Regular Monthly Meeting

Beaverhead Trails Coalition

February 16, 2017

Present: Kathleen Wagner, Dan Downey, Joe Brandon, Pat McNeill, Rob Macioroski (, Pete Wakeman, Rick Hartz, Ed Mooney, Vicki Neidecker, Mandy Maas, Theresa Gallhouse, Wade Hanson, Dan Pence, Ben Moore, Joyce Connors. Craig Simonsen, Elsie Lawlor, Pat Carrick.

1. Review Last Minutes. Motion to approve. Second.
2. ***Mandy Maass*** – Wild and Scenic Film Festival - Event will be March 24-25, at STC Great Room. Mandy asked that we start at 7:30 pm this year to help with parking (theatre parking conflict). They need people to help sell tickets and do promotions. BTC will have a table there. Invite any other outdoors non-profit groups we know of to also have a booth. Total of 250 people over 2 nights last year. Cost is $2,400 to put on (total- space, marketing, etc). Last year we earned $200, but are hoping to be able to earn more this year. Ben will coordinate the ticket sales, create a list of people volunteering for ticket sales, etc. Will be approximately 90 minutes of film. Ben can send link to anyone who wants to help in selecting the films that will be shown.
3. ***5 Year Strategic Plan*** – goal is to be finished by the end of February, but it might be closer to the middle of March. Ted will send final chapters for each group. The focus groups will read through their chapters for any changes, will edit and send back to Ted to view (within a 2 week time limit), and BOD to review for final revisions. Kathleen will tell Ted they need all chapters done in two weeks. Focus groups have two weeks to get edits done and back to Ted. Ed suggested adding an executive summary for the beginning that highlights all major points.
4. ***Grants*** – MFWCT – asking for $140,000 as encouraged by Deb Lane, (representative of MFWCT) and Dennis Glick. We will apply for grant for purchase of Phase III, 327 acres. Whatever we receive from the grant, we will adjust our goal and apply again for the following two years and adjust goal as needed. Deb Lane thought April 18th for Helena hearing at Legislature. The deadline is April 8th for grant. Dennis Glick (grant writer) will have first draft by end of February. Plan is to gain as much as we can until we have total met, or deadline of Buy/Sell Agreement. If we do not have the total $180,000 by the deadline, we will purchase what we have and/or rewrite the buy/sell agreement. Clif Bar grant applied for, but have not heard back. Possibly reapplying for BCBSMT, waiting for Donna Lawson to get back with more information. Dan D. talked with Kendeda to renew, and was told we could possibly get $10,000. Joyce wonders if we could ask for the previously awarded $5,000 for trail work to be released for organizational expenses. Dan D. and Joyce will contact Kendeda in two weeks for the $10,000. United Way will meet March 8th at 5:50 pm. Ed Mooney, Joe Brandon, Joyce Connors and Ben Moore will attend and defend grant. Cinnabar grant – members voted to have Donna Lawson write for operational funds or pick a project and add to it. Festival Of Trees fundraiser: last year's groups gained $13,000. BTC members approved applying. Should apply for covering of operational expenses, but apply with a project in mind and make operational expenses a part of each. Possibly list two of three different projects going on, and have the operations covered, emphasize high trails, but add bike recycling and in-town trails project as well.
5. ***Reschedule Trail Work Day*** – had to reschedule due to snow and difficult weather. The plan is to add gate, and clarify and improve county track, narrow it down. Any other trail work needing done, reschedule to March 1 at 2 pm. Pete Wakeman will call Ben Pauley to tell of the gate addition. Smoke jumpers group working on deadfall, wildflowers on Lemhi Pass last full week of July (24-28). Contact Bill Koler for contact information.
6. ***Earth Day/Fund Run*** – April 22nd – 5K and 15K - BTC coordinating run w Cross country team of UMW as a fundraiser. Terra Verde will be involved on the Earth Day celebration. Ben and Pete will work to create/identify a route, and see if any trail structure needs to be done ahead of time of the event.
7. ***Rick Hartz*** - discussed how the section from KOA to Dillon Town Overlook trail head to put in walking/bicycle lane from Park St to Ten Mile Road project is funded but bumped to 2018 at earliest. City plan was also bumped from Noble to Skihi to help with using road millings for creation of path.
8. ***Committee Reports*** – Bike Recycling found a location for recycling center. Hoping to be in next couple of weeks. Dan asked Joe to have a summary ready ahead of time for United Way and future grants, as well as photo's of the new space, and a trip to Bozeman Bike Kitchen is being planned.
9. ***Treasurer's Report.*** Income on report is from final payment of Pigtail Bridge grant. Grant is finished. Expenses for month was $1,700, low on Kendeda but hoping for renewal. Discussion of funds and potential future area grants such as Wells Fargo and Safeway discussed.
10. ***Wade Hansen*** came and spoke of his experience of running heavy machinery to do any trail work that we may need. Also mentioned starting a mountain climbing club going to climb the Pioneers.
11. ***Rick Hartz retirement party*** at brewery, March 4th, Saturday
12. ***Next meeting*** March 16th at 5:30 pm, Sheriff's Annexx.