

Pueblo Friends of the Arkansas River

**Wednesday, February 8, 2023
5:00pm at BloBack Gallery
Agenda**

Call meeting to order- Carla

Secretary's report- Lindsay

Carla made a motion to approve the report, Eric seconded.

Treasurer's report-Daniel

Sent document to everyone with report.

Committee reports

Calendar of meetings and events- any updates or changes?

Committee meetings please console with others if any conflicts

Monthly trail cleanup- February 4th- update from Mary and others

Good turnout. Had about 20+ participants.

March 4th- coordinator volunteer?

Carla, maybe with Mary and Cynthia – location TBA (Jeff is sending his scout out)

Summer Solstice- Cynthia

Cynthia said she would be the "event coordinator" and is creating a tasks list. Really need to focus on vendors and alcohol license and need "coordinators" for those areas as well as...lantern parade, music (jeff), educational booths, sponsorships. Volunteer coordinator to work with Mary, Cynthia suggested contacting other groups such as SoCo Trail Builders, Pueblo Cruisers, church groups, groups that are already organized. Others also suggested a person to "run the gate", was stated that we only need 20 volunteers for the whole day. Also was mentioned was a race/fun run, vendors need to have handmade or local only goods and they would be on the levee side. Jeff said he would start working on a budget for music but was thinking around \$1000. Also mentioned that some of the food trucks didn't take credit card and we should have an ATM. Cynthia also stated that she wasn't going to do any lantern workshops prior to the summer solstice. Raising sponsorship prices was also mentioned and maybe a "main sponsor" for the event.

Membership drive and marketing piece- Mary

Membership-education meetings-

-- Bird talk - March 14th- Corinne- see flyer for information --Please post and share

--Sam Ebersole May 9th - Carla and Jeff

"Trout on the Route"- Eric, Jeff and Corinne-

Monthly trail cleanup- Update from January 7th

Mary and Corinne were there with 12 others. Did around Runyon Lake. Lake was frozen with trash frozen in it.

February 4 Cleanup

Mary & Jeff clean up at Faves Crossing area 12-2pm. (Possible Cynthia and Angelina too) Park at ABC Plumbing.

Recap of Winter Solstice – Cynthia & All – review and recommendations

Cynthia-Timeline for event was too long.

Recommending 4-7pm next year.

\$134 spent on supplies.

\$300 spent on music.

Having bridge close was helpful as well as photographers.

Lantern workshops were a lot, Cynthia is not sure she wants to do that again.

2/8/23 Meeting Attendance

-Eric

-Cynthia

-Carla

-Jeff

-Lindsay

-Angelina (Blocks Resident-

Also works at NWDC)

-Dana

Absent & Excused

-Corinne

-Mary

-Daniel

Absent

N/A

PFAR Board recommends hosting the Winter Solstice again in 2023.

Mary-we had nine (9) volunteers total (counting the board too). Plus the four (4) from Cynthia. No response from members when sent out to all the members. Mary wants to continue to give out free hot cider to everyone in the future Winter Solstices.

Summer Solstice - Cynthia

Board– Good community outreach & room for improvement. Event date was decided on Saturday, June 17, 2023
Cynthia-will make a list of tasks of what will need to be done.

Carla– If we do liquor again, we need to start that process now. We didn't make a lot but it takes a lot.

Lindsay– will be out of town for event and cannot do the food trucks.

Membership drive and marketing piece – Mary

Memberships will be a 12 month cycle from when they sign up (example signed up in June 2022 membership will expire June 30, 2023.)

17 paid members

73 nonpaid members

Membership-education meetings-

Sam Ebersole in January-Carla and Jeff,

2nd Tuesday

May not only show the film but do a short talk with it too.

Bird talk in March-Corinne

Raeaux agree to a presentation of "Birds of the Arkansas River Corridor" on Tuesday, March 14 at Blo Back 6:30pm

Will be free to members and \$5 to nonmembers.

Other ideas for future events-

Mary/Carla will talk with Bob from The Edge about kayaking or water safety – July timeframe.

Angelina and Mike Hazel will talk with "Cattail Bob" about Edible plants – July/August timeframe.

Corinne will talk with Alex from the Drift about flyfishing.

"Trout on the Route" and Cranes or Herons- details – Eric

Eric-trout will be 36" cut from aluminum because it is better than steel. It will cost about \$105 each just to cut and prep each one. For 12" trout Eric gave the board the ballpark figure of \$50 each. The Heron was voted out due to the cost to make. The Herons would be about \$235 each since it uses more sheets to make. Board decided on 12 large and 5 small trout for the "Trout on the Route" Fundraiser.

-Volunteers needed for different tasks-Corinne

Old Business

Nonprofit application to IRS – Corinne

Corinne reported that the application has been submitted and she expects the turnaround time to be around 1-2 months, since we did the "easy" application.

Website update- Corinne

Hasn't been in touch with him yet.

New Business

Rubber Ducks from The Edge – Carla & Mary

Bret & Sally Verna have possession of the rubber ducks and they are in Pueblo West someone will go out and see what kind of condition they are in and do they have numbers on them. Look at the state regulations for raffles.

New board members- nominating committee for new members- Cynthia and Daniel

Angelina, Barbara, Andi and Dana Martin (engineer)

Discussion and updates:

Adopt a mile of trail on levee update- Corinne

Sign was never ordered. Mike Taft is taking care of it.

Review calendar for 2023

See "PFAR 2023 Calendar Dates"

Murals - Cynthia reported, cold weather delaying painting. Sister Cities and five others pending. Two more applications coming in.

Rack card - After bridge #2 is completed, we will update the brochure.

New trail – Next year the trail will continue further upstream.

Waveshaper – Nothing new.

bridge #2 – Completed hopefully in May. Towers being trucked in right now and hopefully being installed beginning of next week.

closed trail - Trail will be closed (downstream of main street to Runyon both sides) due to bridge construction.

bridge names - Monday (12/12/22) the bridge names got approved by City Council.

***What else?**

Cynthia is doing a mural walk at El Pueblo in March. She also reported that the CSU-P tech students are designing an app for the murals.

Adjourn

Next meeting PFAR meeting February 8, 2023, at 5:00pm