Monthly Meeting Minutes

Beaverhead Trails Coalition

March 21st, 2019

BOD members present: Dan Downey, Chair; Craig Simonsen; Dan Pence; Ed Mooney; Joyce Connors;

BTC Director present: Celine Beaucamp-Stout

BTC members present: Betty Mooney; Dlynda Richman; Michael Mhoon

Meeting called to order by the President at 17:40.

1. **Approve February 21st minutes**

Motion to approve: Michael; second: Dan P; all in favor - corrections following, no abstentions. **Passed.**

Correction: $600 for porta potty

1. **Treasurer report**

Balance of -$1000 for February because we bought T-shirts

Kendeda $ will be all gone next month – We will probably receive a terminal grant for another year of operational expenses. We are trying to apply to Cinnabar for the future organizational expenses.

As of March 21st, BTC has 51 memberships / 61 members as follow:

8 individual membership @ $20;

10 family membership @ $30 (counts for 2 persons);

26 patrons @ $50;

7 business memberships @ $100 ea.

1. **Grant Updates**

**Steele Reese Foundation:**made it past the first round, now applying in the long, formal application for $15,000 for the High Trails Project. Monies would be spent at our discretion, as long as they are related to the project. Would receive an answer this summer. April 1.

**Clif Bar:** Applied and waiting for an answer. Asking $10,000 for general support with High Trails project.

**BCBS:** Applied again for operational expenses, $10,000. Waiting to hear back.

**Cinnabar:** Applied and waiting to hear back. Requested $10,000 for High Trails special project funding. Submitted

**United Way:** Ed and Joyce presented to their board.Applied and received $2000 for Noble Ave construction, none for porta potty. Consider the **Jaycees** for the toilet.

**Kendeda Grant funds:**renewed

**Submittable:**Received one acre sponsored

**Acres for America:**considering applying for this one. Joyce is looking over details before deciding.

Future consideration: **Festival of the Trees**.

**MT Fish & Wildlife Conservation Trust:** $65,000. Dan D has to write a cover letter – almost ready to submit. 12 letters of support from agencies. Joyce met with Denis. Submitted by Monday.

**RTP:** waiting

Skipped the **AARP** this year – will consider it next year depending on RTP result

1. **High Trails Update**

Dan D talked to Corrine Wellborn, realtor: The check for lease payment was produced (grazing) – once it is sent to Otto Miller, BTC should assume the grazing lease ($3000/year).

Improving range is our mission for this project – so the grazing lease money will be used for that.

Grazing lease is a 5-page legal agreement. 10 yrs lease (until 2023).

Maybe camouflage the toilet at the trailhead?

Trails assessment on April 6th at 10am – organize a work day with MT youth challenge.

We need cairns, fence repair and gates (48inches or 50 inches). 4 posts / gate (braces).

Contact Bill Kholar (Joyce) – MT Youth Challenge (Celine – 10 cadets from 10 to noon: 2 gates and cairns, steele bars, shovels)

200 flags (Rocky Mountain Supply?)

DNRC crews will work on some trails this summer.

Incident on March 11th – Dogs and gun => Sign (Discussion about gun bullet point – welcome to BTC trust land)

1. **Trail Run**

In partnership with BCHS Cross Country Team (Betty Iverson, Mike Telling) - August 10th

1. **Other Business**
2. Walking Schoolbus to start on April 8th
3. 2019 Fundraising – Summer Activity Challenge Update:
4. Walk with a Doc – not yet scheduled.
5. **Earth Day – April 27th**: we would like to set up team to clean along the dump road, then table with info, posters, membership envelops, T-shirts. Format for activities is expected to be similar.
6. Celine approached Lee Harry to organize a Spring Flowers walk at the High Trails
7. Range Days will be having plant identification on the High Trails in June.
8. Celine will be OOT May 12 – June 6.
9. **Next meeting** tentatively Thursday April 18th – 5:30pm at Sheriff’s annex (reserved).

Mtg adjourned @ 7:00pm by Dan Downey, BTC President