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Minutes of Annual Meeting Winter Park Highlands Association June 28, 2014

1. Roll Call: Meeting came to order at 12:00 p.m. Board Members present: Bill Tetlow (President); Lynette Teichman (Treasurer), Peter Van Veen (Secretary), Judy Bertolli, Jeffery Kean, and Charlie Bouchard. **Absent:** Scott Ledin (Vice President), and John Smith. Members signed in upon arrival.
2. Proof of Notice of Meeting: Peter Van Veen, Secretary, attested to emailing and mailing a copy of the notice of meeting plus proxy form to all members on May 18, 2014. Notice of the Meeting was also posted on the website.
3. Determination of Quorum: Quorum was established by the Treasurer and Secretary from proxies in hand and in-person attendance.
4. Review of minutes: Motion carried to approve the 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes.
5. Report on and Discussion of Activities of Past Year
 - A. Financial report. Lynette Teichman presented the financial report and noted that we have approximately \$30,000 in the bank account and approximately \$3,400 deposited with the Grand Foundation. Our operating expenses are roughly \$6,000 per year. The first fire tank cost approximately \$67,000 and we used a \$45,000 grant, \$6,000 in donations, and \$15,000 from WPHA funds. We are trying to raise money for second fire tank. A motion carried to approve the report as given.
 - B. Bill Tetlow reviewed our performance with respect to the goals set at the 2013 Annual Meeting.

Goal 1: Continue fire mitigation efforts: Attained, but always in progress.

Goal 2: Apply for a 2nd BLM grant and raise donations for the installation of a fire suppression water tank at CR 85 (Elkhorn) and CR 8505 (Forest Trail): In progress.

Goal 3: Update WPH map and create GIS: Attained and Geoffrey Henderson will discuss this later in the meeting.

Goal 4: Continue work on egress issues: Attained. We have oral agreements for emergency egress at the northwest and south east points.

Goal 5: Obtain "Firewise Community" status: Attained. We are only the second community in Colorado to have attained that status. Our website identifies a webinar coming up to assist in this area.

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Goal 6: Make Trash and Recycle bins more aesthetically pleasing: We are still working on this. We have design plans and going out to bid.

Goal 7: Have Annual Community Project Workday: Attained. 12 people assisted in updating the WPHA signs. We need to have another to clean up day at the pond.

Goal 8: Investigate building a permanent structure at Elk Park: The Board investigated this issue and decided not to proceed.

C. Communications via e-mail and website.

Kathy Lower, in addition to her many other tasks, used to send out a newsletter. We now send out periodic e-mail blasts and use the website as the main communication vehicle. The members found e-mail blast and website system very helpful.

D. Fire Tank No. 1

Bob Colosimo applied for the grant, Jim Bishop headed the effort, and the tank has been completed.

E. Logging for Fire Mitigation

Bob Colosimo discussed the fire mitigation effort. We have had a very successful program and so far we have cleared 300 acres. We need to continue to clear standing dead trees for fire mitigation. Bob encouraged the members to talk to their neighbors about fire mitigation efforts.

F. Chief Ron Thompson

Chief Ron Thompson is the new Fire Chief Grand Fire and used to work in Pagosa Springs. Ron passed out info brochures on fire safety and discussed the "Be Fire Ready" effort. He discussed how fire reflective signs were very important for responders to be able to respond to a fire. Ron is also putting together a wild fire council, updating the 2009 CWPP, and discussed the fact that we are a Firewise Community. Ron is also working on getting someone to live at the red dirt station. All these efforts are designed to get us ready for catastrophic event. Ideally, Ron would like to see four fire cisterns in WPH. Ron responded to a question regarding communications during an event. Ron noted that the Code Red system will communicate with cell phones and we need to save the code red number as a contact number.

G. Lynn Barclay

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Lynn Barclay is with the BLM in Craig and she was very instrumental in obtaining the grant for fire tank number 1. The Craig BLM office covers five counties for planning, mitigation, and information. She also works with all the fire protection districts in Grand County. In 2000, the BLM started to work closer with communities through their community assistance program. So far they have placed about \$400,000 in Grand County. They have funded CWPPs, assessments, and the hazard tree removal along the road ways. They also funded the Mountain Parks program to trim trees along power lines and they have been able to measure success of that project as trees no longer fall on power lines and create fires. She thank us for our hard work.

H. 911 House Signs

Bill Tetlow reported that we have installed 244 signs of the type the Fire Chief just mentioned.

I. Fire Tank No. 2

Bill reported that we have spent \$2,000 so far getting ready for Fire Tank No. 2 and have an easement on Mike Lohman's property. Bill sought donations from the membership and noted that they can be made on pay pal on our website or through Grand Foundation for tax deductible donation.

J. The Trash/Recycle Project at Elk Park

Charlie Bouchard noted that the Trash Company has been quick to respond if the bin overflows, but not yet stepped up to contribute to the enclosure. Charlie noted that we have some plans and will try to get it done by the time the snow flies.

K. Bielenberg Pond

Bill discussed how we have some maintenance to do on pond. We need some volunteers for physical labor and he will send out e-mail request.

L. GIS map

Geoffrey Henderson works with WPH's resident Brandt Howard at Compass Data. Brandt considers the GIS capability to be an important to be part of fire wise community and therefore donated his firm's time and expertise in providing a GIS data system for WPH. The file is available and works with Google Earth. Geoffrey passed out instructions on how to drag and drop the file into Google Earth. The file shows digitized potential evacuation routes and individual fire mitigation projects.

M. Access to Granby Ranch Trails

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Peter Van Veen summarized all the events and efforts to date. The summary and more complete information is available on our website. In short, the Board's view is that we believe we have a right to use CR 8514 to access the Granby Ranch trails. The Sherriff has stated that he will not prosecute anyone for trespassing on CR 8514. Board members are not going to sign the EEOE permit and will continue to use the road. If EEOE puts up a gate or harassment becomes excessive, then the board has already approved litigation and may proceed. On June 7th there was an incident where Rod and Starlene Kuhns blocked one of our member's car and called the Sherriff. The deputy responded and said that this was a civil matter and they would not be issuing any tickets for trespassing on CR 8514. Peter then answered considerable questions on this subject.

Jim Bishop made the motion to have a concensus of the membership approve litigation and resolve the issue once and for all. Discussion against the motion included the argument that the Board should retain discretion on whether to file litigation. Jim's Bishop's motion did not pass.

6. Election of Directors.

There were three openings on the board: Lynette Teichman has finished her second three-year term and Maura McKnight and Jeffery Keane are stepping off the board. Motion carried to elect Cress Carter and Sherry Pelton to the Board.

7. Goals for 2014-15.

The following goals were recommended by the Board and approved by the membership:

Goal 1: Apply for a 2nd BLM grant and raise donations for the installation of a second fire suppression water tank at CR 85 (Elk Horn) and CR 8505 (Forest Trail).

Goal 2: Construction of Bulletin Board on CR 858.

Goal 3: Construction of a trash enclosure at Elk Park

Goal 4: Logging of the Greenbelts

Goal 5: Ten percent growth in membership (20 new members or honorary members)

8. Presentation and adoption of a budget to accomplish the goals and objectives of the coming year.

The membership authorized the Board to adopt a budget to accomplish these goals. Expenses should not be greater than dues revenue, which is roughly \$18,000 per year. The fire tank should be constructed with grant funds, donations, and WPHA funds as determined by the Board.

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9. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

10. New Business

Bill discussed the role of the board and how we should respond to issues such as light pollution, people dumping trash on Lions Lane, and the County blight ordinance. Bill suggested that the Board's role was to encourage neighbors talking to their neighbors.

The Board recommended that the membership approve a dues increase to \$120 for a lot with a house \$60 for a vacant lot. There was considerable affirmation about how much value the WPHA provides and a competing motion to raise dues to \$200 for a lot with a house and \$120 for a vacant lot. In the end, the motion carried to increase dues to \$120 for a lot with a house \$60 for a vacant lot.

Bill discussed the issue of moving information from the "members only" section of our website the public section. A motion carried to move all board minutes to public section.

Bill discussed the issue of putting our member's contact information on website or in the GIS database. A motion carried to put member's contact information on an "opt in" basis in members only section.

11. Guest speakers

Ron Consineau, with the Colorado State Forest Department spoke and noted that he has working very well with our subdivision. He congratulated us on being a Firewise Community. Ron urged the board to be involved with revision of CWPP. Ron also informed us that there are a few places in Highlands that could be used for a fuels reduction grant. He has some funds available for it, but needs to move on it quickly.

Bill thanked Lynette for 6 years of service, Jeffery for 9 years of service and Maura for her service.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

By _____
Peter Van Veen, Secretary