

# **Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**

## **Monday, February 13, 2017**

### **Attendees**

Melissa Johnson, Ian Jessup, Tim Warfel, Hunter Johnson, James Hall, Karen Green, Andrew DuBois

Absent: Danny Martin, Brent Shultze, Leah Kennedy, Kristin Norris, Andy Gillock

### **Officer Reports**

Chair - Melissa

Welcome Leah to Steering Committee

Roger - feedback: suggested collecting dues for membership; check churches to host events; he is helping Martin Ogle survey Lafayette Open Space lands for herps and wondered if COPARC volunteers would be interested in helping

Treasurer - Ian

- JNSC update - Nat'l Park Steering Committee meeting last week; observed Fed Agencies SC meeting;
  - PARC Strategic Plan - final draft of Parks Strategic Plan accepted, not released to PARC membership yet, still creating items under certain areas; regional PARC responsibility to develop plans for strategic areas; more “boots on the ground” to carry out PARC mission; outreach to other regions without PARC
  - Alison Haskell Award given to someone from MWPARC for establishing Ohio PARC modeled after COPARC
  - Annual report for PARC - Clint has extra copies available at annual meeting; two photos featured, Steve MacKessey
- SWPARC annual meeting - June 1-4th; likely at DoubleTree Hotel in Stapleton
  - Keynote speaker needed - David Steen (?)
  - Soliciting speakers and student presentations
  - Need volunteers to help solicit donations for a live auction; may need a permit in Colorado - restaurants, activities, retailers, etc.

## **New Business**

State Parks Survey - partner with CPW and Adaptation Environmental Services (Joe Ehrenberger) to survey specific state parks; COPARC supplying volunteers assigned to specific state parks (Jackson Lake - Kevin, Castlewood Canyon - Ian, Roxborough - Tim, Staunton, Chatfield - Joey Kelner?, Cherry Creek - Brian Shipley, John Martin - Joey Kelner)

## **Steering committee reports -**

1. Socials - Andrew
  - a. Colorado Plus April 15 6:30 PM - Kevin will bring TV to show Venom Interviews
  - b. No cost to reserve but group menu to have certain amount of food would have to be paid 2 weeks prior - or can order off the menu
  - c. Adaptation Environmental Services got contract for survey at Rattlesnake Mtn - field work before the dinner
  - d. Bring annual COPARC waivers - email out and bring printed ones to social
2. Tshirt sales - Brent
  - a. Decisions on inventory, colors, design (last suggestion was compilation of all 2017 trips on back with main logo on front)
  - b. Selling on Amazon with link on website?
3. Trips and surveys - Tim
  - a. 5/20 - Colo Prairie Init Herp Survey Pawnee Natl Grasslands - Danny
  - b. Otero - TBD but may be 7/21-24 Otero (dark moon) Ian
    - i. Comanche National Grasslands permitting - Ian and Andrew
  - c. KHS/COPARC joint trip - Prowers County Labor Day weekend 9/1-4 Brent
  - d. Jeff Co survey - Andrew host? Combo with SWPARC meeting; Species lists for different properties
4. Website - Danny
  - a. New SC members, update all mtg minutes/agendas, 2015/16 trip pages update
5. Community events and outreach - Karen, Brent, Andrew (SWPARC group)
  - a. PARC strategic plan to fulfill mission: Increase membership, add diversity (tribal groups, inner city schools, reaching out more to the local Audubon chapters, reaching out to local wildlife society chapters, establishing a presence in Colorado Springs/Pueblo/Grand Junction/West Slope); Roger interested in more education
    - i. Point of contact or director for each region - southern CO, western slope
    - ii. Colorado Herpetological Society and Northern Colo Herp society
  - b. Spring meeting at Lake Pueblo State Park to pull in members down south
  - c. Frog Watch
    - i. Andrew training 2/25 INAMP USGS, Roger Meyers;
    - ii. Can have others come to training to start their own chapters
    - iii. Next training 3/21 6pm Lookout Mtn Nature Center - contact Andrew

- d. JeffCo rattlesnake project
- 6. Annual Meetings - 2018 Meeting
  - a. Ian needs someone to take point on this committee
  - b. Spring? Suggested Lake Pueblo State Park
  - c. Need to discuss plans - possibly April/May, speakers, etc.
- 7. Wildlife and Habitat Roundtable - Andrew
- 8. Peschel survey explanation: see bottom of agenda

## **Action Items**

**Adjourn -**

**8:07**

**Next Meeting April 10 7 pm**