

Monthly Meeting
Beaverhead Trails Coalition
Video/phone conference call
February 18th, 2021

BOD members present: Dan Downey, President; Joyce Connors, Treasurer; Pam Laursen, Secretary; Ed Mooney, Dan Pence; Adrienne Bull; Alan Weltzien

BTC Director present: Celine Beaucamp-Stout, Director; Greta Sanders, Intern

BTC members and guests present: Larry Skiles, Michel Mhoon, Pete Wakeman, Bill Laursen

Convened at 5:39 pm by Celine;

1) Approve previous meeting minutes

Joyce: modify number for treasurer report: Unrestricted \$27,971, restricted \$16,956
Dan P moves to approve the minutes as corrected, Ed seconds, all in favor, **motion passes.**

2) Treasurer Report

• **Joyce's report for January 2021**

Total bank accounts: \$ 48,919.05
Unrestricted: \$ 24,744.16
Restricted: \$ 24,174.89
Land: \$ 710,234.25 (Incl. Cornell Park)
Total assets: \$ 759,153.30

January Income: \$ 5,475.65 (Memberships, Grant writing grant, donations)
January Expense: \$ 1,312.53 (supplies, payroll, taxes)
Net income: \$ 4,163.12

• **Membership count as per February 18th:**

total membership:	113	total members:	131*
Patrons:	66		
Businesses:	5		
Family:	18		
Single:	24		

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

3) Grant Updates

Received:

- **Katherine Barnett:** \$1,000 grant
- **TnC jars:** about \$50/month

Applied:

- **State Farm:** Ed and Kathleen submitted an application at the end of Oct. We asked for \$8000 for the Noble Ave construction. We should know by end of first quarter. Still waiting.
- **United Way:** applied for \$3000 for Noble. March 3rd – 5:30pm. Ed and Joyce will present on 3-5-21.
- **Steele Reese:** letter of Inquiry is sent – asking for \$5,000 for Noble
- **FWP Montana Trail Stewardship Grant Program:** \$27,000 – Noble. Will not hear until June.

Other:

- **America Walks Community Grant:** Ed and Kathleen also worked on this one for Noble Ave. Worth \$1500. They will be emailing all applicants directly by December 2020.
- **BCBS:** This one typically opens in early January. Nothing has changed on their website yet. Once it does, Kathleen can see if there are any changes and if streambank restoration for Cornell will work or not. Currently their site says their mission is to promote health, wellness, and human services in a community, so streambank restoration would be a stretch.
 - o \$3,000 -Plan
 - o \$9,000 – Engineering plan
 - o \$30,000 - \$40,000 - Work
- **Land and water conservation funds:** Zach Owen and Chris Edington are working on it. March 2021. Dan D sent a remainder yesterday.
- **UPRR:** It was approved to apply for \$5000 for Noble, the application opens in April.
- **Rumphius Foundation:** Kathleen has contacted Dan with information on this one, possibly for Cornell Park restoration, \$5,000-\$6,000
- **AARP:** Grants will open in Feb. 1/ Cornell park: interpretive signs (if fits the criteria), or 2/ Noble avenue – ask Kathleen
- **Bench:** Macoronal braces done – Max Hansen offered some decking material. Dan D sent him a message about the length -

4) High Trails

- A community member sent an email to ask the board to terminate grazing, stating is undergoing permanent damage. Other people have also confirmed degradation of the range.
- Revised grazing lease – contains modifications to protect the environment. Currently cows graze all year. The new lease could restrict grazing to certain months. It was shared with the board. We need to ask for the lessee's liability insurance copy (insurance policy). It was noted that more noxious weeds are growing up there now.
- Trail run: Greta created some promotional materials for trail runs. She is reaching out to corporate sponsors. Patagonia would be involved to give out race packets. The Pronghorn Race will be in August. Other groups are hosting races with social distancing restrictions. We will include the new trail as one of the routes.

- Trail improvement this year: DNRC wants to build more trails – Joyce and Ed are making plans, might ask for the Cliff trail in priority.
Montana Wilderness association: Can do maintenance on existing trails only (no new trail)
- Dan D will meet with Harold Brown regarding easement to BLM land.

5) Cornell Park Update

- Zach Owen and Dan Downey went to the county commissioner's meeting to ask for a letter of support for FWP to transfer the title in August. Tom Welch gave us a great letter of support.
- Meeting every 3 weeks with FWP – tentatively to transfer the land in August.
FWP will pay for amenities – not for design, interpretive signs, and stream bank restoration.
- County commissioners are interested in putting a trail lane between the KOA and the park.

6) Other

- Safe route to school: painting at crossings are faded. In the past, Deanna Nelson got the money for the safe route to school. Americorps helped putting the crossings. Larry Skiles will help look into it.
- Noble trail: Todd Hazelbakker said there are deer on the south end of the trail – signs might be needed.

7) Next meeting

March 18th – 5:30pm