Regular Meeting

Beaverhead Trails Coalition

March 10, 2016

Those present: Dan Downey, Ben Moore, Craig Simonsen, Michael Mhoon, Rick Hartz, Ed Mooney, Larry Skiles, Pete Wakeman, Joyce Connors

**Previous Minutes**: Approved minutes from previous meeting.

**Work Day**: Our work day will be Saturday, April 9th. We’ll meet at the trailhead at 10:00. Ed will order sealant for the bridge. Work projects will be maintenance on the Pigtail Trail, removing barb wire at the first saddle on the main trail, defining trails across the old dump and on the Cliff Trail, sealing the Pigtail bridge. Dan D. will talk to Ryan Norse re the football players helping and we will also contact the XC team from BCHS. We decided we didn’t really need another meeting re Work Day.

**BLM Bench**: The BLM wants to coordinate with the college to do the heavy work on the bench at the same time the college is working on the “M.” Both groups will use the road through Ben Pauly’s cows for access. Dan P. will coordinate the date.

**MTFW Conservation Trust Grant**: Work on the grant is almost done. We need to add letters of support. We will ask the mayor, Beth Weatherby at UMW, County Commissioners, BLM, YMCA, Jeff Welborn, and Jack Kirkley. We plan to send in the grant on April 1st. Dan D., Joyce, and Ben will meet with Alice on Tuesday, March 15th, 4:30, Hospital Foundation Room to go over the grant. We can still use pictures for the grant application.

**Sign Locations**: Larry met with Kathy at Signs Now re the signs and also picked up the signs in Helena. A volunteer group met up on the hill to discuss sign placement. We still need to mark the shooting range sign placement, so Pete will mark that. We have three more trailhead signs on order for near the Interstate, by the Cliff Road, and at the Parking Lot. Larry will talk to Scott Jones about the signs that will go on the county signposts.

**Additional Dog Station for Pigtail**: We will order a second dog station for the Pigtail Trail. Larry installed the new Dog Station at the parking lot (DTO Trail) today. Andrea Simonsen will donate the funds for the Pigtail dog station.

**Maps**: Ed and Larry have been working on maps and have some great new maps for grant applications and events. Some show the phases of the DTO/High Trails projects, others include the trails around town and adjoining landowners.

**Bike Racks**: The bike racks are ready to go and Larry will install them in the next week.

**Otto Miller**: Pete talked to Otto and Charlene Miller recently. They may be here in June. Pete also talked to Mike Schaeffer of the motorized users about possibly meeting with them in the future.

**Bike Recycling**: Eric and Rick did a budget for the Bicycling Recycling Program. We will send it to Alice for the Cinnabar Grant, which is due at the end of the month. Ben will get a copy of the grant.

**Donor Base**: Craig and Joyce have been working on the Donor Base. They’ve met about it and added some new names. We hope to mail invitations to Pint Night using lists from Donor Perfect. Craig ordered “Box” for online storage for $84. We plan to store organization documents online through this service.

**Earth Day**: We will have a table at Earth Day on April 16th. Ed and Joyce will attend the meeting on Monday at UMW (STC at 5**:**30) for those involved. We will have maps and handouts.

**Pint Night Fundraiser**: We need to get Silent Auction items for Pint Night. If everyone could get 5 items it would help a lot. We’ll meet later for more on Pint Night.

**Yarn Shop**: Larry brought up that some donations should be earmarked for low trails, as was brought to his attention by the ladies at the Yarn Shop. We will start a new category in the books for Low Trails and keep any funds designated for those trails in a separate category.

**Wisdom American Legion**: The Wisdom American Legion will let us know if we can help with their trail project.

**Future West Conference**: Future West will be having a Facilitation Workshop at UMW on April 26 & 27 if anyone is interested in attending.

**Hiring Committee**: The hiring committee consists of Ben Moore, Pete Wakeman and Michael Mhoon. Please send any thoughts on this to Ben.

**Board Meeting**: We will have a Board Meeting on Monday, March 21st, 6:00 at the Brewery to go over things for the Work Day, Earth Day, and Pint Night.

**Next Meeting**: Our next regular meeting will be Thursday, April 14th, at 5:30.