Regular Monthly Meeting

Beaverhead Trails Coalition

April 20, 2017

Present: Kathleen Wagner, Dan Downey, Alan Weltzien, Michael Mooney, Betty Mooney, Pete Wakeman, Ed Mooney

1. Previous minutes approved.
2. ***Noxious Weed Sign:*** Michael Mooney gave update on trailhead sign with BLM. Suggested a weed pull day on June 14th , followed by a BBQ for all involved, time 4:30 pm. To 6:30 pm. The Noxious Weed Trust Fund Council and Noxious Weed Seed Free Forage Committee will be in town for a meeting earlier in the day, and would like to help pull weeds, install the boot brush/weed sign and then celebrate. Michael will email pic of sign when he gets and will send to us for approval. Dan suggested meeting with Michael to pick out a site for the noxious weed sign to go. There was a motion to have a public event at trailhead when sign is placed, and was approved. Will be placed on BTC calendar.
3. ***Grants update*** – Dan Downey, Dan Pence, Rick Hartz and Pat McNeil went to Helena, MT to present our request for $140,000 for the Phase III land acquisition for the MFWCT grant. We received word back from Deb Lane at MWFCT, stating that the Citizen Advisory Board recommended a $50,000 grant. Discussion of possible sectioning out of Phase III. Kathleen will email all BTC members and have PSA run for letters of support for MFWCT and Deb Lane's email address, with a cc to beaverheadtrails@gmail.com address. Cinnabar received our grant application and will get back to us. Wells Fargo – Dan and Kathleen will meet regarding specifics of what to apply for. People for Bikes grant- In-Town and Bike Recycling groups need to meet and get grant specified, possible bike racks. Discussion of the recent request for more bike racks down town was discussed.
4. ***Trail Work Day*** – great success. Had approximately 50 people there to work, including 24 Montana Youth Challenge cadets. We improved approximately 2 miles of trail and established good partnership with MYC.
5. ***Fund Run/Earth Day*** – 15-20 preregistered total, between the two races. We are ready to run the race.
6. ***Strategic plan*** – Governance committee is meeting to finalize their piece of strategy, and will send to board. In-Town committee is working on their piece, needs to finalize it all. They are having a difficult time with finding time to reorganize and edit. Alan Weltizen offered to take a look at language and errors, and will meet with Ed to figure out a time to do so after May 8.
7. ***Next monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 16th***. Kathleen will call sheriff's annex to schedule.