

San Juan Outdoor Club
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Pagosa Springs Visitor's Centre
April 29th 2025

Present: Steve Earle, Chris Plemons, Doug Coombs, Addi Greer, Dennis Medina, Sally Richmond, Diane Gutman

Apologies: Eugenie Holman, Rob Lambert, Bill Milner

The meeting was called to order at 16:02 with a quorum present.

Approval of the April 1 minutes:

Diane moved to approve the minutes, Doug seconded, motion unanimously passed.

Treasurer Report:

The current balance is \$8,197.29 with no exceptions.

\$700 has been taken in membership renewal.

The fee to Garmin is coming out automatically.

YTD of giving extra is \$51

Insurance renewal is due.

Vice-President's Report:

Activities are lined up for most of the remainder of the year:

May - James White - will talk about the building of the rainbow trail bridge & the fire tower on Chimney Rock

June -Dean & Susan will talk about flowers & Addi will additionally talk about insects

July - Picnic

August - Doug

Sep - Chris Plemons - Patagonia

Oct - Maybe Addi

Nov - not planned as yet

Dec- no meeting

Activities Report:

Trails are available.

There was discussion around increasing the number of weekend activities on offer, for those at work during the week. It was noted however that often the weekend attendees are the same individuals who turn up on weekdays.

Membership Report:

There are 195 members, there were 221 at the end of the year.
We have 31 new members.

Media Report:

The website is working as expected.

Old Business:**PARC:**

The results of the survey are in.

1280 responses which is a good response, lots of response from PLPOA members & from those who have been living here for more than 10 years, however it may not be entirely representative of everyone who lives here. Satisfaction levels were predominantly good-excellent & there is strong support for conservation and wildlife

There will be an open house follow up opportunity.

Winter sub-group:

There is preliminary planning for better/paved parking @725 that would potentially be ploughed in winter useful for snowmobiling, but with access to the back country area coming down through the rock garden set aside so that it isn't damaged by the snowmobiles.

Summer sub-group:

There are plans for better mountain bike trails, especially more technical trails. Coyote hill may be a good spot for this.

East fork is getting enough use that there is sediment in the river & at peak times it is jammed with trailers. Using the site in this way is unsustainable, there are discussions around closing off some of the site & making the remainder of the site reservation only, however this would then require enforcement.

There is also ongoing discussion about closing the quartz meadow area, just at the road where you enter.

New Business:**Picnic:**

Last year between 75 - 80 people attended.
Budget is \$700, to cover meats, wine & beer.

There was discussion around options for supplying the meat, with a desire to support local businesses that are affordable - **Action - DG to investigate further**
Potential dates are either Thursday 10th July or Thursday 3rd July.

Adjournment:

Diane made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Addi seconded, all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 16:56