.
- Agreed that Board members will create posts for Facebook. Target is one post every two weeks.
- Agreed that funding is needed. **Board motion: Spend up to \$1,000 to increase awareness of FENW on social media. George moved, Bill B second, passed unanimously.**

Next Board Meeting

Board Meeting – May 26 at 5:30 at the Eagles Nest HOA C. Center.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Resseguie, Secretary/Treasurer

Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness
Meeting Minutes – 26 May 2016

Attendees:

FENW: Currie Craven (CC), Bill Reed (BR), Ken Harper (KH), Bill Betz (BB), Cyndi Koop (CK), Frank Gutmann (FG), Mike Mayrer (MM)

Others: Cindy Ebbert (CE; USFS), Steve Bonowski (Vail Pass Task Force (VPTF))

May Agenda and April minutes – approved unanimously

Treasurer Report: no changes

Steve Bonowski from VPTF described their work in the Vail Pass Winter Recreation Area (VPWRA) in the WRNF. He distributed to each of us a folder containing contact information, a nice map of the VPWRA, 2015-16 annual report, minutes of VPTF meeting, VPTF by-laws, and chronological history of VPTF. VPTF is a non-profit, non-member organization, hoping to start a website. Winter users on Vail Pass pay a \$6 fee (\$40/year; n=500 yearly subscribers). VPTF has a wish-list (new sno-cat) and is raising funds (\$50K grant application -> no joy; \$36K from users, \$10K from 10th Mountain, Nova Guides, etc.) VPTF helps maintain 55 miles of groomed trails. FENW will help promote VPTF on its website.

(extra-)Fat tire bikes in winter on summer bike trails? USFS has asked IMBA to make a draft plan.

Trail projects (Bill Reed): Saturday is first project of the year. Meadow Creek/Lily Pad. There is plenty to do. (CE reported 10 squatter sites in NF.) BR is working with The Wilderness Society, which wants a weekday program for its staff (two worked on the Boulder Lake project in 2015). Outward Bound is looking for a project for its staff and students (CE suggested something near Rock Creek, where they resupply). A local high school ecology club is interested in participating. CC suggested we need a second Trail Master to lighten his (BR's) load. BR hopes that Guy Laboa will be interested (but he is away all this season). FDRD is turning people away. Opportunities for crew leader training seem to be a bit unclear.

Volunteer Wilderness Rangers: CK reported the May 25 returning ranger meeting in Summit County went smoothly. New ranger training will be June 11 at the Eagles Nest HOA center. KH reported that the returning ranger meeting in Eagle County 5/25 went well. At the meeting Paula Peterson (USFS) reported on "Adopt a Trail" – VVMBA has raised \$50K and has hired 2 people to lead its contribution, involving both Wilderness and non-Wilderness trails. Vail Mtn. School already has adopted Booth Creek Trail. KH has hiked all four East Vail trails to snowline. About 30 trees have been removed.

FG reported on the Memorial Kiosk. 4-5 members of the Oster family, and 2 Barker family members will attend the 'ribbon cutting' ceremony on July 18 at 6PM.

FENW/FDRD social. MM reported no date is yet set. CE suggested using a Doodle calendar to find the best date.

BB reported on the **website** (now WordPress; Tim Drescher has agreed to be co-webmaster, and will redesign it later), **newsletters** (May: Bikes in ENW (questions have arisen about IMBA's position); June: Birds in ENW, to be sent soon; July: Ute Pass celebration; August: SaveTheColorado; future topics: profile CE, native fish inventory; beavers), **facebook** (posts, events, boosts and other intricacies now all happening thanks to the skill and generosity of Melinda Pearson).

These topics were deferred: Annual meeting, BLM-Blue Valley Ranch land exchange, Fenw.meeting minutes 04.28.2016

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CO gives discussion.

Tim Drescher was unanimously elected to the BOD.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Betz

Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness

Planning Meeting

28 July 2016

Dillon Ranger District Office, Silverthorne

5:38 PM Roll call/Introductions:

Attendees: Currie Craven (CC), Cyndi Koop (CK), Bill Reed (BR), Mike Mayrer (MM), Bill Betz (BB), Cindy Ebbert(CE), Ken Harper (KH); guests John Taylor, Don Langmuir
John Taylor (JT) and Don Langmuir (DL) introduced a presentation regarding the biking trails in the Salt Lick area. CE gave USFS background: NEPA is the bottleneck, but her supervisor just gave the OK necessary. Assessment will be done in 2017, and construction in 2018. Their proposal is that USFS pays for the 2017 study, and the town of Silverthorne pays for the work.

The main discussion centered on which organization (e.g., town of Silverthorne SPORT committee, FENW, Summit Fat Tire Society, FDRD) should take the leadership role, working in conjunction with the others. JT & DL suggest that FENW should lead; others (BR, CE, CC) suggested that Town of Silverthorne is better suited. CC pointed out that, if trails are improved for biking in the nearby forest, then Buffalo Mtn. Metro might want to contribute.

JT asked CE to write a memo outlining USFS position.

CE pointed out that no special use permit is needed. USFS would give 'ownership' of the project to the town.

CE report: many entities are coming the USFS with ideas and suggestions for projects. Some are very good. The USFS lacks volunteers. She suggested that towns need to assume a larger role. She explained part of Breckenridge's success by noting that they own a lot of land (mining claims) and have an open space tax, which helps fund a crew of six for their biking network.

CC & BR suggested that, down the road, FENW appoint a liaison to the committee.

6:30 PM – agenda approved. minutes approved.

Treasurer report: we have \$27K+ and need to stay above \$25K so that we are eligible to submit grant applications. FENW will reimburse Chairman Heart of the Ute Mountain Ute tribe \$500 for his travel expenses and pay an honorarium of \$200.

Kiosk: CC complimented Frank Gutmann in absentia for his work.

Trail hosting: 21 trail heads covered; >1300 hikers contacted., ~100 names and emails gathered.

CC read a report from CE, written last month; all items have since transpired

BR: zero campfire rings at Boulder Lake (which was cleared of more than a dozen last summer)

CE: almost all trails in ENW are clear! 90 trees were removed from the Gore Range Trail between N. Rock Creek and the trail to Willow Lakes). Six rangers did the trail work. CE will go on 7/29 for two weeks to the puncheon site near Lost Lake. Her enlarged-from-last-year 4 person wilderness crew has made progress much easier; the two interns are especially competent and enthusiastic. Cataract bridge is slated for replacement in 2017. Slate Creek bridge is a few years out – probably sometime after 2018.

The Ute Pass event was discussed. It was clear that the volunteer base is too small for such events. A brief discussion of whether to pursue further 'social' events did not lead to a consensus.

KH talked about recognizing individual volunteer rangers for particular accomplishments (e.g., most days on the trail, most miles, weirdest encounter) with small prizes. CE will help with this project.

Grants: the plan is to apply in 2017 to the Summit Foundation for part of the Salt Lick project.

FS rangers from Columbia will be here the week of October 17, and would like to meet with FENW. CC will help make arrangements.

Campfires in Wilderness: CE urges a discussion to be held. "We are moving towards it [a ban]," she said. The destruction of wood around lakes has left brutal scars.

Bikes in Wilderness: CC will try to get our name on the list of >100 organizations opposing the law introduced in Congress.

Meet-ups: These are people who sometimes charge, who arrange for people to hike or ski together in Wilderness. Sometimes, they ignore the 15 person limit, and sometimes they seem incompletely aware of LNT principles. KH will ask a friend to monitor their calendar and assign volunteer rangers to meet at the trailhead, or, as CE pointed out, to get the necessary information to them in advance.

CC announced that FDRD has painted tools belonging jointly to FDRD and FENW the color pink, to distinguish them from additional tools used by others. GR noted that the tools are getting old, and will talk to Doozie at FDRD about a new grant application.

Colorado Gives: GR will register FENW for this, and provide guidance for additional participation in advance of the December 'Colorado Gives Day.'

7:56PM - adjournment

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PROXY: Ken Harper to George Resseguie

AGENDA AND MINUTES – Agenda approved; minutes were prepared but never distributed to all Board members.

TREASURER’S REPORT – July 31, 2016 bank balance totaled \$27,248. August activity: deposits – dues (\$100 – 2 members), donation (\$2,547 – A-Basin Employee Environmental Fund); expenses – checks written but not cashed \$1,685. Balance at August 25 totaled \$28,110. -- **Motion to approve (Frank), second (Mike), passed unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS

- Salt Lick Trail Realignment – Frank will follow-up with Cindy Ebbert regarding a USFS position paper that was requested by John Taylor at the July Board meeting. Currie agreed to function as the FENW liaison for the project(s) that may be initiated. The Town of Silverthorne Sport Committee is planning a work session on the realignment project.
- Logo Updating – The logo issue will be tabled in hopes of revisiting discussion at a later date.
- Colombia Rangers Visit – Rangers tentatively will be in Summit County the week of Oct 17. Currie will follow-up.
- Appreciation Prizes for Annual Ranger Appreciation Event – All support the idea. Cyndi, Mike, and Ken will coordinate the prizes.
- Eagle County Updates – Adopt-a-Trail project going well. Tim reported that a proposed Avon plan to establish a network of biking trails in prime elk habitat and winter range was defeated, a rare “win” for conservation. A new District Ranger – Aaron Mayville – was appointed on the Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District. He will be invited to the Volunteer Ranger year-end celebration.
- Annual Meeting – Will be combined with the year-end Volunteer Ranger year-end celebration, tentatively planned for Sept 28. The Annual Meeting will focus on program successes (Rangers, trail maintenance projects, etc.) Each Board member is encouraged to bring a potential candidate for the Board to the event. Ken and Cyndi are planning the celebration and will provide further information..
- Update on Warren/Oster Kiosk – Frank reported that the Kiosk landscaping is a mess and the District map on the Kiosk is different from the District map inside the Ranger District Office, rendering it useless. As a next step, Frank will contact Len Denham to discuss corrective actions.

WEBSITE & CYBER PRESENCE

Next newsletter will be distributed in early Sept. E-mail list now over 500 addresses. All Board members are encouraged to get registered on Facebook.

USFS – no report

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NEW BUSINESS

- Conservation Colorado Event – The Sept 16 event (6-8pm at the Silverthorne Library) will feature Jim Furnish who is making a book tour. A 30-minute video is included. Tim will follow-up with event planners to determine what is required from FENW to help promote the event.
- Grants – Will consider grant requests for tools and equipment to the Towns in the 2017 spring cycle; George to coordinate with FDRD (Doozie Martin). Will prepare a more significant grant request to The Summit Foundation in the fall; topic TBD.
- Ron Carlson Tribute – Currie will discuss with Bill Reed.

ADVOCACY – NEED HELP WITH THIS

- Fires in Wilderness – Paula Peterson (HCRD Recreation staff) thinks a ban on campfires will not be on the USFS agenda any time soon. Cindy Ebbert, however, encourages us to proceed (carefully) with the issue. We will consult with Cindy on the best way forward.

NO ACTION ITEMS WERE IDENTIFIED FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

- Bikes in Wilderness
- Meet Ups
- Further Fund-raising, CO Gives
- Bears Ears Utah
- Public Lands Transfers

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Regular Board meeting in September will be combined with the Annual Meeting on Sept 28.

Respectfully Submitted,
George Resseguie, Secretary/Treasurer

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ATTENDEES:

FENW: Mike Mayrer, Bill Betz, Bill Reed, Frank Gutmann, Cyndi Koop, Ken Harper and George Resseguie

PROXY: Tim Drescher to Bill Reed

Vice President Mike Mayrer called the Annual Meeting to order at 5:30. About 30 people attended the meeting. There was a quorum of Board members.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Balance on hand at Sept 28 totaled \$26,991, a decrease of \$2,532 from the beginning of the year. There was modest activity (deposits/expenses) for the year. Largest donation has been \$3,740 from A-Basin.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2016 and PLANS FOR 2017

Volunteers at 16 trailheads contacted 1,300 hikers in a July event.

A joint FENW/FDRD cook-out/social was a first step towards more coordination in the future.

Bill Betz organized a celebration of the 150th anniversary of the first pictures of Ute Pass by a white man. The event was attended by the honorable (Manuel Heart) Chairman of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

A Bird Talk and a subsequent hike on the Rock Creek Trail was held; Susan Bonfeld led both events.

The Warren/Oster memorial kiosk was completed and dedicated on July 18. Frank led the efforts to construct the project.

Wilderness Ranger Program a huge success – 1,100 volunteer hours, 1,700 miles hiked, and 11,000 people contacted. Also, 18 new Rangers were trained.

FENW participated in an “Adopt-A-Trail” program in Eagle County. The Deluge Trail was adopted this year, and plans are to adopt the Big Horn Trail in 2017. As a business item, it was agreed to buy individual nametags versus the generic “Bob” tags. Cyndi will take care of it.

Additional Crew Leaders are needed to address numerous trail maintenance projects; right now FENW has 2. There are minimal training requirements (one field day, OJT). Contact Bill Reed.

The Trail Maintenance Program included 2 overnight projects, one “day” project and a joint National Trail Days project in conjunction with FDRD. A third overnight project to the Eaglesmere Lakes region is planning in October.

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AFFIRMATION OF THE BOARD POSITIONS

**Mike moved, George second to reelect the present Board for another year.
Approved unanimously.**

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The regular Board meeting will be at 5:30 pm on October 27 at the Eagles Nest HOA Community Center.

Respectfully Submitted,
George Resseguie, Secretary/Treasurer