Monthly Meeting Minutes

Beaverhead Trails Coalition

Law Enforcement Annex

July 18th, 2019

BOD members present: Ed Mooney, Joyce Connors, Pat Carrick, Craig Simonsen

BTC Director present: Celine Beaucamp-Stout

BTC members and guests present: Pete Wakeman, Michael Mhoon (very briefly)

1. **Approve June 20th minutes**

Ed approves. Joyce seconds. No abstentions or opposition. Approved.

1. **Treasurer report**
* Will be sent out for review later this evening & considered for approval at next meeting.
* Donor perfect renewed.
* *Pronghorn Pursuit race:* Started paying for ads. We have $1500 allocated for this purpose from MT Tourism Office grant (on refund basis after the event).
* *Bike recycling:* Rest of $$s available were spent on helmets which were donated to Larry of Bike/Walk SW MT. Fund is 0-ed out. Joyce talked w/Joe and made arrangements to pick up the bike stand which we will donate to Bike/Walk.
* Ed notes that we have never formally approved the proposed 2019 budget. Joyce will resend via email & we will consider for approval at next mtg.
* *High Trail Land Acquisition:* BTC received a pledge of $10,000 from Patagonia, contingent on a $30,000 community match. If we apply $15,000 from Steele Reese (grant approved recently, Steele Reese is a NW donor), leaves $15,000 to be raised locally. We can apply the $25,000 from Tim (pledge recently received too). However, BTC members do not want to give up on pressing for local funding. Also, August closing date requires complete payment by end-month unless we apply for extension.

Best solution seems to be to use Tim’s donation to close on Parcel J and to ‘prove up’ on the community match. Continue vigorous approach to local donors. Joyce has letter we can edit a little to reflect our new circumstances. Craig agreed to help w/that. Letter will be available then to us to use in our fund-raising calls and contacts.

Celine will send around a list of potential donors. BOD members willing to make call(s) w/request for donations should indicate to whom they would be willing to make calls, return list to Celine and she will organize the list & make assignments, ensuring single fund-raiser: single donor. Calls/requests should be made by August 20 to allow receipts by end-August.

* *Treasurer report – updated on July 19th:*

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| Total bank account: $52,091.64 | Incl. Unrestricted: $ 14,050.9 Restricted $ 38,040.74 |
| Total assets: $596,607.89 | Incl. 987 acres of land |
| Month of June Net Income: $6,694.39 | Incl. Income: $11,652.75 (sponsor an acre, membership, Kendeda grant, donation, Trail Run registrations) Expenses: $4,958.36 (Payroll, supplies) |

* *Membership count as per July 18th:*

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| **total membership:**  | **57** | **total members:** | **73\*** |
|  | Patrons:  | 29 |  |  |
|  | Businesses: | 7 |  |  |
|  | Family: | 14 |  |  |
|  | Single: | 9 |  |  |

***\*Note: a family membership counts for 2 members***

1. **Grant Updates**

**Steele-Reese**: the Foundation will make a grant of $15,000 for one year to Beaverhead Trails Coalition Inc to support your Dillon High Trails Project as described in the proposal. They will send a signed grant contract letter to Dan Downey Via U.S. Mail (to PO Box), need to sign and return a copy. After reception of signed grant agreement, they will send a check by early September.

**Kendeda:** $10,000 received for ops for 2019.

**Union Pacific:** we are awaiting response on $20,000 request.

Kathleen is looking for next opportunities. Encouraged continued determined efforts at finding/applying for new grants.

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

Dan called Harold Brown and he said to plan meeting with him in late September regarding easement. He said we could draft an easement in preparation for meeting.

Joyce will contact Jason Olse at BLM please to tell him (plan submitted with potential trails and camping spots on BLM).

* Fundraiser campaign for parcel J acquisition (see treasurer report above)
1. **Noble avenue Update**
* Construction on the north section of the trail (by HWY 41) is under way by RE Miller. They plan to donate a bench. We might want to install a commemorative plate for the bench.

They plan to widen the trail as it approaches to the highway so that walking flow is natural going north AND East. They have already figured out drainage and installed a culvert (not in the initial plan, but very much needed).

They have also begun to prepare the fence side (on the parking lot) for landscaping by digging out the millings on that side.

1. **Pronghorn Pursuit Trail Run Fundraiser**
* Advertising is well-underway, mostly internet (Facebook is our most useful tool). The race webpage got 2000 views so far.
* 27 registrations but 6 cancelations => 21 participants (9 from MT outside Dillon, 2 from ID, 1 from CA).
* $1,079 in transaction (minus $210 for cancelations) = $869 raised
* Trails mostly well-marked now, more work to do, but could manage even without.
* Celine & Joyce will try to generate a list of tasks & # volunteers needed, send it to our membership for sign-ups to get an idea of help committed, help still needed.
1. **Other Business**
* Celine has completed a BTC pamphlet that contains maps of our trails.
* Walking Schoolbus
	+ Current organizers (Jamie & Shannon) are no longer willing to organize, although they will walk. Celine plans a preparatory meeting early August with them. Craig & Carol will attend.
	+ Need specifics of what is needed to continue the program.
	+ Idea is to identify a partner that could/would take on the program. Bike/Walk, Patagonia, ? others? could be potential partner(s).
* Bike Racks update - No report or discussion
* Zombie Chase – October 26th
	+ Fundraiser in partnership w/library.
	+ Celine would like to collect the money through our account, de facto using BTC’s financial information. She will investigate whether or not this could imply any issues related to liability?
1. Wednesday evening work days
* Next 2 Wednesdays need leader if we are going to keep it going as Joyce will be OOT. Proposed that we suspend next 2, then be sure to have one Wed before the Pronghorn Pursuit race.
* Would BTC members be willing to ‘adopt’ a park or project to monitor and keep BTC informed of maintenance needs? No decision reached.
1. **Next meeting**

tentatively Thursday August 15th – 5:30pm at Sheriff’s annex. Room is reserved. Adjourn