



## Board Minutes – August 17, 2021

### **Attendees:**

1. Jessie Olson
2. Chiara Forrester
3. Ken Lenarcic (leaves at 3pm)
4. Roger Loving
5. Chuck Oppermann
6. Barbara Luneau
7. Pam Sherman
8. Chris Smith
9. Monica Bortolini
10. Sean Cronin
11. Audrey Butler
12. Julie Trumpler (joined at 2:09pm)

### **Proxy Assignments:**

Chris voting for Kathy, Sean voting for Sue, Monica voting for Mark

### **Welcome and Introductions**

- Chris S called the meeting to order at 2:03pm and went through introductions.
- Chuck Opperman announced he plans on ending his membership on the board this year.

### **Inter Mountain Alliance Partnership**

- Ken introduced Pam Sherman of the Inter Mountain Alliance, which is a communication organization connecting primarily mountain communities, remaining flexible and adaptable to help folks with disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. They are now expanding to forest health.
- Pam and Jessie discussed opportunities for collaboration between LHWC and IMA. IMA can offer LHWC more exposure when we want to reach out to communities and share or request resources.
- Sean asked Pam about the scope of their focus; Pam clarified that their communication is flexible and “all things mountains”.
- Pam’s contact information: Pam Sherman, IMA Forest Health and Gold Hill Mountain Permaculture Educator: pamsher123@gmail.com

### **COVID Policy Update**

- Jessie reviewed updated COVID memo; described that non-vaccinated staff/anyone who works with the Watershed Center must be masked indoors/outdoors.

### **Approval of Minutes**

- Chuck moved, Barbara seconded, to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2021 meeting; the motion carried unanimously

### **Q2 Financial Report**

- Jessie reviewed report details (see packet)
- Chris S asked why personnel expenses are below 50% for the year. Jessie clarified that fire recovery was not included in the original budget.
- Roger asked for clarification regarding low expenditure on community science. Jessie clarified that the Gates Family Foundation expired last year, and that there is one small grant from CWCB which is running low. However, community science is integrated into other projects such as the SVFHP, Fire Followers, and Catch the Hatch. Jessie clarified that community science is supported by a mix of funding sources but that it is still a program with no intention to end it.
- Jessie stated that we need to identify new revenue sources for 2022, including designating additional funding for community science.
- Sean moved, and Monica seconded, to approve the 2021 Q2 Financial Report; the motion carried unanimously.

### **Watershed Days Update**

- Jessie described post-fire forest recovery updates.
- Jessie highlighted planned events including: Lyon's Farmette Farm to Table Dinner, two Bioblitz events, Watershed Days Festival, multiple Fire Followers events, Tour de Farms Guided Bike Tour, Community Foundation partnership to both a field trip to Cal-Wood and to do a West is Burning screening with a panel, and Tributary Bioblitz with Trout Unlimited.
- Jessie requested board assistance in recruiting event participants, especially for the BioBlitz and Watershed Days Festival, and requested help on-the-ground at the Watershed Days Festival.
- Board congratulated LHWC staff on the breadth of work being done.

### **St. Vrain Forest Health Partnership Update**

- Chiara reviewed St. Vrain Forest Health Partnership outreach booklet.
- Chris asked how this information will be shared; Jessie clarified that everyone in the project boundary will get a postcard, and that we've identified neighborhood captains that will help distribute the outreach booklet (in addition to being posted online).
- Chris asked about long-term maintenance of restored forest; Jessie clarified that this will be part of the adaptive management process and that the SVFHP is a long-term commitment.
- Chris, Sean, and Ken will be participating with LHWC staff on a tour with commissioner's to discuss the watershed health work we're doing as well as forest health mitigation.

### **Other Projects Update**

- Jessie reviewed the new Watershed Report (Jessie will send to board).
- Monica asked about the new grant that LHWC needs support letters for; Jessie gave context of projects for Wildlife Conservation Board and CWCB grants.
- Monica asked about the timeline of the Fish Passage Playbook; Jessie clarified that this is still in development.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.