

## **SAN JUAN OUTDOOR CLUB**

March Board Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2025

Pagosa Visitors Center

**Present:** Steve Earle, Diane Gutman, Eugenie Holman, Addi Greer, Doug Coombs, Dennis Medina, Chris Plemons, Robert Lambert

**Apologies:** Bill Milner

The meeting was called to order at 15:59 with a quorum.

The minutes from the February meeting were approved.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a) Treasurer's Report:**

The current club balance is \$7,382.42 in the bank.

Rent & secretary filing has been paid.

There are not many upcoming expenses.

**b) Membership Report:**

There are 150 members, with 23 new members, which is in line with last year.

The last three weeks have been quiet, which is usual for this time of year.

**c) Vice president Report:**

David Ryan from New Mexico will talk at this month's meeting, weather conditions permitting. Additionally Dena Laterza is scheduled to do a binocular tour of the sky, this may be limited by cloud coverage. Dena is also scheduled to speak at the April meeting. There is currently no-one booked for the May meeting.

**d) Activities/Newsletter Report**

It is hard to find good activities in the current weather conditions & this weeks Was cancelled, while at the same time there are lots of people on the wait lists.

Chris is out for April & Bill Milner will cover.

Addi has a 6 mile hike suggestion & will email Chris with the details.

### **CPR/First Aid:**

Many of the hike leaders & sawyers CPR & First Aid certification has either fully or partially expired. There are options for a 4hr teaching session or a hybrid option of 2hrs online learning with a 2hr practical session.

The hybrid option may be the best. It can be scheduled at a date to suit the group & paid for directly by invoice/cheque. This costs \$92 for both CPR & First aid (\$65 for just CPR & AD), that would be \$1050 for all the hike leaders which is only \$50 over budget.

In addition to this it was agreed that the 5 sawyers in need of re-certification should be included.

It is not clear how often recertification arises for either CPR or First aid - **Action CP to check.**

Diane suggested it would be useful to track when certifications are up for renewal, in order to budget more efficiently in future.

Rob suggested an alternative teaching option that is all online which may be a future option.

The in-person part of the teaching can be invoiced directly to the club. The online teaching needs to be paid by card. Diane is going to get a debit card from Wells Fargo to use for expenses such as this - **Action DG to collect debit card.**

### **e) Media Report**

The website is working. Pictures that have been sent have been successfully put on Facebook. Others are not able to post into it.

There are surplus first aid boxes that can be raffled or volunteer workers can have one.

### **f) Refreshment Report**

Eugenie is away for April & Rob will organise refreshments for the April meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **a) PARC (Pagosa Association Recreation Coalition) update:**

There is a monthly meeting, the next meeting is going to be in person instead of via zoom which may be more productive.

Steve Earle, Bill Milner, Joe Tedder & Jeff Reichel are variously participating in the winter and summer subgroups.

It may be helpful to count cars at the trailheads and club members could be invited to get involved in this. Rob suggested that hiking in & counting numbers may produce more useful data.

The Colorado Mountain Club is another group represented at PARC.

There was discussion about staff changes to the trail forestry workers. PATC have applied for a 3 year grant to hire trail crews, current funds may only cover 1 year. Grant approval should be known by April.

PARC also has some improvement plans centred around Yamaguchi park. Steve invited members to become further involved with PARC.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chris suggested that continuing to hold the monthly meeting at the visitor center may become problematic due to planned road works starting on main street that are proposed to continue for at least 2 years. Holding meetings at committee member's houses on rotation was suggested. Other meeting locations may charge for the privilege. Many committee members will be absent from the April meeting, it was proposed to hold the April meeting in the current location and review the traffic impact.

Steve announced he will be stepping down from the position of president in August as he is moving out of the area. It was discussed that new board members would need to be recruited.

The meeting was adjourned at 16:37

The next meeting will be held April 1st 16:00.