

Monthly Meeting
Beaverhead Trails Coalition
March 17th, 2022

BOD members present: Dan Downey, Ed Mooney, Pam Laursen, Alan Weltzien, Dan Pence,
Adrienne Bull

BTC Director present: Breanne Smith

BTC members and guests present: Craig Simonsen, Pete Wakeman, Larry Skiles, Bill Laursen,
Megan Terry, Pat Carrick

Convened at 5:30 pm by Dan D;

1) Approve previous meeting minutes

- February 17th
- All approve

Correction: Spelling correction

2) Guest speaker

- Megan Terry, Landscaping Architect, joined via Zoom conferencing to offer assistance with future trails projects. She is in Butte now and will forward grant opportunities to Bre.

3) Treasurer report

• **Joyce's report for February 2022**

Total bank accounts: \$77,328.20

Unrestricted: \$42,796.24

Restricted: \$34,531.96

Land: \$710,234.25

Total assets: \$787,562.45

March Income: \$8,624.85

March Expense: \$10,314.99 (Office supplies, payroll, contract services)

Net income: \$-1,690.14

• **Membership count as per April 23rd:**

total membership:	98	total members:	113*
Patrons:	52		
Businesses:	15		
Family:	15		
Single:	16		

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

4) Grant Updates

High Stakes Foundation Grant: A Missoula based foundation will apply for operational expenses. A letter of inquiry is being drafted. Dan D. will be added to shared document for review.

Patagonia Retail Grant request: This is a one-time request for giveaway items during the Pronghorn Pursuit run and other activities.

Recovery Destination Grant: Applied in March through the state would be for T-shirts and advertising (building awareness) for Pronghorn Pursuit.

United Way – Awarded \$3,000 for stump grinding and removal at Cornell Park

5) High Trails

- Harold Brown: The buy/sell agreement has been signed. It is 40 acres (2 year contract) for \$38,000. BTC paid \$3,800 earnest money. Joyce is writing a grant for the purchase. Dan D. noted that we will need letters of support.
- Bench Installation: There are 20 benches that need to be installed. Adrienne will ask MYCA cadets to assist.
- Signage: Need several signs: Dog Scat (Larry will order and Bill will install). Mountain Range (this is Joyce's project and is a panorama at the top of Monument Trail). Blacktail Overlook (wooden directional sign). Range sign which will be grant funded. Zack Owens of Beaverhead Watershed has money for interpretive signs. He will draft some for our approval.
- High Trails committee will make a sign map so we know where these signs are planned to be placed and also approve a plan for future placement of signs at the High Trails.
- Sponsor An Acre: updated list has been posted at the trailhead
- Coyote Update: There is a coyote up there. A friend of Bre's sent her video of it. It is not fearful of people and does not maintain distance. We will leave this be for now.
- Spring Clean-Up: This coming Sunday from 12-4 pm (March 20). Pick up dog scat and trash. The fence needs repair. There was discussion about this. Ed has a come-a-long to pull the fence up (it slid). He will fix during the Spring clean-up. Volunteers will include Bill, Ed, Dan D., Bre, and Joyce.

6) In-Town Trails

- The committee met on March 10, 2022. Celine and Ed met with the mayor and Doug to talk about their projects. They are on the Street and Alley agenda for April 4th. They are focusing on little projects for grant writing. They have invited Eric Winland to their next meeting.

7) Cornell Park

- FWP submitted a draft of the environmental assessment review
- Hoping for a transfer of deed in September 2022

8) Upcoming Events

Earth Day/Month of Activities:

- April 6: cleanup at Selway Park, 6-7:30 pm

- April 15: Wild and Scenic Film Fest
- April 22: Road cleanup in the morning
- April 22: Evening at Patagonia to honor the Grayling
- April 30: Pigtail Connector Trail Work, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
- Weed control maintenance will be ongoing throughout the summer

9) Other Projects

- Pronghorn Pursuit us set for August 13th. Committee has met and assigned tasks. Posters are ready to be distributed. Same route as last year.
- Walking School Bus is starting again on April 4th. New poster to distribute. Bill got signs from the city and will put them up.

10) Next meeting

Schedules for Thursday April 21st – 5:30pm at Sheriff's annex.

Adjourned at 6:50 pm by Dan D.