UPPER FRYING PAN VALLEY CAUCUS

MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 2020

Outdoors behind Thomasville Firehouse

6:00 PM

Executive Board: Dale Coombs – Chairman, John Crowley – Vice Chairman,

Marilyn Lee – Secretary, Pat Crowley – Treasurer, all present.

Board Members: Jacque Shoon, Lea Vasten – present. Carolyn Shell, Betty Lou Woolley absent.

Members attending: 17 Guests: 2

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm. The minutes of the August 2019 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report was given by Pat Crowley showing a balance of \$9,830.96 as of June 8, 2020.

Monroe Dodd discussed his research for a Recycle Bin in Meredith. He met with Waste Management and negotiated a \$300 fee to haul away a 20 yard dumpster of single stream recyclables (paper, glass, aluminum, tin cans, flat cardboard). It will be labelled as Recycle Only and we ask everyone to send only clean recyclables. There will be no additional charge and the next 3 months will be a test period.

The check was issued to Roaring Fork Conservancy in memory of our dearly departed members. RFC was very grateful and surprised. They await the list of names. Also, we need to set the list of names at the next meeting and determine a location for a plaque honoring those members.

Dale reported on Pitkin County issues saying that the broadband project is being delayed due to Covid19 budget constraints. Also, they are awaiting USFS permits. The Thomasville site near the Eagle road will need to wait until 2021 due to budget cutbacks due to Covid 19.

Dale reported on issues for the US Forest Service. Campgrounds should all be open by June 12, 2020. Elk Wallow will not open this year. The Eagle Road has been closed by USFS and should open on June 18, 2020. The logging project is still in litigation so no information was available. The USFS will need to give a permit for the Repeater site for broadband improvements at Ruedi which should happen in August or September

Dale reported that Colorado Parks and Wildlife will establish a committee regarding a Mountain Lion study. They hope for your comments if you support such a study. CPW stocked Ruedi last week with 12,000 fish. Hiking on Wildlife property at Toner Creek and Lake Christine will now require a hunting or fishing license.

There was a discussion of the 2020 Corn Boil. Concerns were expressed that it should be cancelled due to Covid19 since we have a lot of people attending who are over 60. It is not known if

County Health Dept. will allow large groups by August 1 or if a buffet will be allowed. It is a lot of work to put together and then maybe no one would want to attend. Frankie Straight moved and Pat Crowley seconded that we should cancel the Corn Boil for 2020. Members agreed so we cancel the Corn Boil this year. Dale will notify Tommy Stewart and Marilyn will notify Margaret at Diamond J.

The 4th of July was discussed and it was agreed that we should not have the usual Community Pot Luck Dinner. Lea Vasten suggested that we could have an outdoor Ice Cream Social. Lea so moved and Lyle Schoon seconded that we will meet as usual at the Lime Kilns at 5pm and then go to the Fire Dept. parking lot for ice cream. The vote passed. Lea will get the ice cream and will ask others to bring toppings, fruit and condiments to add to the ice cream.

There was a discussion of the Election of Officers and Board of the Caucus. One member of the Board, Martin Batts, has left the area so he will need to be replaced. The current officers and Board are willing to serve 2 more years if we wish to avoid an election. We should discuss further at the July meeting and take nominations and proceed with an election if the membership decides to do so. Be sure to express your opinion.

Remember to do your share of the Frying Pan Cleanup along the road. Lea will bring the list of those who have signed up to clean up a specific mile of the road above the dam. And, as always, we hope if you see trash you will pick it up and dispose of it properly.

For the July meeting on July 13 we will find out if we can have the meeting at the Firehouse. If not we can meet again in the Meadow behind the Firehouse or in John and Pat Crowley's garage in case of rain.

Danny Hundert reported that the Ajax Sleepaway Camp is only a Day Camp this year. You may see vans that will be bringing kids daily. Call him if you observe speeding.

The flashing speed sign at Thomasville has helped a lot. It was asked if we could get another sign at Meredith. We will discuss at the next meeting.

Dale reported that there was a problem between campers near North Fork a few weeks ago and gunshots were fired. The Sheriff was called and a response came 1 ½ hours later.

Some winter residents mentioned problems with the snowplowing. The snowplow damaged a car parked at someone's driveway, trees were damaged, mailboxes hit and the telephone main cable was cut at the Meredith bridge.

For the July meeting, Dale will ask Pitkin County to bring representatives from the Sheriff Dept., Environmental Health, and Road and Bridge Dept..

There was a question about whether the Meredith General Store would open this summer. Pam Woolley emailed later to confirm that the store is closed for now and she will reevaluate the Covid 19 situation in July to see if it makes sense to open at all this summer.

The next meeting will be Monday, July13, will be at 7PM at the Firehouse if possible or outside in the meadow if necessary. Watch for the Agenda for exact location and time.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Lee