

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2010

Attendees:

FENW: Currie Craven, Ken Harper, Bill Reed, George Resseguie, and John Taylor

Meeting Minutes – Minutes from the June 24 BD meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- As of June 30, there was \$24,883 in the FENW bank account, a \$184 decrease from May 31.
- Available funding for 2010 increased to \$38,501 to reflect receipt of additional Tooling & Equipment grant funds for the 2007-2009 Project with State Trails. The year-end balance is projected at \$11,317.
- Spending to date totals \$5,782.
- George will investigate possible investment opportunities for funds in the bank.
- The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Business Items

Membership

- In June and July (to date), deposited \$484 in dues (10 renewals and 2 new members); dues received in 2010 totals \$3,209 (against a Full-Year budget forecast of \$4,000).

Grants for 2010

- Grants for TSF, Summit County, and the towns are due by August 22. BD agreed with the following strategy:
 - TSF – request funding of \$2,000 to publish the Dillon Ranger District Visitors Guide in 2011. Currie will discuss options with Lee Zimmerman (TSF) and others. Update: Currie to meet with Lee, et. al. on July 29.
 - Towns – request \$250 from each for Wilderness Volunteer Program support. George will ask Marilyn R. to help prepare these grants.
 - Summit County – we have not submitted requests recently, but it was agreed to consider asking for funding to help with major trail maintenance projects, such as expenses related to supervision of Rocky Mountain Youth Corps work teams. Currie will discuss with Cindy E.
- Grant request to Colorado State Trails is planned for November; further details are TBD.

Dillon Ranger District Visitors' Guide

- Guide has been published (20,000 copies) and is being well-received.

TRAFx Trail Monitoring System

- System received; goal is to put the system into operation in August (George/John T.). George to buy storage boxes for the sensors and security locks and chains.
- Sam Massman (Eagle/Holy Cross) has an expert who can provide assistance.
- Initial thought is to place the monitors on trails around Lily Pad Lake; will coordinate with Cindy E.

Trail Projects

- Next event is campsite rehab on July 24. Bill R. has placed signs at trailheads asking for volunteers and there have been several items in the SDN announcing the project. Focus will be primarily around Upper Cataract, Surprise, and Boulder lakes. Update: project had a fine turnout; Dave R. provided report and pix to the SDN.

Fund Raising – No report.

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Publicity

- More “Dog Cards” are needed in both Summit and Eagle Counties; George to contact the American Dog Owners Association. Update: Dave R. has contacted someone with FDRD who will print some cards.
- John T. will reconsider having a corn roast when John Pickering arrives for weed spraying later in July.

Weeds

- One additional back-pack sprayer will be purchased (George R.)
- Back-pack spraying is underway (John T. & others) and the USFS has a couple of people involved in mitigation efforts as well.
- John Pickering will be working in Summit & Eagle counties for a couple of weeks in late July/early August.

Wilderness Volunteer Rangers (WV) – Summit County

- Volunteer efforts are ongoing, although no formal reporting was discussed.

Wilderness Volunteer Rangers (WV) Eagle County

- Volunteer efforts ongoing; Ken to chat with Rick W. regarding best methods to monitor volunteers’ progress towards achieving their hiking goals.

Signage

- Signage for Eagle County has been ordered.
- Grant funding of \$2,750 available in Summit County; plans agreed as follows:
 - Bill R. will talk to Cindy E. about possible locations for new/replacement signage.
 - George R. will provide listing of signage available from Wood Products to determine purchasing options.
 - All BD members will be asked to report signs that are in need of replacement.
 - The next trail project (Sept 18) will be focused on installing new/replacement signage – efforts will be undertaken to have signage on hand for the project.
 - Update: Cindy E. has advised that the signage plans must be aligned with the new Travel Management Plan which probably will not be published in time to get signage available for the Sept 18 project. She will contact Bill R. to identify an alternative project.

Tools & Equipment – No report.

USFS – No report.

Advocacy

- **Hidden Gems** – Currie will continue to work with the Hidden Gems folks (Kurt Kunkel, et.al.) to resolve outstanding issues, such as Elliott Ridge signage, designating certain areas “Companion destinations”, etc.

Website – No report.

Next Meeting – Thursday, August 26, at 5:30 at the Dillon Ranger District.

Submitted by
George Resseguie, Secretary/Treasurer