

FORTUNA TIERRA CLUB MINUTES

DATE: Monday, May 13, 2024, 4 PM – 6 PM

MEETING PLACE: Julie Huun's: 3768 Ponderosa Drive, Ridgway, CO

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5 p.m. by President, Mary Ann Guilinger

OPENING COMMENTS: Mary Ann thanked our host and the members for attending.

GOOD NEWS: Mary Ann welcomed a new granddaughter. We have six new members: Cate Bernard, Karen Dubroff, Sidney Minnick, Rhonda Osterberg, Atlee Valentine Pope and Darlene Sprague thanks to our successful membership meeting in April.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Julie Huun, Eve Becker-Doyle, Linda Mogetz, Alissa Crandall, Ronna Edgett-Underwood, Wendy Fenner, Mary Ann Guilinger, Kathy Heinrichs, Elise Shirey, and Sue Wiens. GUESTS: none.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Julie Huun-there is one addition to the Minutes (see corrections)

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING – February 12, 2024, meeting minutes included in the email. ANY CORRECTIONS: Include the following omission: Ronna shared a proposal from Eve to add an additional fundraiser to honor women volunteers in Ouray County, the Fortuna Tierra Exceptional Women Volunteers. The membership discussed the idea and agreed that it would fill a need to honor nominees from the various non-profits at a special gathering and that they would like more information on volunteer commitments and other details.

MOTION TO APPROVE with correction by Wendy SECOND by Eve. VOTE: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Ann Guilinger for Antoinette Enders

Mary Ann clarified that the 2023 net proceeds from the Log Hill Hustle was \$6,930 (\$9145 in revenue minus \$2215 in expenses). The 2024 budget is to raise \$10,000 for the Log Hill Hustle and keep expenses to \$2,000.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Linda SECOND: Wendy VOTE: Unanimous

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PHILANTHROPIC: Kathy Heinrichs and Sue Wiens reported on the scholarship recipients for 2024: **Hanna Freed** won the Richard Shotwell Memorial Scholarship for \$3,000 and she is planning to attend Northern Arizona University to study Special Education. The Shotwell Scholarship is our only named scholarship given in honor of a one-time generous donor. Two other \$3,000 scholarships were awarded to **Chente Anderson** who will attend Fort Lewis College to study Environmental Sciences and **Joe Countryman** who will attend Colorado Mesa University to study Business. We also awarded two \$500 continuing scholarships to **Anna**

Bartschi who is studying Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Colorado, Boulder and **Nerea McKnitt** who is studying Nursing at Grand Canyon University. The group thanked Kathy and Sue for their work in reaching out to students and fulfilling this important part of our mission.

COMPASSION: It was noted that Alan Stapleton's family is seeking a caregiver for his widow, Mary Ann, following his recent death.

FUNDRAISING:

- **Mary Ann Guilinger: The 9th annual Log Hill Hustle** will be on Sunday, August 25th. Julie volunteered to fill one of two duties that are critical to fill, the Volunteer Coordinator (SignUp). Mary Ann agreed to continue to do the online racers registration (Running Guru). Mary Ann is also seeking a co-chair for the fundraising committee.
- **Presentation by Eve Becker Doyle for Fortuna Tierra Club's Exceptional Women Volunteers.** Eve proposed a date of Saturday, October 5, 2024, from 3-5pm for the event with the venue being a large private home. She proposed catered hors d'oeuvres and donated liquor with a price per person around \$20 for food and classy casual rather than formal attire. She provided the committee with a list of possible sponsors and a list of the non-profits in the area. Many non-profits would be interested in honoring their volunteers at such an event according to her research and she proposed a ticket price of \$50-\$100 with the anticipation that many non-profits would purchase tickets on behalf of their membership and that people close to the honorees would also purchase tickets. Eve had an idea for an emcee who would keep the award ceremony brief but meaningful. Since this was the first year, anticipated proceeds were conservatively estimated at \$2,500. In response to questions regarding volunteer requirements, Eve shared that she had some outside interest in volunteering and that much of the outreach had already been done. **Eve moved to approve the fundraiser and Alissa seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.**
- Mary Ann shared that we may win the lottery for assisting in the **beer tent at the Thursday concerts in Hartwell Park in July.** If we win the lottery, we will need 15 volunteers from 5 PM to 10 PM; volunteers must be able to stand 4 ½ hours, twisting and turning, filling pitchers of beer, serving beer and wine by glass, checking IDs and taking tickets. We will need to provide names 4 weeks before the date if we win the lottery. The estimated amount we'd make is \$1,300.

MEETINGS in 2024:

- **June 18, Tuesday, 8 am – Wildflower Walk** with Mary Menz, Colorado Native Plant Master and author of Common Wildflowers of the San Juan Mountains. Cost is \$20 per person; **Meet at Log Hill Village mailboxes to carpool, 8 AM – 3 to 4**

- hours.** Linda Mogetz will be in charge: stay tuned for more details on the location of the slow hike/walk and methods of payment.
- **July 8, Monday at 1 p.m** – Stuffing Party for donation letters. Mary Ann Guilinger’s home, 340 Bear Cub Drive.
 - **August 12, Monday** - Meeting place and time to be determined; to finalize details for the Fun Run.
 - **October 5, Saturday, 3-5 pm** Fortuna Tierra Club’s **Exceptional Women Volunteers Event**
 - **October 14, Monday – Fortuna Tierra Meeting-** Time, location to be determined.
 - **December 9– Holiday Party** – (member funded) – Time and location to be determined.

BIRTHDAYS – May through July: Claudia Wolff – 5/13; Irene Stith – 5/16; Karen Dubroff – 5/24; Sidney Minnick - 6/04; Atlee Valentine Pope - 6/17; Julie Huun - 6/30; Ellen Lapham - 7/17; Ronna Edgett-Underwood - 7/23

ANNIVERSARIES – May through July: Eve Becker-Doyle - 5/23; Antoinette Enders - 6/13; Kathy Heinrichs - 6/20; Claudia Wolff - 6/29; Atlee Valentine Pope - 7/02; Cate Bernard - 7/04; Wendy Fenner - 7/06; Julie Huun - 7/06; Linda Mogetz - 7/23; Roze Evans - 7/27; Alissa Crandall - 7/29

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:34 pm