Monthly Meeting Minutes

Beaverhead Trails Coalition

Law Enforcement Annex

June 20th, 2019

BOD members present: Dan D, Craig Simonsen, Ed Mooney, Joyce Connors,

BTC Director present: Celine Beaucamp-Stout

BTC members and guests present: Larry Skiles, Micheal Mhoon, Jason Oles (BLM – Rec planner)

1. **Approve May 9th minutes**
* Removed annex 1
* Motion to approve by Michael Mhoon; Seconded by Ed; no abstentions or opposition.
1. **Treasurer report**

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| Total bank account: $45,377.25 | Incl. Unrestricted: $5,539.19 Restricted $39,838.06 |
| Total assets: $589,893.50 | Incl. 987 acres of land |
| Month of May Net Income: $-6,103.89 | Incl. Income: $449 (membership, event, business  contribution)  Expenses: $6552.89 (supplies and payroll) |

* Membership count as per June 20th:

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| **total membership:**  | **56** | **total members:** | **67** |
|  | Patrons: | 28 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Businesses: | 7 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Family: | 11 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Single: | 10 |  |  |  |  |

1. **Grant Updates**

**MFWCT:** received $20,000.

**Union Pacific:** applied for Noble Ave project again. Asking $25,000. Ed sent in the report for last year's funds.

**Steele Reese Foundation:** A trustee met with Joyce to see the Dillon area and discuss BTC, projects, etc. Should know at end of summer, asked for $15,000 for High Trails project. Funds are used at our discretion and are only limited to being related to HT project.

**Clif Bar:** Asked $10,000 for general support with High Trails project. Denied

**Cinnabar:** Requested $10,000 for High Trails special project funding. Denied. I will reach out to Gary Wolfe again to see if he suggests applying again, if we had any hindrance, etc.

**Kendeda Grant funds:** approved for $10,000 for operational expenses :) not received yet.

1. **Pronghorn Pursuit Trail Run Fundraiser Update**

Approved for tourism Grant - $2550 ($1050 for T-shirts, $1500 for advertisement)

So far, set up advertisement in:

* Billings Gazette – Print on July 10th and July 17th + digital for 14 days (20,000 impressions) - $382
* Idaho State Man – 17,000 impressions for July 2019 - $600
* Dillon Tribune – Print on July 10th and July 17th - $87.6
* Missoulian – Print on June 26th, July 10th and July 17th - $130
* Dillonite – WIP
* Facebook Boost - WIP

Also posted on FB groups and/or got info to more than 40 groups (trail running and/or sport stores, in MT, ID, WA, OR). We need to continue to cover WY, ND, UT and NV.

Let’s contact the radio (Lee).

The race webpage got 544 views – 4 registrations (all for 15K, 2 women and 2 men, 2 from Bozeman, 2 from Idaho). Amount generated so far: $163.

Celine got coupons from KOA (25% OFF tent site for 1 night and 10% OFF for RV site for 1 night) and from Beaverhead Lodge ($75 instead of $99/ night for 2 nights).

We need somebody to focus on mini expo and we need more participants!!!

Patagonia: packet pick-up and special on Friday – Patagonia will organize a kid’s mile run

Some Cross Country kid will run the race.

1. **High Trails**
* Easement to BLM on the Northwest of the property – Jason Oles

Joyce and Jason Oles met to look at the easement through Harold Brown’s property to access BLM land. The BLM needs to know where the easement will be because we they will need to clear with archeologist, and then post for public comments. BLM is doing a (watershed) field assessment on that corner this fall so Jason can incorporate the trail in the NEPA document.

Dan and Pete W. planned on meeting with Harold Brown.

The trail(s) on BLM will be mostly on existed road at this point. Some roads go through private land but the roads have been there for a long time.

The ultimate goal of connecting the High Trails system to public land is to access BLM and Forest Service land, and to have access to camping sites. It is possible for BLM to entertain the idea of setting up dispersed camping sites – accessible by foot or horseback.

* Update on trail work

Joyce and BLM installed the gate on the Overlook Trail – it looks great and safer now.

We didn’t hear from Patrick Thomas, USFS, nor from Don Copple, DNRC, about work they planned on doing on the Northwest Passage Trail. Joyce and Mike Connors walked it this week and did not notice any work done. Ed will try to contact Don Cople – Celine will keep on trying Patrick. For the Trail Run, we can divert the course to the 2 tracks (with permission of Harold Brown, which Dan will ask).

Scott Ferris, environmental engineer, and Dan D met at the trails. Scott will do a contaminant survey on parcels J, pro bono. We need to send him a thank you note.

Larry Skiles is helping us to get courtesy signs for the trailhead.

* Weed spraying day – Saturday, June 29th – 8am

Dan asked the county for spray. 8 backpacks. We need 8 people plus Dan D.

* Fundraiser campaign for parcel J acquisition

We will have a phone / email / letters campaign – deadline August 30th

Lunch and Learn w/ chamber of commerce in July (Joyce and Celine)

We are short $42,000 for the acquisition of parcel J.

1. **Selway Park**
* Weeds

Ken Scalzone will help set up a weed pulling day.

Joyce and Betty Mooney will work on it this Wednesday evening

1. **Noble avenue Update**

Ed met Monday with mayor, Tod and Nick to final field-fit the trail.

We got estimates for the North end.

Motion from Joyce to go for lower cost (with condition of final approval by Ed), seconded by Craig, all in favor.

Construction should start early July.

RTP grant is active, Ed talked to Jeremy to start the bid process for the south end. We need the survey staked.

Dan talked to the property manager of the Beaverhead Pride subdivision, whom confirmed they will build a trail across it.

1. **Other Business**
* Great Spring wildflowers walk on Saturday June 15th, great attendance!
* Every Wednesday(?) 6-8 pm – Weekly work evening. This Wednesday will be at Selway Park
* Walking Schoolbus: we need to set up a meeting.
1. **Next meeting**

Tentatively Thursday July 18th – 5:30pm at Sheriff’s annex. Room is reserved