

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

May 2019

Program:

- New program development.
 - Requested MOU from Boulder Crest Retreat. No response. Inquired again today.
 - Faye, Saul and Mike met with Aaron Demro to better understand a logic model that works for us and a decision making framework to evaluate potential new programs/services. Another follow up meeting with Aaron is needed.
 - Faye, Saul and Ali met to discuss incorporating mindfulness and intention-setting exercise into FX. Ali will walk us and program subcommittee members through exercise in June.
- FX4. Solo – All Female. Had several others lined up for the sixth slot but they all backed out at various times prior to the FX. Solid event. Summary covered in eNewsletter. One participant had a Purple Heart.
- FX5. Solo. Also a solid FX. Warrior participant confined to wheelchair brought caregiver father who said WQW was the best run program they have ever been on.
- FX6. CFX reunion. Another success. See attached notes.
- Deputy Director of Warrior Services. As you know, Chris Bogner is moving on from WQW. His last day will be June 28. Mike and Saul are currently hiring his replacement.
- Volunteer Manager. Ryan started on May 1.
- New van. Donors provided WQW with a used wheelchair accessible mini-van. It's in great condition and we used it on FX5. Chris drove the van here from Phoenix.
- New boat. Donors provided WQW with a brand new, ADA drift boat. Maiden voyage was on FX5 for the same warrior that took advantage of the new drift boat.

Fundraising:

- Warrior Taste Fest. We are going to need a lot of volunteers for this event (job descriptions are currently being compiled). In order to attend, BOD will need to either sign-up to volunteer (free ticket included) or purchase ticket/sponsorship. Now is the time to push for ticket sales. **Please share the following link with all of your contacts.** <https://warriorsandquietwaters.org/warrior-taste-fest/>
- Grants. Submitted grant application to Wendell and Doris Rogers Foundation.
- NAB. **Please RSVP to Gayle regarding your attendance at the NAB/BOD dinner on Thursday, July 25.** Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate spouses/significant others at this event. New NAB member, AshLee Strong.
- Deputy Director of Development. Emily started on May 1.
- GiveBig. WQW exceeded its goal raising more than \$13,000.

Communications/Outreach:

- eNewsletter
- Annual Report mailed

- Corporation for Public Broadcasting piece, “Veterans Coming Home” from last year aired on MT PBS over Memorial Day.
- Saul interviewed on Aaron Flint’s state-wide radio show, Montana Talks, which aired on Memorial Day.
- Gayle/Faye met with Matt McKenna to pursue some additional, national media leads.

Quiet Waters Ranch:

- Caretaker House. There has been significant traction to receive \$300K of funding from the Yellowstone Club. We expect funds to be wired to our account soon.
- CUP modification. As you know, WQW does not need to seek a CUP modification to increase the number of events held at QWR.
- Neighbor Relations. Hosted potluck for neighbors on May 19. Several neighbors attended and learned a lot more about WQW, met some staff and board members, asked questions, etc. One couple went home and completed volunteer applications that night. Another indicated interest in volunteering as well.

Administration:

- Ex Com and Finance & Budget Meetings
- Salesforce training. Transition scheduled for July.
- 2018 Audit and 990 finalized
- Office expansion with cubicles
- New credit card to earn points for mileage
- New shared drive for board members. Mike to demo at June board meeting.
- Work on new web site design
- Saul and Lawrence - annual reviews
- Board member orientation