PAC Meeting Minutes
July 20 2020
1330 CT

- **Corps Foundation update: Greg Miller**
  - Advocacy efforts – about the last month have been really involved in legislative advocacy. Nancy and Pep met with several folks at the PLA meeting in January and connected with the national marine manufacturers. Lots of discussion on ways to boost advocacy and got a meeting with Congressman Huffman of CA. The congressman is going to try to get to language into WRDA to consider adding $40M to improve existing facilities, and develop a log of maintenance needed for over $300M in unfunded maintenance that can be executed in a year… and identify additional avenues of funding to meet those needs.
  - Website revisions – plans underway to revise/revitalize CF website. Last big overhaul was 2014/2015. Considering adding a podcast page.
  - Sales of Ranger book - hardcover is outselling the e-book. 3 to 1

- **COVID-19** – Anything new to report from each MSC?
  - **Scott –** all of rec facilities open. Even though there's a concern about COVID, it was decided that it's better to open the parks than to have them closed with the amount of people disregarding barriers (swimming at closed beaches, etc). Campaign "Recreate Responsibly". Created front yard signs printed for $200 for guests to see as they drive into the park
  - **Francis –** Cases are rising in the south, but there's high visitation because people want to be outside. Some issues at undesignated areas with trash pick up and keeping areas clean. Trails groups are staying busy. Friends of Jordan Lake are staying busy with some social media campaigns and small adopt a shoreline issues since they haven't been able to do their big volunteer clean up. Doesn't look like the Wall Family Volunteer OTY award will be presented this year
  - **Allison –** lots of visitation, maybe more volunteer turnover or deciding not to show up and some issues recruiting volunteers. Busy recreation areas.
  - **Rob –** picnic shelters still closed, but everything else is open. Some issues with vandalism
  - **Taylor –** Day use areas open, but campgrounds closed. Lots of special events with partners aren't happening this year. Volunteer programs are running, but recruiting stations have been running background checks and haven't been
  - **Heath –** across the NWD division there's a wide variety of hot spots. Lots of concern about tribal areas and talk through access and/or protecting populations at risk. Lots of guests wanting to leave "hot spots" to more remote areas in middle America
  - **Visitor Centers Open?** Gavins Point and Fort Peck in NWO. Some in NAD but they're unmanned VCs

- **Newsletter- S**cott/Rob- Update. Scott has gotten 5 articles so far. Work on layout in time for next call to publish in Sep

- **NRM Gateway -**
  - Team members send websites they like the look of to pattern our pages after- Heather will send out a compiled list- need input from Allison, Scott, Heath, Taylor

- **Handshake FY 21 program prep-** Heath. Need to get the memo out ASAP. Push deadline back to Oct 31. That would assist both us and the projects.) Memo should leave NWO this week and worked with CAP

- **Volunteer.gov-** New site will launch August 1!

- **Corporate volunteer/matching programs-** Heather- Need team to assist in developing database/list of corporations that have paid volunteer days and matching programs. Still need…
  Sig- 50% Pending
  Scott- Pending (will be done this week)
  Heath-Pending (will be working this after Handshakes)
  Taylor- Pending (25% finished, will be totally finished this week)

- **New idea from Innovations team-** Develop a tool/app/website that could make collaborating with our national partners easier…a site or app where projects could post activities/projects that they are looking for partners to help accomplish the task. It could also be an avenue where partners could advertise their missions and goals and ways they could help. Is this something the PAC might be interested in helping with, or do you have some ideas where the Innovations Team could help?

- **National Public Lands Day –** NEEF announced the option to do a virtual OR in person public lands day based on the health climate of the area.

- **Webinars:**
  - Handshake- Heath (Aug 19th (10 cst), Sep 16th (noon cst));
  - EIP/VOY- Taylor (Sep 9, 10pst)
  - NRM Assessment- Allison (Oct 6, 21, Nov 5).
  - Others TBD: Civilian Inmate Labor, YMCA MOU, Volunteer.gov

- **MOUs status**
  - YMCA- Francis
  - Ruffed Grouse, Pheasants Forever, Boy Scouts- Scott
  - TU- Sig NO ACTION TO REPORT
  - NWTF- Allison
  - Girl Scouts- Taylor
  - 4-H: Tennille/Rob

- **Prospect FY 21:**
  - **Philadelphia District, October 26-29 2020– Scott… Status?? – As of right now, the DO isn't back open. PA has a recommended 2 week quarantine if you travel in from 18 different states across the country.**
    -Instructors- Taylor, Sig (self fund), Allison, Rob, Tennille, Heather, Scott (fund self) Robert Jordon Audit.
    -Field trip development to Blue Marsh- Scott
    -Hotel secured: Home 2 Suites-

  - **Allatoona, May 3-6 2021 - Francis**

  -Instructors – Miriam (self-funded) Heath, Rob, Tennille, Heather, Scott, Francis (self-funded), new SPD and MVD team member audit
  -Field trip development to Allatoona/Carters – Francis, Miriam

- POSSIBLE THIRD PROSPECT COURSE WITH THE OLD GANG at Willamette Valley in August/September 2021- Who could or would be willing to participate?

- **Prospect FY22- Seattle and ?**

NEXT PAC CALL- August 26, 27, 28, 31 – doodle poll will be sent out.