

FENW Board Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2005

Attendees

Currie, George, John, Jonathan, Kim, and Maryann. Meeting was held at "La casa de la Kriegel" – thanks, Jonathan.

Meeting Minutes

- Minutes for October BOD meeting approved with a minor change.

Treasurer's Report

- Balance on hand at November 15 is \$16,506.88

Business Items

Durango Meeting

- Sponsored by the San Juan Mountain Association; Currie felt the meeting was worthwhile.
- General topics were strategic vision oriented.
- Wilderness Training session will be held in Leadville in May.

Review of Strategy Meeting

- Further discussion needed; plan is to finalize the Strategic Plan in January/February.

Project Review

- Letter of support for USFS project (Ken Waugh is responsible for the grant package) has been completed.
- FENW will commit 12 volunteers for 7 hours a day, at a cost of \$17.55 per day for each volunteer.
- Project sites include the South Willow Creek area and the Buffalo Cabin Trail.

Brochure Discussion

- Brochure has been simplified and was reviewed at the meeting; everyone liked it.
- Maryann will have final review with a few others (e.g. Tom Jones) and then have ready for printing.
- Brochure will be ready for distribution at the December 21 Summit Foundation presentation.

VOC projects in Summit County for 2006; Trail Crew Training

- VOC has approved at project (around Labor Day) in southern Summit County.
- Also, VOC will offer Crew Leader Training 6 weeks prior to Labor Day; further details are TBD.

Backcountry Snowsports Association

- Group is establishing a Summit County chapter and will coordinate projects with local groups like FENW, Friends of Dillon Ranger District, and others.

John Fielder Discussion and Presentation on November 22

- FENW BD will discuss a possible 2006 FENW event with John at his November 22 show in Silverthorne; further details pending after the show.

Newsletter

- Draft outline reviewed; plan is to have Newsletter as a year-end report and published in December or early January.
- George will organize details.

Other Items

- High Altitude Training Program discussion/review period has been extended.
- OHV roadless rules have been distributed for comment. Jonathan will consider possible action plans for FENW regarding comment period.
- Travel Report is coming; timing is TBD.

Special Events/Meeting Schedule for 2006

- See the attached 2006 calendar for a listing of all events and meetings.
- Will continue to have meetings the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 at County Commons; Jonathan will handle scheduling.
- Next meeting is January 26 at 6:00

FENW Board Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2005

Attendees

Board Meeting – Currie, George, Jonathan, Kim, and Maryann. Also, Beth and Cindy from USFS.

Pre-Meeting for Strategy Discussion – Currie, George, Jonathan, Maryann, Beth, Cindy, and Ken and Cam Meyer (USFS); enjoyed dinner at Fiesta Jalisco in Frisco.

Meeting Minutes

- Minutes for September BOD meeting approved with an additional item regarding payment for work performed by BD members.

Treasurer's Report

- Balance on hand at October 13 is \$6,847.37.
- Since last meeting, \$130 in dues received.
- Also, checks totaling \$9,600 received after October 13 from the National Forest Foundation; all monies requested were reimbursed.

Board Membership

- Kem Swarts has resigned from the Board.

Business Items – Old Business

Hunters Patrol

- Will know final bill by mid-November – Cindy to notify FENW.
- Budget includes \$2,900 for 2005; motion passed to pay \$2,900 or lesser amount.
- Any difference below budget will be allocated to Hunter Patrol for 2006.
- Note – final amount was \$2,900.

Durango Wilderness Meeting

- Currie planning to attend and present information on the Volunteer Wilderness Steward program.

Volunteer Wilderness Steward Feedback Session

- Program considered an overall success by participants and USFS.
- Volunteers provided a lot of feedback which Maryann documented and distributed; many volunteers plan to participate again in 2006.

FENW Brochure

- Final draft coming together; any changes need to be to Maryann by end of next week.
- Suggestions made to minimize verbiage and expand use of pictures; Maryann will incorporate as best she can; Jonathan and Kim will assist.
- Timing is to complete and distribute in early December.

Business Items – New Business

High Altitude Training (HAATS)

- Concerns regarding proposed location(s) for the training and possible adverse affect on wilderness areas.
- Currie will provide comments during the comment period.

Travel Management

- USFS waiting for final OHV rules; then plan will be published.
- Note – Plan was released in early November.

FENW Newsletter

- Agreed to publish by the end of the year.
- George to distribute a list of thought-starters in mid-November; further “logistics” TBD.

Strategy Meeting

- Progress was made in identifying trail projects and other projects for 2006.
- Longer-term items were discussed and others may be added at the next BD meeting; plan to complete a strategy plan over the next several BD meetings.

Trail Projects

- Will have 3 projects again in 2006.
- Locations and dates are below; will continue with 8:00am start times.
- Jonathan will handle publicity; Currie will advise Friends of Dillon Ranger District for coordination purposes.
- Gateways – June 17 (Saturday)
- Upper portion of Surprise Drainage – July 16 (decided on a Sunday project to determine level of interest for this timing versus Saturday or a weekday).
- South Willow Creek (bog area) – August 19 (Saturday)

VWS Program

- Have training on June 10 (Saturday).

Make a Difference Day

- Have formal plan to participate in 2006.
- Potential projects – staining bulletin boards or improving trailheads.

VOC Project

- VOC plans to work on the Upper Blue around Labor Day; FENW may participate with them, but further discussion required.
- May also consider local crew-leader training w/VOC; further discussion required.

Strategy Meeting, continued

Longer Term Items – Further Discussion Needed

- Develop a Four or Five Year Plan regarding membership levels.
- Establish a FENW presence in Eagle County.
- Develop an education strategy for local schools, HOAs, etc.
- Define role, if any, of FENW with pine beetle mitigation efforts.
- Develop community outreach & relevance plan.
- Develop communication/media coordination plan.

Next Meeting – Note the Date and Time!!!

November 15 at the Jonathan Kreigel's house @ 7:30.

FENW Board Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2005

Attendees

Currie, George, John, and Jonathan

Meeting Minutes

- Minutes for August 25 BOD meeting approved with a minor change.
- In the future, minutes will be distributed within a week after the BD meeting and then again just before the following BD meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- Balance on hand at August 23 is \$6,715.
- Key items since the last meeting:
 - \$4,800 sent to NFF (will receive amount back plus \$4,800 of NFF funds)
 - \$6,678 payment to John Pickering for weed treatment.
 - \$1,700 payment for VWR program expenses.

Business Items

Volunteer Wilderness Meeting in Durango – FENW attendance TBD; Currie may attend, schedule permitting.

Hunter Patrol Funding

- Item (\$2,900) is included in the 2005 budget.
- Memo of Understanding between the Forest Service (FS) and FENW needs to be completed before monies are provided; Beth will work to finish in October.

Make-A-Difference Day – Scheduled for October 15; may work on erosion control at the fire site near the High School. Further details TBD.

FENW Brochure

- Draft being finalized (Jonathan); will continue to try to have to printing by mid-October.
- Brochure will be finalized/distributed by the end of the year.

Strategic Planning Meeting

- Will have the meeting at our next BD meeting time on October 27; any follow-up discussion will be scheduled the following week.
- Agenda items will be distributed in advance of the meeting for comments/additions.
- It is very important that all BD members attend this particular meeting!

2005/2006 Noxious Weed Programs

Details regarding the 2005 program and monies available for 2006 will be reviewed at the October BD meeting.

Buffalo Mountain Photo Op – George will coordinate with the Summit Daily to arrange time, place, and attendees. Timing is TBD.

Grant Proposal to Laura Jane Musser Fund – Agreed to request \$3,500 for noxious weed program in 2006. George to submit the proposal by October 1.

Next Meeting

October 27 at the County Commons Building (regular room) at 6:00.

FRIENDS OF EAGLES NEST WILDERNESS

BUDGET

January 1 through December 31, 2005

Actual Jan 1 thru Sept. 21, 2005

	Budget	Actual	Actual (0) / U
BALANCE brought forward from 12/31/ 2004	\$14,156.27	\$14,156.27	
INCOME			
Memberships	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,190.00	\$ (310.00)
Donatons- other	\$ -		\$ -
Interest on Checkings and Savings Accounts	\$ 10.00	\$ 12.79	\$ 2.79
Summit Foundation Grant VWR Program	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ -
Summit Foundation Grant- Brochure Reprint	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -
Town of Frisco (Volunteer WR Program)	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
National Forest Foundation Grant (Awards in April 2005)	\$ 3,661.28	\$ (4,828.97)	\$ (8,490.25)
Summit County noxious weeds	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Noxious Weed Local Donations	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 550.00
Noxious Weed Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	\$ -		\$ -
Wilderness Poster Sales	\$ -	\$ 27.00	\$ 27.00
Araphoe Basin	\$ -	\$ 1,009.00	\$ 1,009.00
 * monies awarded to date			
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 11,471.28	\$ 4,259.82	\$ (7,211.46)

EXPENSES

Buffalo Mountain EMT Reimbursement	\$ 280.00		\$ 280.00	\$ -
Buffalo Mtn trail project signs (2)/ hardware	\$ 200.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 176.00	\$ 24.00
Volunteer Rec. site inventory/ monitoring training materials	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 165.88	\$ 34.12
Volunteer WR program development & materials	\$ 3,600.00		\$ 1,258.15	\$ 2,341.85
Volunteer WR program training	\$ 800.00		\$ 770.13	\$ 29.87
Volunteer WR program development & coordination (\$20/ hr)	\$ 450.00		\$ 133.00	\$ 317.00
Volunteer WR program coordination & data entry	\$ 400.00	\$ 5,250.00		\$ 400.00
Noxious weed treatment (Beth Boyst estimate- see detail)	\$ 6,678.00		\$ 6,678.00	\$ -
Noxious weed training materials	\$ 200.00		\$ 173.23	\$ 26.77
Noxious weed coordination & data entry	\$ 200.00	\$ 7,078.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (300.00)
Grant - preparation & writing (\$20/hour)	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 610.56	\$ 289.44
Web site updating- (\$20/ hour)	\$ 500.00		\$ 224.00	\$ 276.00
Web Hosting & Domain registration	\$ 106.00	\$ 606.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 52.00
USFS Hunter Patrol, include (3.5% salary increase)	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,900.00		\$ 2,900.00
Newsletter/Flyers (3 newsletters - 3 sets of flyers)	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 266.20	\$ 433.80
Newsletter - preparation and writing (\$70/ 6pg. , \$50/ 4 pg.)	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 147.86	\$ 52.14
FENW Brochure reprint	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00		\$ 650.00
Annual Party - Food & Pavilion	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 41.65	\$ 258.35
Food for Tailgate Parties (3)	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 82.00	\$ 68.00
Thank you letters/ tax & f/up membership drive	\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 28.44	\$ 81.56
Post Office Box	\$ 36.00		\$ 36.00	\$ -
Form 990 - CO Sec of State	\$ 12.00		\$ 12.00	\$ -
Other office & administrative	\$ 300.00	\$ 348.00	\$ 63.80	\$ 236.20
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 19,872.00	\$ 19,872.00	\$ 11,700.90	\$ 8,171.10

2005 YR Budget vs. Actual thru 9/21/05
2005 Book Balance O/H 12/31/05

\$5,755.55 \$6,715.19 \$ 959.64

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2005

Attendees

Currie, George, John, Maryann, and Tom

Meeting Minutes

Minutes for July 28 BOD meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Balance on hand at August 23 is \$19, 550.
- New memberships received in August included one for \$200.

Business Discussion Items

Grant Proposals – Summit County – Submitted proposals for \$5,000 to The Summit Foundation and \$100 (each) to Breckenridge, Dillon, Frisco, and Silverthorne.

Status of Noxious Weed Treatment

- Forest Service (FS) review of areas treated was completed on July 23 with no issues.
- Motion approved to pay John Pickering \$6678 for services provided.

NFF Grant Discussion – Process

- FENW will send \$4,800 to the NFF in order to receive back \$9,600 (the \$4,800 plus another \$4,800 from the NFF to match monies raised locally).
- George & Maryann will meet to review the funding details by the end of August.
- Check should be sent to NFF in early September.
- A project update is due the NFF in December; final report is required by June 2006.
- NFF funding for 2005 cannot be extended into 2006.
- Discussion regarding any other possible projects that would qualify for NFF funding in 2005; motion approved not to pursue any other initiatives.

Volunteer Party

- Maryann will schedule a party with Volunteer Wilderness Steward (VWS) program participants to include FS and a feedback session.
- FENW will not participate in Friends of Dillon Range District party.
- FENW will not schedule an overall “thank-you” party for volunteers. The tailgate parties after each trail project provide recognition for volunteers, and the VWS party (above) will focus on that group. No further activities are needed.

Strategic Planning Meeting – George will survey FENW BD to determine a date in November.

2006 Trail Projects

- Will have 3 projects in 2006.
- Need input from FS regarding site selection; possibilities in Surprise, South Willow and Gateways. Followup plans are TBD.

Patagonia and Other Grant Proposals

- Discuss Patagonia proposal at the Strategic Planning session in November.
- Submit proposal to Laura Jane Musser Fund; timing is October 1. (George)

Photo Op for Buffalo Mountain Sign

- Agreed to proceed -- include representatives from the major contributors.
- George to coordinate with the Summit Daily.

FENW Brochure

- Currie and Jonathan will review/update present Brochure.
- Timing – submit to printing by October 1; distribute during November.

Volunteer Wilderness Meeting in Durango

- Timing is November 4 and 5; more details to come.

Next Meeting

September 22 at the County Commons Building (regular room) at 6:00.

FENW Board Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2005

Attendees

Currie, George, John, and Maryann

Meeting Minutes

Minutes for June 23 BOD meeting approved with one minor change.

Treasurer's Report

- Inflow and outflow for July about the same.
- Present balance is \$20,430.88

Business Discussion Items

Volunteer Wilderness Steward Program – No “new” news; will have further update at the next BOD meeting.

2006 Budget for the Summit Foundation

- John & Maryann will put together a projected FY 2005 and proposed 2006 Budget.
- Draft Summit Foundation grant proposal will be mailed to BD by August 10.
- Final proposal package due to the Foundation by Noon on August 19.

Update – Noxious Weeds

- John Pickering treated weeds in Slate Creek, North Rock Creek, Pebble Creek, Maryland Creek, Wheeler Lake Trail, and North Tenmile Creek to the Gore Range Trail.
- Treatments typically were for clumps of weeds, not large areas of land; exception was a 3 acre area around Slate Creek.
- Total bill was \$6,700.

Grant Proposals for Frisco and Silverthorne

- Agreed to prepare \$100 grant for each town.
- Also agreed to prepare \$100 grant proposals for Breckenridge and Dillon.

Recap July 23 Trail Project

- Thirteen volunteers; very positive feedback.
- Will include Thank You note in the Summit Daily.

August 20 Trail Project – Will focus on erosion at Cataract Lake; Currie or Jonathan will coordinate lead role.

Recap – USFS Leadership Team

- Travel Mgmt draft will be released next summer; FENW will help review process.
- Discussed avenues of funding sources; have several ideas to pursue.
- Groundwork needs to be established for coming population and development surge.

Update – Salt Lick bike trail reroute

- FS has no funding for an upgrade.
- There is a possible alternative route; mapping will be completed by end of September.
- One of the local bike teams may be involved.

National Forest Foundation (NFF) Money Request – Status and Next Steps

- Motion agreed to reimburse Maryann, Cindy (FS), and Kim for expenses incurred.
- Need to compile costs to date by September 30 to enable timely billing to NFF.
- Maryann and John will work to identify costs incurred and pending.
- Need a report to the NFF by December 31.

Annual Volunteer Party with Friends of Dillon Ranger District

- FDRD party scheduled for September; location and details TBD at this time.
- Agreed to consider a party for FENW volunteers later in the Fall; discuss at next BD meeting.

Buffalo Trail Project Signs – Signs are OK; need to organize a photo-op.

Events at the Silverthorne Pavilion – FENW will not schedule any activities at the Pavilion.

FENW Brochure

- Currie and Jonathan to review present brochure and incorporate changes.
- Need revised brochure ready for printing by November 1.
- Will plan to complete printing by December 1.
- Bids submitted previously for printing will be reviewed; further actions TBD.

Memo of Understanding or Partnership Agreement with Forest Service – Awaiting further input from Beth (FS).

Removal of Concrete Building at Rock Creek

- Building is 11x30 – all concrete.
- FS would like FENW to participate in a project to remove the building.
- Beth (FS) is developing alternative strategies; will advise, but timing is TBD.

Visioning/Brainstorming Meeting – Schedule in the Fourth Quarter.

Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC) Report Out – Currie met with several folks to discuss funding, small crew projects, and noxious weed programs.

National Scenic Trail Relocation Project – FENW will not participate in the project because it does not involve wilderness land.

Next Meeting

August 25 at the County Commons Building (regular room) at 6:00.

FENW Board Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2005

Attendees

Currie, George, John, Jonathan, and Maryann

Meeting Minutes

Minutes for May 26 BOD meeting and Annual Meeting (June 15) approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Approximately \$500 net outflow last month; receipts of \$1207, outflow \$1696.
- Present balance is \$26, 990.92

Business Discussion Items

Buffalo Mountain Sign – All BD OK with the sign; consider photo op when in place.

Volunteer Wilderness Steward Program -- Training (17 people participated) completed June 18; high evaluation from all.

June 4 Gateway Recap – 12 volunteers participated; successful project.

July 23 Gateway Project – Plans underway; Currie will lead the project.

Noxious Weed Program Update

- One (of four possible) contractors will provide services.
- Memo of Understanding will be required; Maryann to talk to Forest Service (FS) about preparing the Memo and other related items.

Reimbursements from National Forest Foundation (NFF)

- Submit reimbursement requests for \$2503.31.
- Will begin regular reporting process with the NFF for the noxious weed program.
- May need to send monies to the NFF in order to get reimbursed; Maryann and John will meet to decide how to proceed.

Next Newsletter – Agreed to publish in October.

Wells Fargo Grant Proposal – Plan to submit by June 30 (Maryann).

August Trail Project – FS suggests August 20 and will offer potential projects (Cindy).

Matching Funds for NFF Grant

- Further matching funds needed (\$1400); all encouraged to find sources.
- Various HOA and foundations have potential; will follow-up.

FENW Volunteer Hats and Patches for 2006 – All agreed a good idea; Currie will follow-up to determine next steps.

Dillon Range District (DRD) End of Season Party

- DRD party plans being developed; Currie will monitor for possible FENW participation.
- Larger, broader party with more volunteer groups also may be considered; further discussion required.

Summit Foundation Request for 2006

- Primary focus will be on noxious weed program; lots of support within the County for these types of programs, including the County Commissioners.
- Discussed other potential donors, such as the Summit Board of Realtors.
- Further discussion required; will be a key topic at the next BD meeting.

FENW Brochure – Currie and Jonathan will discuss updates.

Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC) Discussion

- Currie will meet with VOC folks this week.
- Key topics will be potential VOC support for FENW through funding and training.
- Other items include FENW related potential grantors and grant information.

Next Meeting

July 27 at the County Commons Building (regular room) at 6:00.

FENW Board Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2005

Attendees

Currie, George, John, Jonathan, Kem, Kim, and Maryann

Meeting Minutes

Minutes for April 20 meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Renewed memberships -- \$490.
- BD approved reimbursement for expenses incurred by Maryann -- \$447.

Business Discussion Items

Noxious Weed Update

- Four contractors have been contacted; 2 may be available.
- Request for Quotation package being assembled including cover letter, specifications, and maps of areas to be treated. (Maryann)
- Matching funds are \$1600 short (of \$2700 required for the NFF); further fund-raising efforts needed:
 - Summit County government and businesses
 - FENW members (ongoing) and possibly a special request at the annual meeting
 - Chambers of Commerce

Volunteer Wilderness Steward (VWS) Program

- Have 12 applications to date and expect 4-8 more; all applications will be accepted.
- Training is June 18.
- Forest Service will pay for uniforms; FENW will pay for food during training.

2005 Donation Allocations and 2006 Grants

- Allocation of Donations in 2005 was proposed as follows:

Projects	Amount
Noxious Weeds	\$ 15,900
Voluntary Wilderness Steward Program	5,450
New Brochure	650
Buffalo Mountain – Misc. Items	480
Retain for Future Projects	825
Total	\$ 23,305

- Summit Foundation (2006 grant) – will request funds for noxious weeds and VWS program as key programs; need to complete application in August.

2005 Donation Allocations and 2006 Grants, continued

- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation – no contributions in 2005, but will continue efforts for a grant in 2006.
- NFF – may be possible to extend the NFF 2005 grant timing into 2006; Maryann will investigate.

FENW Brochure

- BD revisions needed ASAP; plan to have the new brochure for the annual meeting.
- Jonathan will lead review of text, incorporating changes, etc.
- Programming for the final version estimated at \$60/hour.

August Trail Project

- Support is available through the Fat Tire Society and possibly a mountain bike team sponsored by Wilderness Sports.
- BD considered the following projects:
 - Salt Lick – John will walk the trail to determine what is required.
 - Willow Creek – Forest Service (FS) crew may be needed; get involved now and perhaps consider as a key project for 2006.
 - Buffalo Mountain Creek Trail – Could repair cairns.
 - Mahan Lake/Elliott Ridge – Jonathan will discuss with FS.
- Further BD discussion and input from FS is needed to finalize a project(s).

Meeting with Summit County Chamber of Commerce

- Maryann had successful meeting with various Chambers.
- Agreed to exchange website links and provide other mutual support.
- FENW website info needs to be updated; consider adding a restricted access capability for the VWS program.

Volunteer Area at DRD office

- DRD will consolidate volunteer information; will advise regarding questions/issues with any FENW material.

June Gateway Project

- Set for June 4; 11 volunteers have signed up.
- Media coverage complete (Jonathan).
- Flyers prepared (Jonathan); will be posted on various bulletin boards.
- Reviewing possible projects with FS; Jonathan following up.

June 15 Annual Meeting

- Expect 30-50 people to attend.
- Budgeted \$300 for the meeting at the Frisco Rec. Building.
- Travel Management will be the key agenda item; also treasury report and elections.
- Will advertise the meeting outside the FENW membership.

Website Update Ideas

- Maryann will update websites as appropriate.

Buffalo Mountain Acknowledgement Sign

- Sign reviewed; minor changes suggested for Maryann to complete.

Wells Fargo Grant

- Bank approached Maryann.
- FENW will request \$1,500.
- Maryann will prepare the proposal; must be submitted by June 30.

Next Meeting

June 23 at the County Commons Building (regular room) at 6:00.

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2005
(May 23 Revisions in *bold italics*)

Attendees

George, John, Kim, Maryann, and Tom

Meeting Minutes

Minutes for March 24 approved with minor changes.

Treasurer's Report

Budget approved as follows:

Balance at 12/31/2004	\$ 14,156.27
2005 Income	+18,485.00
2005 Expenses	- 28,694.00
Year-end balance at 12/31/2005	\$ 3,947.27

Old Business

FENW Brochure

- Need to have revised Brochure by the end of May.
- Members asked to review present Brochure; advise Maryann of changes by May 15.

Trail Projects – Two projects discussed; a third is needed in August

- Gateways – June 4.
- Boulder Lake Bridge – July 23; or, identify an alternative.
- August – need to establish a project.

Advertisement for VWS Program

- Brochure reviewed; Members asked to provide feedback to Maryann ASAP.

Noxious Weeds

- NFF Grant (\$10,675) – FENW needs matching funds of \$2,700 by *late summer*; all were encouraged to figure out fund-raising processes.
- Two *meetings* in May regarding Noxious Weed programs – May 18 at County Commons and May 19 (*coordination meeting between FENW, Summit County, USFS, etc*) at Dillon Ranger District.
- Opportunity with Pebble Creek HOA
 - Important to work on partnerships with this HOA and others;
 - Maryann will follow-up.
- CO Dep. Agriculture Grant for Noxious Weeds (due around October 1)
 - FENW needs to hire a noxious weeds contractor; Kim will help write a contract proposal.
 - Should coordinate with the FS.
 - Long-term Summit County program also is needed; further discussion at next BD meeting.

Other Items (from Beth)

- Challenge Cost Share Agreement with the Forest Service must be finalized by 4/27 for submission; members advise Beth/Maryann of any changes.
- FS Trail Crews will work on the Boulder Lake Bridge.
- Seasonal ranger staff increased at Dillon and at Holy Cross.
- Travel Management Plan will be published in late May/early June; anticipate a 90-day comment period.
- National Guard High Altitude Training Program planned for wilderness areas; program document will be available soon, with a 30-day comment period.

New Business

Annual Meeting

- Plan for early June at the Frisco Recreation Building; George to confirm availability.

Exchange Links with Silverthorne, Frisco, Summit Chamber, Frisco Chamber

- Summit Chamber agreeable.
- Board OK for Maryann to continue follow-up with others.

Summit Foundation

- *Grant* proposals due by August 20.
- *Frisco/Silverthorne town applications due by August 20 as well; Maryann will prepare for BD signature.*
- Funding Suggestions – interpretative trail signs, wilderness first aid training, fire training.
- Need further discussion and ideas – will cover at next BD meeting.

State Trails Grant

- Agreed not to proceed for 2005.

FENW Newsletter

- Plan to publish in early May; Maryann will organize and “edit”.
- Content Suggestions – include membership applications/renewals, project applications, and publicity.
- Members encouraged to provide other suggestions as soon as possible.

Three Year Plan Needed – Projects and Funding

- Previous Vision Meeting minutes reviewed.
- Agreed to schedule a Vision meeting when all BD members are available.
- A key item is coordination with new Friends of DRD group.

Next Meeting

May 26 at the County Commons Building (regular room) at 6:00.

Meeting Minutes – March 24, 2005

Attendees

Beth, Currie, George, John, Jonathan, Kim, Kem, Maryann, and Tom

Discussion Items

Treasury Report

- Report approved; balance on hand is \$19,192.26.

Calendars

- Jonathan to contact Cory regarding number of posters and pricing (\$12 to \$15).
- Jonathan to contact Wilderness Sports and get inventory number finalized for John.

Grant Proposal --- NFF/Volunteer Wilderness Steward Program

- Beth presented cost share agreement in final form; agreement was prepared to enable FENW better control over funds donated to the Forest Service (FS).
- Agreement will require an annual planning session to identify projects to be funded.
- Role of the Ranger/Steward – (1) educate visitors; (2) provide wilderness info and LNT; (3) assist FS in inventory and monitoring wilderness resources; (4) assist FS data input and analysis; and, (5) build stewardship for wilderness lands in Summit County.
- Following criteria regarding volunteer program were finalized:
 - Designate volunteers as “Stewards” rather than “Rangers”.
 - Require a 4-day minimum commitment.
 - Provide a 1-day training program.
 - Uniform will be required when patrolling/educating, but not for other functions such as monitoring trails.
- May 24 will be deadline for applications for volunteers.
- Volunteer training will be conducted June 18.
- Members requested to review the draft and provide feedback to Beth.
- Funding authorized (\$1,000) for Maryann to develop recruiting materials.

Gateway Timing

- Agreed to schedule Gateway on June 4.

Website Design and Development

- Sites reviewed for comment.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be April 20 at 6:00pm.