

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2008

Attendees

FENW – Dave, Cyndi, George, and Marilyn
Others – Cindy Ebbert (USFS)

Meeting Minutes – Minutes from the February 28 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Cash on hand was \$21,061 at the end of February; however, only \$298 in expenses have been recorded YTD 2008.
- The March forecast indicates the following:
 - Anticipated receipts for grants/A-Basin total \$18,359.
 - Receipts from dues are expected to total \$1,880 a level similar to prior years (preliminary March data indicates, however, a significant increase).
 - Projected funds available total \$29,910.
 - Forecast expenses will be revised to reflect new funding for Eagle County Wilderness Volunteer (WV) Program of \$750.
 - Overall forecast inflow O/ (U) expenses are \$6,025, or \$3,600 less than Y/E 2007.
 - Beginning in April, an “issue to issue” forecast schedule will be presented.
- The Treasurer's report was approved.

Business Items

Grant Recaps

- The Summit Foundation (TSF) and State Trails – Agreed to wait until the Fall Cycle to submit grant requests. George to discuss TSF audit requirements with Lee Zimmerman.
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation – Agreed to submit a grant request in January 2009.
- NFF Ski Area Conservation Fund – Agreed to again submit a grant request for noxious weed mitigation in the fall.
- Keystone/Breckenridge – Awaiting response from the resorts; requested \$4,000.
- Vail Resorts in Eagle County may have funding available after August 1; Currie will follow-up with the resort.
- Patagonia grant (\$750) never materialized; no further actions planned.
- NFF has provided \$500 (FENW must match) for 10-Year Wilderness Stewardship Challenge projects in 2008. FENW's efforts will focus on campsite surveys in the Ptarmigan Peak Wilderness area.

Membership

- Dues received to date through March totaled \$1885, significant improvement over 2007.
- Focus will be on “working” the membership listings with Newsletters and dues reminders.

Fundraising

- Goal is to raise \$4,000 for the next two years Wilderness Volunteers Project in Summit County.
- Agreed to have Currie contact John Fielder about a possible presentation in the fall.

Website Update

- Agreed the BD should review the website content together and provide updates to Rick on a “real time” basis. George to arrange at a future BD meeting.

Newsletter

- Dave will mail out a reminder card with key project/training/meeting dates to all members by April 15. The card will serve as the April newsletter. Will also have copies of the card available for FENW volunteers to hand-out while on trail projects, ranger patrols, etc.

Communication

- Thank-you letters will be provided on FENW letterhead to all folks sending in dues. Dave and George will send the letters.
- Back-log of thank-you letters for March dues will be sent by April 15 (Dave).

Project Planning

Tools & Equipment

- George will organize a Tool Committee (FENW/FDRD/USFS) to identify which tools & equipment need to be ordered. Plan is to have meeting in April, with all tools on hand and ready for use by June 1.
- Saw handles and tuning will cost about \$500 and will be funded by the State Trails Grant. **Board Motion: Approved spending up to \$500 for getting 3 blades tuned and purchasing 3 sets of handles.**

Wilderness Volunteers Program – Summit

- Training is scheduled for May 10 and will again be a joint endeavor with the FDRD. **Board Motion: Spend up to \$350 to provide lunch for 30-35 people at the training session (update: spending totaled \$222.69).**
- Cyndi is organizing volunteers for 2008; 2 new volunteers and 8 returnees identified so far.

Wilderness Volunteers Program – Eagle

- Cyndi will be in charge of the program. Training is scheduled for June 14 in Minturn.
- Some inventory, such as T-Shirts, is available from 2007.
- Ranger District is very supportive of the program and volunteers are enthusiastic.
- **Board Motion: Authorize spending up to \$400 to print training manuals and flyers, order supplies, etc. for the June 14 meeting.**

Other Items

- Ken Waugh has asked for a FENW opinion regarding increasing access/camping fees (daily access, overnight camping, seasonal pass) at the Green Mountain Reservoir area. The fees will be dedicated specifically to Green Mountain. **Board Motion: Send a letter to USFS to support the fee increases (Currie).**
- Currie will get a quote regarding John Fielder prints that are suitable for framing. Prints may be used as recognition gifts.
- Further discussion is needed to determine FENW's participation with Ralph Swain (USFS) in hosting a fall meeting for multiple volunteer organizations. Currie to provide more details.

Next Meeting

The next BD meeting will be on April 24 at 5:30 at the Dillon Ranger District office.

Respectfully submitted,

George Resseguie,
Secretary