

Pueblo Friends of the Arkansas River

**Wednesday, November 8, 2023
5:00pm at Blo Back Gallery
Agenda**

11/8/23 Meeting Attendance

-Lindsay
-Corinne
-Daniel
-Carla
-Eric
-Jeff
-Mary

Absent

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Absent & Excused

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Call meeting to order- Corinne

Secretary's report- Lindsay

No quorum in October.

Treasurer's report-Daniel

Daniel reported that we have nothing outstanding as of 11/8 \$16,075.09

Committee reports

Destination Pueblo- report from last meeting. Anyone attending?

Daniel, Jeff and Lindsay went last month. They talked about the 2A on the ballot and how they were against it. Reno race update, and new head volunteer at Weisbrod Aircraft Museum. Next meeting is 11/16 at El Pueblo.

Monthly trail cleanup-

- Report from November - organizer and place for December 2nd

Had at least 7 people for November. Next clean up is below Dutch Clark on Saturday, December 2 at 10am. Mary and Jeff, possibly Carla.

Old Business

Website update - Online!! www.Pueblofriendsarkriver.org

Need content and updates sent – links? Photos?

Corinne will ask Cynthia to send summer solstice pictures. Carla suggested a picture of the mural with of the world famous artist?

New Business

Football Sculpture on the levee and acting as agent-Jeff and Corinne

Eric reported that the Central kids that are supposed to helping are in playoffs for football, so no one to help Eric at this point. Cynthia was the one who put the students in touch with Eric. The statue will be across from Dutch Clark above the Central logo and will include QR codes with the kid's story and suicide awareness and help sites. The city donated \$100 to help fund the statue, the group is applying for more funding at other organizations using PFAR's 501c3's number.

Resignation of Cynthia

Eric made a motion to accept the resignation of Cynthia and Carla seconded. Passed with the stipulation that Cynthia still manages PFAR's FB account.

Nominating committee for 2024 officers

Mary will send Corinne an email of recommendations for 2024 officers. Mary will also send out an email to members to see if anyone has any interest in becoming a officer. Other suggestions for officers were, Wayne Haliburton – Carla will reach out and Randy the Kayaker – Eric might send him a text.

Discussion and updates

What do you want to accomplish in 1 year and in 5 years **KEEP IT SIMPLE!**

Educational talks and demonstrations – **Easier event to manage, and family friendly.**

-kayaking

-fly fishing

Board agrees to have educational talks quarterly, looking at the second Tuesday each quarter (except summer time). January (1/9) – Bats and Brews? – Corrine will reach out to Sarah Watson at CPW

April (4/9) - Wildlife Society at CSUP?/Reduex – Carla will reach out to each.

July (Date TBA) – Bob at the Edge/Water/Kayak demo – Mary will reach out.

October (10/8) – Alex the Drift/Fly Fishing demo – Jeff will reach out.

Marketing of river and PCD retreat agenda

Classes for kids

Arkansas River master plan

Cleanups- coordination with other groups

Runyon Lake improvements – **Tia M. has been cleaning and maintaining the area.**

Fundraisers

Membership drive – **January renewal, Mary will send out email reminder.**

Summer and winter solstice – **No winter solstice for 2023. Taking a break for 2024 on summer solstice but agree to continue to have it at Runyon since the layout is better.**

Trout on the Route – **renaming it to “Trout on the Routt” to give it a more “Pueblo Feel”. We will continue for 2024 sticking with 36” trout only. Board approved Eric cutting out trout and paying him. Looking at different locations for viewing. Jeff and Eric will do a call out to artist and have a potential list by December along with how many 36” trout will fit on a sheet.**

The Wildlife Society at CSU Pueblo – **Under the Biology Dept. Invite them to a meeting or possibly talk at one of the educational talks/demos?**

Calendar for 2024

Other ideas??

*What else?

Change meeting times in the winter? -group agreed to move next meeting to 2:30PM

Adjourn

Next meeting PFAR meeting December 13, 2023, 2:30pm