Regular Monthly Meeting

Beaverhead Trails Coalition

December 13th, 2018

Presents: Dan Downey, Micheal Mhoon, Sue Hansen, Chuck Eade, Pam Laursen, Celine Beaucamp-Stout, Joyce Connors, Ed Mooney, John Warren

1. 5:30-5:35 *Approve minutes*

motion: Ed Mooney seconded: Michael Mhoon all in favor

1. 5:35-5:50 *Treasurer report*

November activity: payroll, membership and 1 sponsor an acre

Property taxes between us and Otto – Otto has been paying them so Joyce met w/ Sara and sent Otto a check for $150.

Joyce sent 129 EOY letters to people w/o a recorded email address.

BTC counts 45 current members.

1. 5:50-6:05 *Grant Updates*

**Clif Bar:**BOD approved reapplying. Kathleen will start the application soon; it is due February 1. They are looking to fund projects that increase outdoor activity, so High Trails and Noble Ave both fit with this.

**Lawrence Foundation:**Submitted application. Requested $10,000 per year for two years (High trails?) or operational expenses. We will hear back by December 1, have not heard anything yet.

**Steele Reese:**We applied for this one last year, and was denied. However, we were given a note that said to contact and have a phone call before submitting again. The phone meeting went well. We were encouraged to apply for $20,000 to be used for anything towards the bottom line of the project. I submitted the LOI on the date it opened, December 3. We should be within the first 150. They will accept applications between Dec 3 and Jan 9th. Then we should hear back if we are invited to do the formal full application. High trails

**Cornell Douglas Foundation:**Kathleen will finish formal letter of inquiry and send off when all materials have been gathered. No deadline. Also asking $10,000 for operational expense through High Trails project. They fund conservation and sustainability projects.

**America Walks Grant:**Submitted application late October. Requested $1500 for Noble Ave project.  Will be notified in December.

**BCBS:**Last year we were told our application was solid but they are limited in funds, with most going to Prickly Pear (located where they are) and Montana Conservation Corps (do work statewide). I do not think the application will change much, so should be easy to do updates and try again. it's for operational expenses, and more of a first come first serve, so in January. Kathleen has begun revamping this one already so it is ready to go.

**Cinnabar:**This will be due between Jan and March 31, typically. We have been told many times to apply for this one. One funding priority they have is private land conservation, and can get general operation expenses for such projects. I will get started on this one this week as well, should just need updates and edits from last year's application.

**United Way 2019:** Opened this week

Idea from Chuck:

**REI:** for the national trails day (June) – Outdoors Project Operator

**Prana** (Ca)

**2019 Fundraising – Summer Activity Challenge:** brief presentation of concept by Celine. BTC will get pledges from the community for donation, and people will have to walk 1 mile for $1 to get it. Fundraiser will end with a TrailsFest in end of September.

Make sure donator understand that the donation pledge is the maximum they will have to donate.

1. 6:05-6:20 *High Trails Phase III*

200 acres land purchase still not recorded – Survey was approved by state survey office and county commissioner. Was sent to Otto Miller to sign. Once that is done, it will go to the recorder office.

Pete Wakeman and Dan D will meet Friday Dec 14 with Harold Brown, our new neighbor. Fence line goes on his property so people may wander off there. He can let us know if he has a problem.

High trails committee met. Working on a sign to warn people that they are on our land.

Ed put the length of each segment on the map and will print a new map for the trail head.

1. 6:20-6:35 *Noble Avenue*

Committee is working on the proposal to get a final draft in 2-3 weeks.

Ed will meet mayor tomorrow to keep him in the loop.

The fence will be left out of the proposal. That way if we don’t get it, we can keep the money from LOR and UP to start building the northern part of the trail.

If we get RTP grant, we have to follow the state bidding procedure. Dan D will call RE Miller and let him know. We need to start getting on the contractor’s calendars. WWC engineering said that it is not unusual to start the bidding advertisement with contingency that we get the grant.

Celine contacted LOR – they are aware of the extension of the grant

1. 6:35-7:00 *Other Businesses*
* BTC Christmas gathering at the wine bar on 12/19 – Wine bar has been informed.
* Patagonia partners party – send reminder
1. 7:00 *Next meeting tentatively Thursday January 24th – 5:30pm at Sheriff’s annex (reserved)*. Adjourn