

Monthly Meeting  
Beaverhead Trails Coalition  
Phone / Video conference  
May 21, 2020

BOD members present: Dan Downey, President; Craig Simonsen, VP; Joyce Connors, Treasurer; Pat Carrick, Secretary; Ed Mooney

BTC Director present: Celine Beaucamp-Stout

BTC members and guests present: Jim Hagenbarth, Chris Edington (Trout Unlimited)

\*Note: The meeting was a phone conference due to confinement.

Convened at 5:27 pm by Dan D;

**1) Approve previous meeting minutes**

- April 23rd

Ed moved to approve. Joyce seconded. No abstentions or opposition. **Approved.**

**2) Nelson Street Trail**

Ed presented BTC proposal for this trail. Three years ago, Nelson was identified as in-town trail priority. We did some rough design then. Ed and Jim Hagenbarth met in 2017 to discuss it. There was a street and alley committee last Thursday, M. Hagenbarth was on the agenda to request that Nelson street be abandon in front of their house and they would buy the land.

Jim Hagenbarth presented the Hagenbarth family's opposition to having the trail routed across what has traditionally been part of their yard at the end of Nelson street since 1960. At that time, they put a lawn on the street portion and built a rock barrier to keep people from driving on it (Little over 6000 sq feet). According to the survey and the canal location, he believes there is not much room for anything on that side. They believe there are better alternatives such as Wyoming st. or Dakota st. The canal could be a problem with young kids, or when there are no water in it (lots of garbage). He will propose to the next Street and Alley committee and bring a petition from the neighbor to abandon the Nelson Street. Tully Springs subdivision's plan has a street connecting to Cornell St. It would be a sidewalk. The canal company could also be a problem when they would clean the canal (they would access by the East side with heavy equipment, and drop dirt on the trail).

We asked Ray Gross to locate the pins on the East side of the canal (city boundary with Tully Springs subdivision). On Arizona St., we could put a bridge to connect to Cornel St. The problem would be that the trail would end in Cornell St.'s traffic, which is quite heavy during school session.

BTC has been talking to UMW about a trail around campus, to beautify campus and continue connecting to the south of town.

There are definitely a lot of moving parts to this project. We need the survey to be able to make a better educated guess.

### **3) Cornell Park Update**

The survey has been signed by all parties, but the park has not been appraised yet. The appraiser was supposed to be done Mid-May.

Kiwanis looked at the trees, and were asked to protect the remaining trees from the beaver. Call Mike Miller to get that done. Chris Edington can help with man power. The toilet was closed. BTC doesn't have much money to dedicate to this project. Kiwanis are looking for money to do some landscape restoration.

MOU will be discussed upon and signed after the title is transferred (Email the current draft to BTC board).

Idea: Could we pave over the vault of the toilet and keep the walls for a picnic shelter?

### **4) Treasurer Report**

- **Joyce's report for April 2020**

Total bank accounts: \$11,772.25 low because we are anticipating a RTP refund

Unrestricted: \$18,538.16 (General: \$16,990.55 - Kendeda: \$1,547.61)

Restricted: \$-7,462.04 (Negative balance in RTP, expecting a refund from state)

Land: \$612,734.25

Total assets: \$624,506.50

April Income: \$6,021.20 (Membership, RTP grant, event, ind. And business contribution)

April Expense: \$50,167.04 (**Noble av. Contracted services**, supplies, payroll, taxes)

Net income: \$ -44,146.04

- **Membership count as per May 26th:**

total membership: 91 total members: 120\*

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

Celine sent 15 membership letters incl. a trifold annual report and envelop

## 5) Grant Updates

**Baltoro Trust (Yvon Chouinard Family Trustees):** We received a \$5,000 donation for no particular reason 😊 Intention: to be used for general expenses – after confirming with them.

**State Farm:** Still waiting to hear back. National and local funding directed towards Safety. auto and roadway safety. This one was submitted late October, and we asked for \$25,000. Noble Av middle and south sections. Will communicate decisions by end of first quarter.

**Cinnabar:** Applied in Feb/March. Asked for \$3,000 for wildlife fencing in the HT. Funding decisions will be announced by July 1.

**AARP Liveable Communities Grant** - Ed and I worked on this one and it has been submitted for Noble Ave. With showing the progress that was made this summer, it increases the likelihood of funding, being close to the end. The only hitch is the project would have to be done by Nov. of 2020. (\$40k?)

**Town Pump:** They said we were not appropriate. Kathleen called them.

**Patagonia:** Celine and Joyce are working with Beth Sullivan to submit a retail grant request by April 30 deadline: The Dillon Outlet store reviews the retail grants they receive, and will give a response by the end of August. \$3,000  
Deadline was pushed.

**LOR:** report sent.

**Kendeda:** Joyce sent report and called Tim. They talked about them maybe helping us to finance the end of a specific project.  
He suggested to install a donation steel column. Let's look into it some more.

**Steele Reese:** Report due. Joyce is starting working.

**Union Pacific:** Report due by August. Ed sent me a draft on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**BCBS Healthy Kids Healthy Families:** General expenses, due May 31. Kathleen and Celine.

## 6) Noble Avenue Trail

Closed RTP and filled report for final reimbursement claim. R.E. Miller got the delineator installed. Bike route sign to be installed on Skihi.  
Half of the middle section is left to complete (300 feet). We need more funds to finish it (putting the trail separately from the road / on top of the culvert). We need about \$25,000 to \$28,000.

New trees installed (2 on North end by Rotary – 1 on the south end by the tree board). Send rotary and tree board a thank you letter.

Dan called Lee Alt 3 weeks ago. We have met the criteria to get a crossing and said they will perform a traffic study. If they haven't done it by July, Dan D. will call him again.

## 7) High Trails

- County put some gravel in the hole entering to our parking lot.
- Mike Mooney (BLM) and MCC people will spray weeds next week from the parking lot to the M. Celine asked Brooke about it and she agreed. BTC has a 50 feet of easement on either side of the trail to spray weeds. Also lots of toadflax on the Pete's Gully side. Could do social distancing weed pulling event.
- Monument trail name change only – the trail stays as is for now.
- Concern: were we ever worried about someone being hurt about a cow on the trail?
- Letter about the fence change: revised version mentions the lessee's responsibility to maintain the fence.
- Sign by the fence at the Gd Canyon/quick gully gate to tell people to use the gate and not go under the fence in the drainage. Cows might be escaping there.
- Lots of cows in the parking lot. We need to send a letter to Ben Pauley about it. Jack leg by Pete's Gully is down. Dan D is going to call Ben Pauley tomorrow, and a letter will follow (30 days later) if no actions are taken ("having not fixed it, you are now in violation of the lease agreement regarding the fence").
- Revised grazing lease to be out and shared with Pauley this summer.
- Map: Cliff Trail re-route, was done. Ed will update the map for the trailhead. Dan D moves that the board approves the re-route, Joyce seconds. All in Favor.
- Availability for volunteers to work on the NW Passage Trail.
- Cliff Trail is dangerous – we might need to address it soon.
- DD moved to approve revised map with Cliff Trail re-route in respect of private ownership border. Joyce seconds. No abstentions. No opposition. **Approved.**

## 8) Other Business

- Gift acceptance policy. Ed moves to approve the policy drafted by Pat, seconds by Joyce, No abstentions. No opposition. All in favor. **Approved**
- Website: board will review
- Canceling our trail run: board agrees

## 9) Next meeting

*Tentatively Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup> – 5:30pm at Sheriff's annex.*

Adjourned at 7:18 pm by Celine.