

**FENW Meeting Notes January 10, 2019**  
**Copper Mountain Chapel**  
**5:30 – 7:30 PM**

**Attendees:** Bill Betz, Dave Owens, Jim Alexander, Laurie Alexander, Cindy Muesing, Tim Drescher, Chris Turner, Tom Combs, Mike Mayrer, Joan Betz, Frank Gutmann, Don Tebbs, Bob Theodore, Mike Browning

1. Thank you to Tim for his work as past President
2. Welcome to Mike Browning, newest board member
3. Introductions – round table
4. Agenda additions – approved
5. Tim's Review of 2018 – SEE Agenda Notes Addendum
6. Election of new officers:
  - a. Tim nominated Ken and Dan for Treasurer and Secretary respectively and it was unanimously approved
  - b. Laurie declined nomination to be President Elect
7. Minutes from December meeting approved
8. Treasurers Report – Ken absent, sent his report via email
  - a. \$13,819 Balance in General Fund
  - b. Market Community Reward Program, received over \$200 in 2018
    - i. **Action Item: Do individual contributions previously setup need to be renewed each year? Individuals need to check on that**
    - ii. **Action Item: Is it just the local store or statewide stores that participate? Laurie will confirm**
  - c. Treasurers Report Approved
9. USFS Government Shutdown
  - a. If shutdown lasts for long term, there will be no interns, rangers, or RMYC for USFS this summer
  - b. Wait until February to decide if FENW can do anything for USFS
  - c. Frank suggested that as needed it would be good to contact past volunteers to work on work projects to fill in any USFS gaps
  - d. VWRs can still OK to ranger trails and collect data to disseminate
  - e. FENW should coordinate with FDRD as needed to support USFS
  - f. Frank agreed to coordinate our response if the shutdown continues
10. VWR Program – Mike M
  - a. Wants to take a strong look at the program work to set up as more of a committee approach (currently Mike and Ken single handedly manage the Summit and Eagle side VFWs program)
  - b. Need to get a formal assistant for both Ken and Mike
    - i. Getting ready for the season (Interviewing, uniforms etc.) make it a really busy time for Mike and Ken
  - c. **ACTION ITEM: A review committee comprising Mayrer, Harper (and their assistants), Ebbert, Beach, Gutmann, and Betz will make a plan for the future, reviewing goals for numbers of VWRs, # patrols, # contacts; noxious weed education; identifying/formalizing assistant directors; winter patrols; other.**
  - d. VWR Data collection: Previously we agreed to revisit with USFS, make consistent with FDRD. Cindy can work on a data entry app so that data are automatically updated to USFS DBs. We were planning to meet in January with Cindy E and Mike B to review this but will have to wait until they are back at work.
    - i. Maybe make the calendar joint with FDRD so not get too many rangers on same trails? [just a note: please check with Mayrer on advisability - we used to do this, as I recall, and it was changed, quite vigorously, as I recall]

- e. Incorporate Noxious Weeds to training and data collection was discussed and will be figured out by Jim and the committee (see below)
  - f. Need to set goals for the program
    - i. **ACTION ITEM: set a committee meeting to do this, Bill**
  - g. Dave O wrote up a list of what VWRs do and was wondering if this would be something that we could turn into a handout for handing out on trails?
    - i. **ACTION ITEM: Dave send to Bill**
11. Kate – is staying on as Trail Boss!
- a. Dave Brewster is interested in helping Kate
    - i. **ACTION ITEM: Bill ask Kate to contact Dave Brewster**
12. USFS – Cindy/Mike both indicated that budgets are looking good for 2019 (which included \$\$ for 4 interns/WRs and RM Youth Corp)
13. Noxious Weeds - Jim
- a. Applied for \$16k grant for 10 days of treatment (NFF)
    - i. We have to match the \$8k, i.e. volunteer labor hours or Chris can raise the funds
      - 1. Time/labor would be easy to get via volunteers looking for weeds
    - ii. Need hikers to identify weeds prior to spraying and then again after the spraying
  - b. Second Grant – \$8k
    - i. To hire 2 quantitative biologist graduate students from UCD
    - ii. Timing is challenging between when receive notice of grant approval vs. ability to hire grad students
    - iii. Target Ptarmigan Peak Wilderness and have grad students create plan to figure out the size of noxious weed problem
    - iv. RM Elk Foundation could be interested and application due Feb 11<sup>th</sup>
    - v. Patagonia has expressed interest (open ended dates with March 1<sup>st</sup> Fiscal year start)
  - c. Exhibit at Botanic Gardens – Setup tour for interested FENW people.
    - i. Takes a few hundred \$\$ to lock down a date
    - ii. Live and dried plants
    - iii. Every ecosystem in Colorado is represented
    - iv. Potential date - April 28<sup>th</sup>
    - v. Jim posed the question if we want all to be VWRs to be trained or just specialist – we need to decide the best approach
14. Fund Raising – Chris Turner
- a. REI – big push for winter project, no other group do much in Winter
    - i. REI's motivation is for marketing/advertising
    - ii. Could be even just one joint patrol to start relationship with them, then work towards being recipient of a grant. REI has \$\$ they want to give.
    - iii. REI marketing person – push to get employees to participate in the volunteer projects, more stewardship within the local communities
    - iv. What could we do? Ideas?
      - 1. No real winter maintenance can be done on trails
      - 2. Poudre Valley has a very active winter ranger program
        - a. Gary Kashman – contact at PVW
        - b. Add on to summer training
      - 3. Jim suggested weed program
        - a. Could recruit to do weed sighting
      - 4. We could set up an REI Grant to expand FENW's VWR to winter program
      - 5. Avalanche awareness program
        - a. Avalanche expert take group on a backcountry tour
      - 6. Perhaps a grant could purchase GPS for VWRs?

7. Pick a weekend in March to target

- a. What's the benefit to having a social event?
  - i. Photo opt, marketing tool
- v. Get started, in wilderness, building up to a year program which we then develop and train for the winter program
- vi. Professional photographer could take a group of people and provide some guidance of how to take good pictures
- vii. Teach something like leave no trace
- viii. Would it be advantage to have our own llamas? Mike Beach researched and thought not cost effective (follow-up with Mike B)
- ix. Would someone from REI want to join a FENW Mtg?
- x. **ACTION ITEM: Chris will 1. Draft a specific plan for a get-together with REI staff; 2. Send Bill a copy of the grant application form; 3. Try to arrange a meeting with Chris, Bill, and the appropriate REI grants-person.**

15. Cindy – Website

- a. Will adjust her role to be backup to Bill as webmaster, and \ continue with technical implementations (building the apps etc)

16. Social Media – Laurie

- a. Keeping FB updated as possible, nothing new to post re FOLBR advocacy at this time

17. eNewsletter – Bill/Jim

- a. Started as a way to give people something as opposed to asking for something
- b. Is it still viable to send out the eNewsletters now that we have the hard copy newsletter back in distribution?
- c. Hardcopy newsletter – next one scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup>
  - i. Would like to add a FENW Calendar to be pulled out for people to hang/keep, perhaps with John Fielder picture
  - ii. Need a firm schedule of what we need April 1st
    - 1. Need some more ideas for articles
    - 2. Jim has an article from Joe Szasz

18. FENW Advisory Board Creation - Bill

- a. Board will be made up of people who no longer have an active role with FENW, but have depth of experience, interest, and time
- b. Would be beneficial to provide a long view to the board.
- c. Currie has expressed strong interest in putting this new board together

19. Grants – no new updates

20. Name Change – no new updates, Bill will be putting together another charge document for the Name Change Committee

21. 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – no new updates

22. Advocacy

- a. FOLBR – no new updates

23. New Business

- a. Currie is drafting a letter about the Government shutdown, will be asking us to sign as an organization to show support
- b. Wilderness Volunteer Workshop in April – Bill, Frank and Laurie and hopefully others will attend
  - i. 2020 – FENW will be co-hosting with IPWA
- c. Profiles and Pictures on website: please check out FOLBR's site for what they do and send or prepare a one paragraph biosketch.
  - i. We still need some new photos on fenw.org
- d. Mike M nominated Currie to become a board member, Laurie second, approved unanimously
- e. Tool shed – truck ran into it – is it FENW's? Kate/Tim thought it wasn't ours.

i. ACTION ITEM: Frank will confirm

AGENDA - Friends of Eagles Nest Wilderness - Planning Meeting  
14 February, 2019 @ 5:30 pddm MST - USFS offices, Minturn & Silverthorne

Attendance: Dan Siebert, Mike Beach, Ken Harper, Bill Betz, Cindy Ebert, Laurie Alexander, Frank Guthrie, John Currie, Cindy Muesing, Dave Owens, Laurie Alexander, Joan Betz, Jim Alexander

1. Welcome (Betz)
2. Roll Call / Introductions (Betz)
3. Review/Approve Agenda (Betz)
4. Review/Approve Minutes from 13 December 2018 (L. Alexander)
  - a. Minutes Approved
5. Review/Approve Treasurer's Report (Harper)
  - a. See Treasures Report (Ken motioned to approve / all in favor)
  - b. Discussed Endowment Fund: Can't spend till we reach 50K
  - c. Need to get Llama rental closed up soon / Mike will get Ken address for payment
    - i. Motion to pay: Bill Motioned & Laurie Seconded / Unanimous Vote
  - d. Will add estimated expenses for name change as line item on budget

REPORTS & UPDATES

6. Election of President-Elect (Betz)
  - a. Bill thanked everyone for their support and time to converse with all members of the board. Laurie has agreed to accept the nomination for President Elect (Dan nominated & Frank Seconded / All in favor!)
7. President's report (Betz)
  - a. Huge thanks to Chris Turner who agreed to become our new treasure which will free Ken up to devote more time to the VWR program
  - b. Party on Sunday at Betz's cabin was a great time; fellowship & great food!
  - c. Field & Trail Guide by PWV (written in 2005): This would be something great to do for our wilderness areas. It is produced by the volunteers
  - d. Request to change the term President to Chair to more accurately align with other volunteer groups. Bill will send out a memo on this
  - e. Bill wants a paragraph on each board member for the website (Check out PWV website) this should help our members understand and appreciate our work better
  - f. BB was invited to lead a session at the upcoming Wilderness Workshop (April 2019)
  - g. Jim A made a suggestion that rather than outreach, advocacy, education (missing one?) we should look at it as forest use access, health, use and advocacy
  - h. Dan will create an SOP for the secretary position → get to Bill ASAP
  - i. Dan will work on photo contest plan
  - j. Frank has volunteered to assist with the VWR program
  - k. Mike Browning volunteered for everything ☺ (Increase visibility, cross cut training etc.)
  - l. Currie has agreed to lead the creation of the advisory board
8. VWR Program (Mayrer, Harper, Betz)
  - a. Will be meeting with MM to create task list for chronological list of what is needed for the one day training session. Putting an emphasis on enforcing gratitude to leads
  - b. Breakdown of VWR on either side of the pass is fairly even: Summit (35) / Eagle (Under 30)
  - c. Cindy M would like to volunteer to assist in computer skills with VWR for reports

- d. Discussion on how we used to collaborate with FDRD on training (pros/cons of working together: Operational duties are the same so it shouldn't be challenging to put together but in the past it was an issue as training was preferred in summit county which didn't help the Eagle County Side. Challenge with one group focusing on Wilderness and the other focusing on the bounds outside of the wilderness
- 9. Trail & Campsite Program (DeMorest. L Alexander)
  - a. There is a need for deep backcountry campsite maintenance (i.e. clearing illegal campfires, campsites, etc.) / There is lots of competition for volunteers for projects so we should plan carefully so we are not overlapping
  - b. Early season project work: The FS needs time to ramp up for summer work so this would be a great opportunity for FENW to fill the gap
  - c. If we could create a project list to get rolling by memorial that would be great
  - d. Cindy made the comment that people enjoy seeing the result of their work and if we can get cranking early in the season it might create more interest
  - e. We could consider altering training to include smaller type of saws as some volunteers like cutting trees and don't have interest in being VWR
- 10. USFS reports (Ebbert, Beach)
  - a. Cindy: Most of hiring is complete. Wilderness rangers on Summit are hired, and are waiting to hear from NFF to hire two interns. Going to have an internal meeting on the CORE act (Colorado Outdoor Recreational..)
  - b. Mike: Everybody hired except one trail crew member (looking for a female representative). Hopefully after hearing from NFF he will have two CA's to hire
    - i. SR 471 passed and moving to house which would introduce 1.8 million acres and would also provide permanent funding (ask Mike)
    - ii. Article in the VD about bighorn sheep in East Vail. The article correlates prescribed fire burns for wildlife habitat
    - iii. Campfires are prohibited in East Cross Creek, Fancy & Missouri drainages. While this helps there needs to be enforcement.
- 11. Noxious Weeds (J. Alexander)
  - a. –Nothing to report. Will be working through plan to get people involved. Submitted for various grants and would be great to get an SME to assist in create plan for path of movements
- 12. Fundraising (Turner)
  - a. Chris is absent / Arranged a meeting with Bridgitte with Dillon REI; discussed the organization and how REI could assist

#### PUBLICITY

- 13. Website (Betz/Muesing)
  - a. Nothing to report
- 14. Social Media (L. Alexander)
  - a. Nothing to report. White River National Forest has been posting lots of great material which is assisting her with ideas for social media
- 15. eNewsletter (Betz)
  - a. Report on the name change /
- 16. Hard Copy Newsletter (J. Alexander)
  - a. Nothing to report / looking for volunteers

#### PROJECTS

- 17. Advisory Board (Craven) - vote to amend bylaws (Betz)
  - a. Looking for community leaders who have participated in the past who have experience and time. Eagle County peeps start thinking of people in our

- community that could assist. A big opportunity is looking through our endowment to promote legacy while maintain continuity of how we have proceeded in the past
- b. Motion to approve Creation of Advisory Board / Motion by Currie / Seconded by Laurie (Unanimous in favor)
  18. Grant Applications (Beach, Ebbert, J. Alexander)
    - a. Mike: National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance Grant (got denied last year for llama expense but going for the grant again)
    - b. Question of where are GPS are located that we received a grant on in previous year?
  19. Name Change (L. Alexander)
    - a. See Name Change Implemetaion Strategy attachments
  20. Wilderbash (formerly Annual Meeting 9/22/19) (Betz)
    - a. Would cost \$400 to rent space / Chris thinks we can get spirits donated. We should look into getting REI to sponsor also. Will focus invites on our core list of members (roughly 250) / Will be looking into giving awards for stewardship. Will be looking into flying a FENW flag at the capitol in honor of the selected recipient
    - b. Dan send out / Do you think John would be interested in judging / Would we need photo rights to use for promotional results / Follw up with Indian Peaks Wildernss Alliance on their process (Dan will follow up with them)
    - c. Consider auction/fund raiser
    - d. Group hikes / mushroom hunts / wildflower hike
  21. Advocacy (Betz)
    - a. Nothing to report
  22. FENW Expression of Concern about Government Shutdown (Craven)
    - a. Great letter Currie wrote!
  23. Wilderness Volunteer Workshop (WWV) 2020 (co-host) (Betz)

#### NEW BUSINESS

Next Planning Meeting 14 March

#### Proposed change to FENW bylaws: CREATION OF ADVISORY BOARD ARTICLE IV

16. Advisory Board. Advisory Board (AB) members will provide guidance and support to the Board of Directors (BOD). The BOD may select worthy individuals to become AB members. AB members will serve a three (3) year term, and they may be reelected to additional consecutive three (3) year terms. AB members will be encouraged to attend monthly Planning Meetings, participate actively in BOD discussions, and promote the interests of FENW in the larger community, but they will have no voting powers regarding BOD decisions. AB members may be former BOD members, esteemed persons with special expertise relevant to the mission of FENW, representatives of major donors to the FENW, or other leading members of the larger community who could benefit FENW. If requested by the current President and approved by the BOD, an AB member may be appointed to a one-year term as a voting member of the BOD.

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24. Welcome (Betz)  
Roll Call / Introductions (Betz)

- a. Present: Ken, Dan Siebert, Mike Beach , Tim Drescher, Bill & Joan Betz, Dave Brewster, Frank Guthrie, John Currie , Mike browning, Laurie Alexander, Jim Alexander, Dave Owens
- 25. Review/Approve Agenda (Betz)
  - a. Approved
- 26. Review/Approve Minutes from 14 February 2019 (Siebert)
  - a. Approved
- 27. Review/Approve Treasurer's Report (Harper)
  - a. See treasures report

## REPORTS & UPDATES

- 28. President's report (Betz)
    - a. **Ask Bill hard to hear** Thanks to Kim Fenske for the donation of 6 books (2 each of his 3 published on EN, HC, and 14ers) to catalyze a fundraiser at the WilderFest in August; Bill has nearly finished his individual meetings with FENW leaders, and is grateful to everyone for the time and ideas they shared.
  - 29. VWR Program (Harper, Betz)
    - a. Email eaglet to volunteer rangers requesting more? ( ask bill)
      - i. When should we / how should we get the word out about more volunteer rangers?
        1. MB (VD letters?) / Discussion on strategy of communication. Could possibly mention name change
        2. LA: Should we look into process? Details? Training? Signup process revisions? Etc.
        3. **June 8<sup>th</sup> is training day**
        4. Joan is working on review of training manual
        5. Ken will send Mike some different articles for reference
        6. Discussion on promotion of Eagle County Side for more volunteers
  - 30. Trail & Campsite Program (L Alexander)
    - a. **(ASK LAURIE FOR NOTES)**
  - 31. USFS reports (Beach)
    - a. Discussion of possible chain saw allowance in the San Juan's
  - 32. Noxious Weeds (J. Alexander)
    - i. **Hard to hear follow up with Jim**
      1. Botanical Gardens?
  - 33. Fundraising (Turner – Not Present)
- ## PUBLICITY
- 34. Website (Betz/Muesing)
    - a. Nothing to report
  - 35. Social Media (L. Alexander)
    - a. Nothing to report
  - 36. newsletter (Betz)
    - a. Next newsletter will be April on the Berliarmont Campaign
  - 37. Hard Copy Newsletter (J. Alexander)
    - a. Wilderness Values
    - b. Needs help with writing articles / any volunteers?
    - c. JCC: Discussion on Eagle County approachable writers.
      - i. Walking Mountains (Kim Langmaid)
      - ii. Reach out to local teachers for request of articles about importance of wilderness
      - iii. Tim will shoot Currie and email of ideas



## PROJECTS

38. Advisory Board (Craven)
39. Grant Applications (Beach, J. Alexander)
  - a. NSA Application: Mike & Jim are working through wording to request for Llamas
  - b. Ask Mike for notes
40. Name Change (L. Alexander)
  - a. Ask Laurie for notes (hard to hear)
  - b. Laurie will send out a word document and we need to think about different logos
  - c. Need to consider everything we will need to change?
  - d. Discussion of feedback from members
  - e. Consensuses seems to be between SEWA / ESWA
  - f. Mike will send out an email on ideas
41. WilderFest (Betz, L. Alexander) Planning committee - Sunday August 18  
Chair (venue, food, award): Betz  
Sponsors: L. Alexander  
Photo contest: Siebert  
Photography: Dave Owens  
Publicity (newspaper; banners; swag): L. Alexander  
Table staffing: Joan Betz  
Silent Auction (books from Kim Fenske, more?): \_\_\_\_\_

Other: tee shirts? 25 <sup>th</sup> anniv. Celebration? New event canopy? More?
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- Any ideas for others way to get some swag for the event?
- ASK LAURIE ABOUT NOTES (3 ideas) (Target)
- Would REI have interest in establishing a volunteer day for projects? (JCc)
- Volunteer to step up for silent auction?
- Other ideas for 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary? / Request John Fielder

42. Advocacy (Betz) - Buck Berlaimont rally 3/16, Edwards
  - a. Dan will man the FENW table
43. Wilderness Volunteer Workshop (WVW) (Betz)
  - a. In April and conflicts with our next planning meeting

## NEW BUSINESS

44. Motion: to replace the title "President" with "Chair"
  - a. **Bill Motion / Currie Seconded / Unanimous Passage**
45. Motion: to pay expenses for President-elect to attend one in-state wilderness meeting
  - a. **Frank Motioned / Ken Seconded / Unanimous**

## Next Planning Meeting 16

**Four items** for your consideration before the meeting:

1. **Motion** to replace the title "President" with "Chair" (rationale: Chair is a better descriptor; President or CEO suggests executive authority that is virtually non-existent in an all-volunteer organization. PWV and IPWA (both all-volunteer) use Chair (PWV) or Chairman (IPWA).
2. **Motion** to pay expenses for president-elect to attend one in-state conference (rationale: We paid for Tim to attend 2 such conferences (2016 & 2017); it would be an efficient way for the president-elect to meet leaders of other organizations, and it would be especially appropriate given that our president serves only one year.)
3. **WilderFest**: We will spend a bit of time *brainstorming* on this item, so please give it some thought. The tentative plan is to hold it from 12-3pm on Sunday, August 18, in the Frisco History Park. Lunch provided by a caterer. Check in table. Program: brief program updates

(VWR, trails, invasive), photo contest, award presentation, silent auction, 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration (speech?, unveiling of new name, new logo (if passed)). What else would you like to see, and *how will you volunteer* to help?

(rationale: this will become the signature event that FENW puts on each year (replaces Annual Meeting); this year is extra-special with 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and possible new name and new logo. It will require a *standing committee*.)

4. **Comments on name change** (received in response to newsletter of 3/1/19. Responses from (some of) us are the website ([www.fenw.org/](http://www.fenw.org/))).

COMMENTS RECEIVED AFTER MARCH 1
March 10: think the name change is a good idea - wish we could come up with an acronym that sounded good - SEWA? summit eagle wilderness alliance Helen
March 10: 1. I agree: We need new name. 2. Eagle/Summit Wilderness Alliance: I have no objection, seems to me, personally, best present option. 3. I personally really dislike using the term "advocates" in the name; as my first reflection-reaction is that it denotes a political organization a (c)(4) or (c)(6); rather than a true nonprofit of a (c)(3). Kem W. Swarts
I like Eagle Summit Wilderness Alliance as it leaves openness for expansion of territory, collaborations, and projects. All good growth! Susie Kincade
March 5: To me personally, old name sounds much warmer than the new one. I do not see any The word "Alliance" doesn't have any nice touch to me... Why we need to change and spend bunch of the money, when we had a very nice name that reflected exactly how people feel about it...? What was wrong with the name? That's about it from me. All the best. Vera Gesse
March 5: Hi. Just wanted to say that I really like the name Eagle Summit Wilderness Alliance
March 5: I think the name change is a good idea. There is currently too much confusion with other groups - especially Friends of Dillon Ranger District. I do not have strong feelings about what the new name should be. Frank Lilly
March 4: Excellent idea! Very well thought out and forward looking. I commend your idea completely. Gail Shears
March 1: SEWA: Seems one of the two most accurate and easier to say than ESWA. Myra Warren Isenhardt
March 1: thank you for all you do for our wilderness areas. I like ESWA and SEWA. We are lucky that our counties have cool names. I don't favor a name with Vail in it as I agree with the reasons given in the e-newsletter. Leigh Girvin FOLLOW UP: I saw that argument about SEWA [too close to SUWA?], and it doesn't weigh heavily for me. People see and hear things differently. They will see SEWA and realize that it stands for Summit Eagle Wilderness Alliance. The "E" and "U" are perceived by the eye very differently. If they hear "SEWA/SUWA" it will be contextualized based on the conversation, article, post, etc. I don't think it would create that much confusion. But in the end, it doesn't matter all that much to me. ESWA/SEWA are both good names.
March 1: A rose by any other name would smell just as sweet: About fifteen years ago, when I was on the Board of Directors, the issue arose concerning the name Friends of the Eagles Nest. The topic became more significant when Friends of the Dillon Ranger District formed and created a further identity crisis. Then, we expanded our focus to include the Holy Cross. Now, the concerns extend to tiny pockets of new wilderness.

<p>I think that reference based in our name based on the county jurisdictions, Eagle-Summit, is inappropriate. Our work is limited to legally-designated wilderness areas. The public is confused enough about calling any plot of land in the mountains that is not covered with a condominium or ski lift a hike in the wilderness.</p> <p>When I wrote my book entitled, Hiking Colorado: Eagles Nest Wilderness, I included trails from Green Mountain Reservoir to Quandary Peak and the Ten Mile Range; trails on the Continental Divide as far as Grays and Torreys Peaks. Within the book, I established sub-titles to clarify the zones.</p> <p>I think that a title for the organization that simply hits the core of our efforts is adequate. FENHCW or FEHW: Friends of the Eagles Nest-Holy Cross Wilderness, if you want to officially extend the target westward for purposes of fundraising and projects.</p> <p>The title of the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness encompasses many more mountain peaks than the Maroon Bells and Snowmass Peak. Despite the narrow title, I am still not lost among them.</p> <p>Kim Fenske</p>
<p>March 1: Upper Colorado Wilderness Alliance</p>
<p>March 1: I would not be in favor of any name with Vail (too specific). I prefer SEWA (see-wa) as it flows better than ESWA and I don't think "sewer" would be a big issue! But including both counties is the key. When I speak of Eagles Nest to people who are not local I have to explain it, vs most CO residents know where Summit and Eagle counties are. Thanks for your work on this.</p>
<p>March 1: I love the new name [Eagle Summit Wilderness Alliance] and it totally makes sense. We agree the change works.</p> <p>The Nice family</p>
<p>March 1: As this entity started in Summit County, I prefer that be the first word in the name change - thus Summit Eagle Wilderness Alliance (or Advocates).</p> <p>FOLLOW UP: I still prefer SEWA. I don't see any significant level of confusion between SEWA and SUWA because of distance between two areas and differentiation between E and U. Another option is to add hyphen (-) between S and E to read Summit-Eagle Wilderness Alliance (or Advocates). However, the Board decides is a great improvement because of the greater area of coverage the current name does not cover.</p> <p>Bo Chapin</p>
<p>March 1: Yes, ESWA works for me, although I rather skimmed the text. The image of an eagle on/at/above a summit is a fine visual, and ties with your current logo image.</p> <p>Second place for me would be FOATWIOOTW-PPF : Friends of All the Wilderness in Our Neck of the Woods, Past, Present and Future</p> <p>... but I think ESWA comes off better.</p> <p>Good work pulling this together and presenting it to your community!</p> <p>Cheers, Dave</p>

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Present: Ken, Mike, Tim, Dan, Bill, Cindy, Laurie, Currie, Dave O, Frank G, Dave B, Corey Richardson (USFS), Mike Mayer

1. Welcome (Betz)
2. Roll Call / Introductions (Betz)
  - a. Introduction of Cory Richardson (USFS)
3. Review/Approve Agenda (Betz)
4. Review/Approve Minutes from 14 March 2019 (Siebert)
5. Review/Approve Treasurer's Report (Harper)
  - see treasure report
  - NFF had issues depositing money / Ken will send Jim a photo of check
  - Inquiry from Currie on Taxes
  - Inquiry about Ken transferring duties to Chris
  - Motion Tim / Second Bill (Unanimous)

### SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

Name Change Proposal

NOTE: Please read carefully the 30 comments received ([www.fenw.org/](http://www.fenw.org/))

1. Straw vote by secret ballot (BOD only), with results read by USFS liaisons
  - a. ESWA X 11111111
  - b. SEWS X 11
2. Discussion, motion to change name, vote (BOD)
  - a. Motion to change by Tim / Seconded Frank
    - i. All in favor
3. If motion passes, discussion, motion for the new name, vote (BOD)
  - a. Discussion between alliance and steward definitions
  - b. Discussion on how you pronounce different names & available acronyms
  - c. Discussion on tax implementations of when transferring a name (Mike Browning will assist through reviewing legal aspects of the name change)
  - d. Discussion on variations of internet names
  - e. Motion by Jim to rename ESWA / Ken Seconded Unanimous / Frank abstained
4. If #3 passes, discussion of whether to hyphenate name, motion, vote (BOD)
  - a. Consensus seems to be a hyphenate seems unnecessary
5. If #3 passes, appointment of Implementation Committee Chair

Appointment of New Logo Committee Chair (L. Alexander)

### **-Please give Laurie your attention and diligence on this matter:**

- Discussion on previous implementation plan and scope creep
- Discussion on logo change
  - Discussion on feedback from Laurie's homework and trends she saw
    - pro's & con's
  - Committee members will need your help!
  - There is only one project manager
  - All committee members will need to participate
- Laurie proposed to use a graphic designer to assist with re-branding
  - discussion on prices
    - KIND DESIGN offered quote and they will give a non-profit rate

- KD redesigned VVMBA / Prices have potential gone up since our last discussion
- discussion on the process of how rebranding works / various designs?
- discussion on how to communicate rebrand and timeline

## REPORTS & UPDATES

5. Chair's report (Betz)
    - a. -Bill (& Laurie) attending a meeting and he was impressed by promotional material (PWV workshop Ft. Collins)
  6. VWR Program (Mayer, Harper, Betz)
    - a. -MM-10 applications so far, working on revision of training
    - b. -Ken will be sending out a recruitment letter for referrals
    - hard to hear Cindy M
  8. Trail & Campsite Program (L. Alexander)
    - Cindy E/Mike Beach provided a list of their needs / Kate will be leading up-to 2
    - 7/12-14 Summit County Work
    - 8/9-11 Eagle County Work
    - When Ken gets deluge lake trail work days locked in we will promote on our social media channels
    - Tim will send through our dates for ERWSD Gore Creek Trail work and we could send out to ESWA members. If we could get more interest, we could consider another night
  9. USFS reports (Ebbert, Beach)
    - (Cindy E) Lead WR is returning / The NFF grant has fallen through this year so they will not have interns. FS saw training is 6/12-14 in Aspen and there is a few spots available currently
    - Discussion on training needed by volunteers (CPR/First Aid)
    - Mike: Discussion with TOV on East Vail Trails
    - Plan to update kiosk and add porta-potties
    - update signage at Booth Falls Trailhead
    - Considering community hosts at trailheads for education on parking, trail etiquette, etc.
    - Will begin working on management plan with TOV
  10. Noxious Weeds (J. Alexander)
  11. Fundraising (Turner)/ Absent
- ## PUBLICITY (No Reports/Notes)
12. Website (Betz/Muesing)
  13. Social Media (L. Alexander)
  14. eNewsletter (Betz)
  15. Hard Copy Newsletter (J. Alexander)
- ## PROJECTS
16. Advisory Board (Craven)
    - Found interest for future advisors but none were interested currently due to previous obligations. Will be traveling soon but once he returns he will devote some effort
  17. VWR report form revision (Muesing)
    - skipped
  18. Grant Applications (Beach, Ebbert, J. Alexander)
    - Received NFF Grant and waiting to hear about Boots on the ground grant
  19. Wilder Fest (Betz) Planning committee - Sunday August 18
    - Photo contest will go out to core list, newsletter

Chair (venue, food, and award): Betz

Sponsors: L. Alexander

Photo contest: Siebert

Photography: Owens

Publicity (newspaper; banners; swag): L. Alexander

Check-in table staffing: Joan Betz

Silent Auction: Turner

20. Advocacy - Summit County Safe Passages (Drescher)

NEW BUSINESS

20. New logo discussion (L. Alexander)

Next Planning Meeting 9 May

Friends of Eagles Nest Wilderness  
Planning Meeting Notes - May 9, 2019  
Copper Mtn Community Association Meeting Room

Attendees: Bill, Mike Mayrer, Dave Owens, Frank, Laurie, Chris, Ken, Tim via Zoom, Dan via Zoom

- Agenda approved
- Minutes from last meeting approved
- Treasurers Report approved
  - Big thanks to Ken Harper for being Treasurer last few years!
  - Role passed over to Chris Turner
- Bill's Report
  - Beau Schuette Memorial
    - Planting trees is not a FS priority now
    - Bill will work with Barb Schuette to determine another memorial
  - John Fayhee communicated his unhappiness with the new name decision, ESWA, on Facebook and email to the board. Bill described to him the process that was taken to decide the name and invited him to the board meeting. Nothing new since then.
  - Mike **Sherone?**, Painter looking for sponsors – not sure what to do about it
  - Colorado Corridors Colorado Wilds, take kids on Vail Pass and have them help service the wildlife monitoring cameras – not sure how FENW can support (Paige)
  - Vail Town Council - Booth Falls Trailhead Partnership
    - Tim Talked to Mike Beach – he didn't anticipate a permit system being implemented, but probably more a Vail press rumor. Mike will give us an update soon
    - Aaron Mayville contacted Bill – Tim will keep us updated on that front
  - Poop Bags – 200 poop bags received to be distributed by VWR
  - CDC? Conference starts tomorrow – Bill is attending
- VWR Program
  - Interviewed 8 people (one going with FDRD) (12 total on east side), (3 on west side) for training on the 8th
  - Jim Cummins is helping with the interviews
  - Should have shirt sizes by Saturday for Joan
  - Getting supplies together for the training
  - Committee members are helping
  - VWR Packets – Dave O will put together
  - Laurie will add a reminder for VWRs to provide referrals for VWR training, to the email to VWRs
  - May 22 – June 5 Frank will be on vacation
  - Training manual has been transcribed and ready – yea Joan!!
    - This will need a lot of editing, need help
      - Need weeds section – Jim
      - Chris has offered to bind the manuals in the future
      - New owner at Copy Copy – may not give us a discount
        - Bill will check out med center copy center cost for copying manuals
  - Thanks to Chris!!!! Biggest in-kind donation with his HCN printing, being our new Treasures and putting together the Silent Auction for Wilderfest
  - Trail and Campsite Projects
  - VVMTA – Tim met with the Executive Director (Ernest)
    - Still Trying to figure out how we can work together
    - Took them a year to do their name change
    - Tim met Bergan from Eagle Valley Land Trust
      - Good contact to write an essay for enewsletter

- Adopt-a-Trail
  - Eagle Water Team? training in Minturn for adopt-a-trail work?
  - Deluge Lake Trail – Ken needs to figure out how to choose days
    - Maybe weekend
    - Maybe include a weekend evening?
    - Ken likes all days so they can get all the way up the trail clearing trees
- Weeds – Jim’s report
  - We are in contact with Troy Osborne of Osborne Industries who will do the treatment, we will be doing the contract in the next week. Steve Elzinga has already outlined the basics with him.
  - We've scheduled a weed pull at Acorn Creek with the Sierra club on June 13. They believe 11 will come, we'll also see if any FENW members would like to come.
  - We are trying to pull together a Weed team that is willing to search for and measure weed infestations. Members of this time will adopt an infestation, and hike to measure the infestations that are being treated. Advertisement for this team is attached.
  - I will be at the June 8 training to do a 20 minute overview of the weed program, I'll also try to make the other trainings. We will
    - Discuss the importance of just noticing weeds, and how it helps with matching funds.
    - Show how to take pictures of weeds and submit them.
    - Show 3 pickable weeds, and ask if they have time, to pick Musk thistle they might find and carry out in a bag.
    - see if any rangers are willing to Adopt an infestation and do the measurement as part of their regular hikes. (lowest priority for new VWRs)
- Fund Raising – Chris
  - Looking for gifts for silent auction
  - Need to connect with the new guy at REI
  - Tom Jones – owner of wilderness sports, potential for donation
- eNewsletter – June Paige Singer on Safe Passages for Vail Pass, last month’s was on completed projects along rt 9
- 300 HCNs were mailed out
- Currie – contacted 10 or so people for Advisory Board, still working on it
- Grants – Jim’s update
  - We didn’t get the Patagonia grant but got a very nice “try again” note
  - Still looking for a llama grant possibility
  - Jim will start working on grants again July – needs ideas from the board
- Wilderfest
  - Photo Contest – Dan no water marks, high def
    - Sent out the rules
    - Calendars, cards, rights to use those photos
    - Open up to 300 HCN newsletter people
      - Winner – canvas print of winning photo
      - Second place – cards
      - Can make a calendar with top 12 photos
      - Contact framer in Silverthorne for winner - Frank
    - Dave – Photos
    - Joan Table



- Food – Bill, EZ Cater, Laurie get HOA caterer’s contact info
  - Food Heads
  - Mountain Lion Café
- Gail Shears – working on stained glass
- Program – 45 minutes
- First Aid/CPR course for sawyers and VWR – Frank point person. Dave B and Frank, Bob T. – Move to Trail and Campsites section under Frank
- Dan will put together ideas on “membership” management
  - Get top 5 membership software packages
  - Dan will put together a process and thought process to get us there
  - Goal to have ability for auto renewals
  - Good to have software package that sends out emails
  - Maryanne G is hot on this topic of membership
- Next Meeting June 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Moved to adjourn

Friends of Eagles Nest Wilderness  
Planning Meeting Notes – June 10, 2019  
Copper Mtn Community Association Meeting Room

Attendees: Bill Betz, Mike Mayrer, Dave Owens, Frank Guttman, Chris Turner, Ken Harper, Tim Drescher, Ellie Finlay, Mike Browning, Currie Craven

- Agenda approved
- Minutes from last meeting approved
- Treasurers Report approved
  - Two A-Basin contribution checks for \$2,000 each seem to have been lost in the mail. A-Basin has offered to issue new ones that Chris will pick up and deposit
- Bill's Report
  - Attended Wilderness Workshop in May which was excellent
  - Attended FDRD dinner; they have full calendar of events scheduled for the summer
- VWR Program Report by Ken and Mike
  - 16 total trainees attended the training held on June 8. 11 from Summit County side and 5 from Eagle County side
  - Thanks were offered to Joan Betz for retyping and formatting the training manual
  - Thanks were offered to Ken and Mike for putting on a great program
- Trail and Campsite Program by Tim Drescher
  - Sign ups for the Slate Creek , Gore Creek and Gore Lake trail projects are proceeding. Flyers on the trail projects will be laminated and posted on at trailheads on the Summit side by Mike Mayrer and on the Eagle side by Ken Harper
- USFS Reports
  - Neither Cindy Ebbert nor Mike Beach were present. Mike Browning reported that news outlets had reported that the USFS had rescinded its decision to allow chain saws to be used this summer to clear downed trees in San Juan wilderness areas
  - Frank will send USFS a thank you letter on behalf of FENW for reconsidering the issue
- Weeds
  - Mike Browning reported that Jim had held a weed committee meeting at which eight people indicated a desire to help. Also, the contract with Osborne Industries had been signed for weed spraying in July and August at the eight areas identified by Steve Elzinga.
  - Jim will schedule a follow up committee meeting and also a possible field trip with an expert to help committee members identify local weeds.

- Each committee member identified one of the eight areas identified by Steve Elzinga to monitor this summer both before and after the spraying to help judge its effectiveness.
- Fund Raising – Chris
  - Making progress securing gifts for the silent auction at Wilderfest
- eNewsletter – Betz
  - Putting together eNewsletter for July and August. Mike Browning will do an article on Everest for the July edition
- Social Media – nothing new
- Name Change Implementation (Tim Drescher)
  - Mock-up of new logo will be presented at the July 11 planning meeting for approval
  - Bill noted that new banners, stickers and other material will need to be available by the August 18 Wilderfest event
- Advisory Board – Currie
  - Still contacting potential members
- Grants – nothing new
- Wilderfest
  - Committee toured the site in Frisco and thinks it will work well
  - Town has cut the rental charge from \$400 to \$200
  - Mary Lynn Hamilton has agreed to manage the food and identified several possible providers
    - Plan is to invite about 400 people, not make it a public event
    - Plan is to offer free lunches to about 200 VWR, past donors and other key supporters as a thank you
    - Have emails for 200 other people who have touched FENW in the past who will be invited but charged for lunch; amount to be determined
    - It was suggested that anyone who becomes a member with a \$25 dues payment also receive a free lunch to encourage membership signup
    - Program – about 45 minutes
    - Currie offered use of two placards that can be put on sidewalk to indicate to those passing by what is going on
- Next Meeting July 11, 2019.
- Moved to adjourn



MINUTES - Friends of Eagles Nest Wilderness - Planning Meeting  
11 July 2019 - 5:30 pm - USFS offices Minturn & Silverthorne (video link)

Attendance: Dan Siebert, Tim Drescher, Ken Harper, Mike Beach, Bill Betz, Mike Browning, Chris Turner, Joan Betz, Mike Alexander, Laurie Alexander, Cindy Ebert, Dave Owens, Frank Guthrie, Mike Mayer

1. Welcome (Betz)
2. Roll Call / Introductions (Betz)
3. Review/Approve Agenda (Betz)
4. Review/Approve Treasurer's Report (Harper/Turner)
  - See Treasures Report
  - Will send a thank you note to ABasin
- 5.
6. **SPECIAL CONSIDERATION:** New Logo Proposal  
(all votes by secret ballot (BOD only)), with results read by USFS liaisons
  - Straw vote
    - Vote: Yes (IIII) for #1 / No (III)
  - Discussion, motion to change logo, vote
    - Discussion on the design. No's didn't seem to like the water droplet portion of the logo
    - Discussion on possible improvements / revisions of the design
    - Discussion on if we should table vote and ask for one more round through Kind Design / allocate more money for another round?
  - If motion passes, discussion, motion for a particular new logo, vote
    - Table motion for future discussion & Bill will reach out to committee members to keep pushing discussion
    - Thank you Tim & Laurie for your work getting us this far!

#### REPORTS & UPDATES

7. Chair's report (Betz)
8. VWR Program (Mayrer, Harper, Betz)
  - 14 volunteers from FENW & 30+ from DRD and went to multiple trailheads. They noticed that parking is becoming an issue as the county/city has started putting out no-parking signs.
  - Ken-Deluge lake Trail: Lopped lots of trees and am considering moving volunteer time to Saturday to get more people involved
9. Trail & Campsite Program (Alexander)
  - Mike Browning: East Vail Trails parking is very difficult. Attended East Vail Trail planning meeting (see attached Mike Browning Minutes)
  - Mike Beach: Discussed Marketing of trails for the future to spread everyone out and also a survey to collect data on where people are coming from, where they are wanting to go and what type of experience they want so they can be directed to less populated trail
  -
10. VVMTA, Adopt-a-trail (Drescher)
  - Trip has moved to Upper Cataract due to Slate Lake

Trail River running to fast

- On Gore Trail we are installing a turnpike while knocking out social trails
11. USFS reports (Ebbert, Beach)
    - Cindy: Two person crew this year and have been out cutting trees and got two volunteers certified. Will be working through Boulder, Surprise & Black Creek Draingers. Boulder Creek bridge got taken out by a tree and will need to be replaced in the next few years (in addition to Slate Creek), Youth Corps are working on a mountain bike trail to move it further away from the wilderness boundary
    - Mike Beach: \$3000 budgeted for tools/signs→ how do they go about spending it? (Ken: Purchase and keep receipts and FENW will reimburse)  
Budget items (e.g., signage - Beach)
  12. Noxious Weeds (Jim Alexander)
    - Great Job Jim!! Excellent article! Had a training day Lauren Duran and they have noticed that weeds aren't popping out yet because of weather. Have sprayed 6 trails and other spots are delayed. Hike Acorn & Salt Lick Trails and not many weeds are popped up. Have had 11-20 volunteers for future spraying and mapping of locations through GPS.
  13. Fundraising (Turner)

#### PUBLICITY

14. Website, eNewsletter (Betz)
  - Nothing to report
15. Social Media (Alexander)
  - Fantastic response to the latest email

#### PROJECTS

16. Name change implementation (Alexander)
  - Tabled for further work
17. Advisory Board (Craven)
  - Craven not present
18. Grant Applications (Beach, Ebbert)
19. WilderFest (Betz, Siebert, Alexander, Owens)
  - Discussion of how to set Chris up as Paypal administrator
  - Bill B will make presentation for Currie Craven Award
  - Would like to get a slot for Mary Anne Guag (sp)
  - Joan & Ellie will be on the sign on committee (table)
  - Dave Owens will send a letter John Fayhe (sp?)

#### NEW BUSINESS

16. FENW table at FOLBR Annual Meeting? (11am-2pm, Sunday 28 July) Next Planning Meeting 8 August

Eagle Summit Wilderness Alliance (formerly FENW)  
Planning Meeting Notes – August 8, 2019  
Copper Mtn Consolidated Metro District Meeting Room

Attendees: Bill Betz, Mike Browning, Ken Harper, Joan Betz, Jim Alexander, Mike Mayer, Dave Owens, Frank Gutmann, Dave Brewster, Cindy Ebert (USFS), Scott Miller and Lander Karath (Wilderness Society)

1. Welcome. Bill Betz welcomed all attendees, especially Scott Miller and Lander Karath from The Wilderness Society.
2. Roll Call. A quorum was present. The following proxies were recognized: Tim Drescher to Ken Harper; Currie Craven to Frank Gutmann, and Chris Turner to Bill Betz.
3. Agenda and Minutes. The draft agenda and draft minutes from June 10 and July 11, 2019 meetings were approved.
4. Treasurers Report. The monthly Treasurer's update of accounts was circulated and approved.
5. Chair's Report. Bill reported that he, Don Tebbs, Tom Combs and Joan Betz had staffed a table at the Friends of the Lower Blue River annual meeting on August 11, 2019.
6. The Wilderness Society Presentation. Scott Miller, Senior Regional Director for the Southwest Region of The Wilderness Society, introduced himself and his colleague Lander Karath. They reported on the following matters:
  - a. Ruby Ranch. Four homeowners in the Ruby Ranch Subdivision have homes that were approved and built in the 1990s's that abut the Eagle's Nest Wilderness. The homeowners' association want to do fire mitigation on the adjacent ENW lands. Options range from not allowing any such work, de-designating the portion of the ENW adjacent to the lots, or the USFS allowing some limited fuel reduction work to be done. The USFS is undertaking an internal process to see what and how the USFS should respond. The Wilderness Society believes that the USFS allowing the removal of dead and downed trees by hand is likely to be the best approach. TWS recommends that ESWA stand by and await further info from the USFS.
  - b. New Reservoir in Holy Cross Wilderness (HCW). Aurora is in the early stages of proposing a new reservoir to be constructed near the Tigwon Road turnoff in the HCW and is proposing to relocate the existing road in the HCW and de-designating ~500 acres of existing HCW for reservoir and road construction. They have floated legislation to accomplish the de-designation to the delegation. They are also applying for a drilling permit from the County to do preliminary geologic drilling at possible dam locations. The Wilderness Society strongly opposes such legislation, which is at minimum many years premature. Scott indicated that it would be appropriate, if ESWA desires, for ESWA to notify its members of this threat and encourage them to voice their opposition to Senator Bennet, Senator Gardner, and Representative Neguse. Letters to the editor in the Vail Daily would also be helpful.
  - c. CORE Act. Scott provided an update on the pending Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act and noted that Congressman Tipton was introducing a watered-down alternative that would leave out all of the protections in Eagle and Summit Counties and that would also remove thousands of acres of wilderness study areas in Colorado from further wilderness consideration. Scott invited ESWA, if ESWA desires, to encourage its members to let their delegation, especially Cory Gardner, know of their support of the existing CORE Act (including its Wilderness and other protections in Eagle and Summit Counties) and opposition to the Tipton alternative.
7. VWR Program. Participation is good. Bill will try figure out how to allow VWRs to sign up for patrols on their Apple devices. Bill Betz will provide more "wag bags" to the Minturn and Dillon USFS offices that VWRs can pick up and hand out to back country campers.
8. Trail and Campsite Program. Tim reported that over 1500 downed trees had been cleared from trails by FENW and USFS crews. A trip is upcoming to Gore Lake with the USFS and llamas to remove illegal fire rings around Gore Lake, put up a "No Campfires" sign near the Lake, and do general trail maintenance along the way.

9. Noxious Weeds. Jim reported that Osborne Industries had completed the season's weed spraying but had only been able to cover four of the six desired locations before running through the allotted time. The contractor will provide mapping and USGS data to Jim on the areas treated. Volunteers will inspect the areas in the next 30-45 days to view and document the results of the spraying.
10. Fundraising. Jim discussed several additional possible grant applications. Cindy will provide ideas for some additional tools that the USFS would love to acquire that might be the subject of grant applications.
11. Website, eNewsletter, Social Media. Bill reported that the next eNewsletter will include an article from the Blue River Watershed Group about the Watershed and their work.
12. New Logo/Name Change. Mike reported that Damon was working on some alternative marks instead of the water drop previously proposed.
13. Name Change Implementation. Mike will file the name change paperwork with the Colorado Secretary of State. Bill will provide Mike a list of contracts, bank accounts, etc. that will also need to be formally changed to ESWA.
14. Advisory Board. No report. Currie's mother passed away recently so he has been tied up.
15. Grant Applications. See Agenda Item 10 above.
16. WilderFest. Bill reported that plans were progressing well. A reminder email will be sent to invitees soon.
17. King Soopers Community Reward Program. Mike reported that King Soopers/City Market had changed their program and that it is now tied to their customers' loyalty cards and that any purchases at any store statewide will now count automatically, once a customer selects ESWA as the beneficiary via the Company's website. Mike will provide information to Bill about this for inclusion in the next eNewsletter.
18. Keystone Science School. Dave reported that the School is interested in having some of its students "shadow" a VWR during a patrol. It was agreed that two VWRs should be involved in any shadowed patrol for liability reasons. Dave will do a "trial" patrol with another VWR and a student and report back.
19. Wolf Reintroduction. Dave reported that the Sierra Club is involved in getting enough signatures to put a wolf reintroduction initiative on the ballot in November of 2019. They were invited to attend the upcoming WilderFest to provide information and seek signatures.
20. D&O Insurance. Mike noted that ESWA should consider getting Director and Officers Insurance to protect its officials. He explained that this is different (and cheaper) than liability insurance for ESWA itself. Bill will see what similar "Friends" group do.
21. Next Meeting. September 12, 2010 at 5:30. Location TBD.
22. Adjournment.



Attendance: Tim D, Dan S, Bill B, John Currie, Frank G, Ken, Chris

Attendees: Kim Fenske, Dave Brewster, Dave Owens, Stone Weaver

## DRAFT AGENDA - Friends of Eagles Nest Wilderness - Planning Meeting

12 September 2019 - 5:30 pm - **CMCMD, Copper Mountain**

1. Welcome (Betz)
2. Roll Call / Introductions (Betz)
  - o Introductions to new attendees
3. Review/Approve Agenda (Betz)
  - o Photo Calendar (ESWA Calendar)
4. Review/Approve Minutes (Betz)
  - o Ken /Tim
5. Review/Approve Treasurer's Report (Turner)
  - o See Treasure Report
  - o Discussion on how to show appreciation to A-Basin
    - Swag / hats / parties / events
  - o Discussion on Agreement Modification for \$5000 and best way to utilize
  - o Discussion on Beau Schuttee Memorial Fund
  - o Discussion on ESWA rollout and best way to promote
    - How much should we budget for ESWA rollout?

### REPORTS & UPDATES

6. Chair's report (Betz)
  - o Thank you to Kim Fenske for being lead in Lily pad project
7. Election of Chair-Elect
  - o Mike Browning would be a great chair-elect.
  - o Frank motion / Currie second unanimous

### 8. USFS reports (absent)

Ebbert

Beach

9. VWR Program (Harper, Betz)
  - o Ken
    - Party is set at Jay Cabin 9/29
    - Discussion on how to show appreciation to Oberle (sp?)
      - Promotion of Avalanche Ranch
      - Thank you note to them
        - o Ken will draft thank you note
      - Promotion of AVR on social media?
      - Newspaper?
      - Ken will provide Qdoba and some wine , Currie will bring some ice/beer
    - Discussion on RSVP on website? What size of attendance? Appreciation Gifts?
10. Trail & Campsite Program (Drescher)  
VVMTA, Adopt-a-trail (Drescher, Harper)
  - Discussion on Upper Cataract & Gore Lake Project
  - Work was completed on Deluge & Gore Creek Trail
    - o Tim will send over contact info

### 11. Noxious Weeds (see below for report)

#### PUBLICITY

- Discussion on grants Jim has applied for
- Dave Brewster: Good time to look for projects as vendors are looking to set schedule

### 12. Website, eNewsletter, Social Media (Betz)

## PROJECTS

- Susie Kincaid will be contributing
- Discussion on Medal status of rivers and how you gain/lose this status
- Dave Cantrell about National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance

### 13. New logo (Drescher)

- Discussion on new logo designs
- Feedback on design

### 14. Name change implementation (Betz)

- Discussion on new URL and process to get it active

### 15. Grant Applications (Ebbert)/ Absent

### 16. WilderFest: review and take away (see p.2 for comments)

- Discussion on Wilderfest comments
- Discussion on different locations

### 17. Liability Insurance

- Mike Browning (absent)
- Frank working on quotes

## NEW BUSINESS

-Calendar: Tabled on lack of need

Next Planning Meeting 10 October

WEED REPORT - Jim Alexander: The weed program successfully treated trails in July - Martin Creek, Lake Creek, and Harrigan Creek using Osborne Industries. We also did a weed pull at Hunters Knob, followed by Weed Pulls at Acorn Creek.

Osborne Industries were paid for their services after completion of their work.

Weed Spotters have visited most of the areas treated to confirm treatment and mostly musk thistle & oxeye daisy were treated, with some Canada Thistle and Common Mullen as well. All areas appeared to be effectively killing most weeds in the application zones.

Jim visited an area above the Harrigan Creek Trail as well as the Martin Creek Trailhead and the infestations are surprisingly extensive. Above harrigan creek it is not possible to walk without pushing by thistles. So there is a lot of work ahead.

This month Jim will write the final report for the NFF Grant, then begin work on the grant for next year. Since we weren't able to treat 3 of the projected areas because the weeds at other areas are so extensive, we will ask for double the money. We will also look into alternative manual treatment methods.

In August Jim also applied for a grant from the Colorado Native Plant society to finance a honorarium for a student (Senior or early Masters) to study one of our Wilderness areas as a project. It is probably a low probability we'll win it - what the heck.

Dave Brewster has been looking into VOC and other groups that might help with a weed pull next year.

I wasn't able to do any other grants because I don't have any info.

## COMMENTS ON WILDERFEST AUGUST 18

Bill Betz - Comments on August 18 Annual Meeting/WilderFest

1. Attendance - The ~40 attendees, other than the committee were almost entirely longtime member/volunteers (an important source of support). There were few new ones, and there were zero walk-ins from the street (I had expected quite a few, but evidently the overall traffic was down, owing to schools' starting).
2. Publicity - the short article in the SD (submitted by Kim Fenske) was mostly about the last work trip, but the headline was about WilderFest. Mike Browning submitted a more appropriate article; the Editor (Ms Miller) wrote that she would assign a reporter to interview Currie, but he has not replied to me that that has happened yet.
3. Food - we had more than needed, but it seemed OK to me
4. Program - this was too long - nearly an hour. Forty minutes would have been preferable. Maybe just one keynote speaker (although both Maryann and Bill Jackson were terrific).
5. Other - the silent auction was a big success (thanks, Chris). So was the photo contest (thanks, Dan). The Currie Craven Award was nice, although it of course would have been nice if Currie were there. Maryann's comments were excellent. The photos were excellent (thanks, Dave O.).
6. Finances - all the numbers are not yet in. My guess is that the total will be about \$900 costs, less the silent auction income (about \$550).
7. Going Forward - the intent of this was to thank our volunteers and offer a time of fellowship. In the future, we might target different objectives:
  - a) Annual Meeting: We should consider a venue that a) is inside, allowing audio-visual presentations and a cold-weather meeting, and b) offers alcohol. The Copper Mountain venue should work - they now allow EtOH. Or, perhaps a winter-time meeting with a sit-down dinner would be preferable. We need to scout out venues on the west side of Vail Pass.
  - b) Social event: Attract a younger crowd: An event at a brewpub, for example
  - c) A broader goal: A true Fest to celebrate Wilderness would involve other organizations (e.g., Wilderness Workshop if in Eagle County) and be a bigger show. We have now gotten some basic nuts and bolts together, and I think that we could participate in such a joint venture.

Merry Lynne Hamilton: Thanks for your time and hard work! Overall I believe Wilderfest was successful. I agree that the program was too long but it was all interesting.

I don't know what % of volunteers are only here in the summer but perhaps early Sept would result in less traffic for those driving up for the day and still catch summer residents? A 1-3 question survey could be sent to the mailing list to assess preferences. Happy hour at a pub sounds attractive! Or how about a BBQ lunch/annual meeting the same day as training? You already have a captive audience!

Maryann Gaug: Once again on my soapbox. FENW/ESWA needs to get back to being a membership-based organization as the founders intended. That means paying annual dues, requesting annual dues. It doesn't take too much thought to figure out how to do that and include Colorado Gives Day. The annual meeting would then be just that. An Annual Meeting of members to socialize, celebrate volunteer efforts, celebrate any other cool things that happened during the year like noxious weed treatment, etc. The meeting needs to be in the evening (mid-Sunday afternoon right before school opens is not the best time) with audio-visual if necessary. A speaker is nice, reports similar to this year are good. Members should confirm/ratify the Board and officers just like FOLBR does. Takes 3 minutes. And no one is going to not confirm because they know they'll be drafted. Symbolic yes, but people need to feel they belong to the group, thus membership. Mike Browning even told me that at WilderFest.

Occasional social events are a good idea. The Board did that some in 2017-2018. Younger people may or may not show up. They're trying to make ends meet and raise families, etc. Hard group to attract to many organizations, but may be more possible with FENW/ESWA.

Venues on both sides of Vail Pass are needed.

That's it.

Dave Owens: I agree with Maryann's comments on Wilderfest.

I'm disappointed that she's no longer interested in being involved with FENW/ESWA, but am sure she has her reasons.

Meeting Minutes - ESWA - Planning Meeting  
VENUE: **USFS offices in Silverthorne & Minturn**  
TUESDAY 22 October 2019 - 5:30 pm

Attendees: Bill Betz, Chris Turner, Ken Harper, Mike Beach, Cindy Ebbert, Mike Mayrer, Dave Owens, Frank Gutman, Kim Fenske, Dave Brewster

**1. Welcome (Betz)**

Good luck on your next journey in Idaho Mike Beach! This will be his last meeting with ESWA. You're always welcome back!

**2. Roll Call / Introductions (Betz)**

**3. Review/Approve Agenda (Betz)**

Approved the agenda without objection

**4. Review/Approve Minutes (Betz)**

Approved the minutes from September without objection

**5. Review/Approve Treasurer's Report (Turner)**  
**REPORTS & UPDATES**

Approved the treasure's report without objection

**6. Chair's report (Betz) - swag comm., CofC, special eNewsletter**

-New swag will be needed with the new logo

-Kim Fenske will donate some of his books for future fundraising

-With the new name and the new logo, Dave Owens has agreed to be a chair of a committee to seek out swag, banners (anything that might have our name and logo on it). Examine what we want to hand out. Mike Mayrer and Chris Turner agreed to be on the committee as well. Frank mentioned what to do with "the kiosk", in regards to this change over. See below for committee charge.

-eNewsletter; Currie will write an introduction to a special eNewsletter regarding all our latest advocacy updates, aiming for a mid-November publication.

-Chris Turner has suggested joining the Summit County Chamber for \$199 (annual fee). Chris is willing to be the ESWA point person for the chamber. Tim made a motion to join the Chamber, Ken seconded. The motion approved without objection.

**7. USFS reports (Ebbert, Beach)**

-Mike Beach's seasonal employees last day is fast approaching. Around 2,500 trees cut, probably even more in Summit. Lots of avalanche activity to cover. November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting for East Vail trailhead planning will be important, in terms of updates coming to maintain Wilderness characteristics and figure out transportation options to trailheads.

-Cindy Ebbert's Wilderness crew is mostly gone, but has some hunting patrols in Eagles Nest. She has a few folks staying on through November 6<sup>th</sup> to tromp around in the snow. There are two hunting outfitters that operate out of Eagles Nest on the Summit side. Cindy gave an update on possible grant opportunities, and will work with Jim Alexander and Dave Brewster to come up with ideas for support of both the weed mitigation program and the Schuette memorial. Cindy is working on getting funding for more interns for next year. The team went through last summer without their two that they had previously had.

#### **8. VWR Program (Harper, Mayrer)**

-Deep thanks to Ken and Pam for "putting on a great show". The biggest attendance that we've ever had for the recognition party up @ Vail Pass! It was held a little earlier this year (14:00), and that was well received.

-Mike got a good chance to thank Chuck Ogilby for continuing the tradition of donating the night up at Jay's cabin to thank the Volunteer Wilderness Rangers.

#### **9. Trail & Campsite Programs (Drescher, Brewster, Harper)**

-This summer's projects were very successful and there is nothing new to report

#### **10. Noxious Weeds (Brewster - see report below)**

-Reference the board material prepared in advance of the meeting.

-Beau Schuette memorial: Mesa Cortina trail boardwalk discussion. A motion was made by Bill Betz to fund \$16,000 from the Schuette memorial fund to go towards building the new boardwalk, and to lend our support for ongoing efforts to build the boardwalk. This motion passed without objection.

#### **11. Website, eNewsletter, Hard Copy Newsletter, Social Media (Betz) PROJECTS**

-Hard copy newsletter will go out sometime by the end of November or early December.

-Colorado Gives Day will December 10<sup>th</sup> this year.

#### **12. New logo (Drescher)**

-There's a concern about how the eagle head looks. Some think it may look like a vulture. Tim made a motion, and Chris seconded to approve the latest concepts of the logo. The motion passed with six votes in favor to one opposed.

#### **13. Name change implementation (Betz)**

[www.eaglesummitwilderness.org](http://www.eaglesummitwilderness.org) will now direct you to the existing [www.fenw.org](http://www.fenw.org) website.

#### **14. Beau Schuette memorial project - see below (Betz, Turner, Gutmann)**

No further discussion as previous motion passed.

#### **15. Advisory Board (Craven)**

Currie mentioned some possible candidates for the advisory board. They are currently serving on other boards though.

## **16. NEW BUSINESS**

No discussion.

Chris Turner will continue to look into venue options for hosting Skype meetings for the monthly planning meetings.

## **17. Swag, etc. Committee (Owens)**

No further discussion.

## **18. First Aid course (Gutmann)**

To be a sawyer you need to be accredited for CPR, AED and first aid. Frank moves to make a motion to mandate that people with their sawyer certification get their CPR, AED and first aid certification, and encourage them to pay for it on their own, but if they can't, then we will cover the expenses for this certification. Motion passed with objection. Frank will work on a second proposal concerning VWRs, and will send out written information.

## **19. Tom Koehler proposal (Drescher)**

There were more questions than answers for this event.

The Planning Meeting scheduled for November will be cancelled and we will reconvene on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Location TBD.

# AGENDA - ESWA Planning Meeting

VENUE: **REI Dillon** & Eagle River Water & Sanitation District, **846 W Forest Rd, Vail**

TUESDAY 17 December 2019 - 5:30 pm

1. Welcome (Betz)
  - o Moment of Silence for Kim Fenske: Moment of thankfulness for his accomplishment
  - o Discussion on how ESWA can show appreciation
    - Newsletter
    - Letter to the editor
2. Roll Call / Introductions (Betz)
  - o Tim Drescher, Ken H, Chris Turner, Bill Betz, Dave Owens, Dan Siebert, Frank Guttman in attendance
3. Review/Approve Agenda (Betz)
  - o Correction: Weed Report will not be given by Dave or Jim
  - o October Planning Meeting: Unanimous Acceptance
4. Review/Approve Minutes (Betz)
  - o October Planning Meeting: Unanimous Acceptance
5. Review/Approve Treasurer's Report (Turner)
  - o See Treasures Report
  - o Dan will send out Thank You Notes
  - o How can we show appreciation to large donors?
  - o Treasurer's report approved

## unanimously REPORTS & UPDATES

6. Chair's report (Betz)
  - o Discussion on A-Basin generosity. Winter storm blocked Eagle County attendees
7. COGives results (Turner)
  - o 40 donors
8. USFS reports (Ebbert, Beach)
  - o No Notes: Not Present
9. VWR Program (Harper, Mayrer)
  - o Nothing to report
10. Trail & Campsite Programs (Drescher, Brewster, Harper)
  - o Discussion on Llama usage but no specific trips planned as of today for 2020
  - o We have two llamas available
  - o Tim will be putting together 2 trips on Eagle County Side
  - o Dave Brewster will be putting together 2 trips on Summit County Side
  - o No notes for adopt a trail
11. Noxious Weeds (Alexander)
  - o Jim was able to get 10K for Mesa Cortina from Summit Foundation

Sadly, we didn't win the grant from Silverthorne for saws, haven't heard an answer from Frisco on the identical proposal to them. Silverthorne would welcome we try again next time around. We won the Summit Foundation grant to support the Mesa Cortina Boardwalk work. They awarded ESWA \$7000 from the Summit Foundation with an additional \$3000 from the Summit Mountain Rentals (a fund managed by the Summit Foundation).

- a. I'm going to work on a press release, and/or article to get publicity for the project in the first Quarter of next year. Please, I'd ask that **no one announce this publicly or put it on social media** without discussing it with me first.
- b. The funds are only to be used for materials for the project, not for the Rocky Mountain Youth Core.
- c. Summit Foundation would like to be on site to take pictures once the project is under way.

The NFF Grant has been submitted for \$33,000, doubling our work from last year. We should hear by late March if we get the grant.

- a. I'd like to set up a Weed Spotter Planning session in late January/February for those who want to be part of the Weed Spotter team.

We will use about \$1000 funds to buy the following – but could use partner donations too: about 5 weed extraction tools, cell phone weed identification apps for about 8 volunteers, and thistle identification books for VWR's. PUBLICITY

- 12. Website, eNewsletter, Hard Copy Newsletter, Social Media (Turner, Betz)
  - o Joined the Summit Chambers
    - Summit TV is offering a free 4-minute interview
  - o Discussion with advertising through Summit Daily / Vail Daily
  - o Would be a great opportunity to solicit volunteers
  - o Have a meeting with Always Mountain Time
  - o Meeting with Marketing Team with REI
  - o Hard time with Mail Chimp
    - Want us to increase to a paid subscription
  - o Master list is updated with all donations
  - o Discussion on advocacy email
  - o Gone through website and changed name
    - Need to change URL to ESWA rather than FENW (Chris & Bill will work on it)
    - Facebook needs to be updated (Tim will spearhead this item)
    - Instagram needs to be updated (Dan will spearhead this item / Bill send login)
    - Need to update through Summit Foundation (Chris will do this)
    - Legal documents need to be updated (Mike Browning hopefully will lead this)

PROJECTS

- 13. Swag Committee Report (Owens - see below)
  - o See report below
  - o ESWA needs to make some mockups for review
- 14. Name change implementation (Betz)
  - o Discussed in previous items
- 15. Advisory Board (Craven)
  - o Maryanne Guag will serve
  - o Discussion on role of advisory board
- 16. NEW BUSINESS
- 17. First Aid course (Gutmann)
  - o Discussion if we should focus on First Aid courses rather than CPR
  - o Instructor is through the Ambulance District
  - o Frank will write a proposal/report for the VWR

committee Next Planning Meeting Thursday 9 January

**NEW MEMBER/DONORS (COGives donors not previously in our list):**

*[The following text is extremely faint and largely illegible, appearing to be a list of names and details related to new members or donors.]*