

Beaverhead Trails Coalition Board of Directors Meeting

November 15, 2023, 5:30-7:00pm

BTC Board Members Present: Dan Downey, Ed Mooney, Pam Laursen, Joyce Connors

BTC Members Present: Pat Carrick, Bill Laursen

BTC Executive Director Present: Brandon Parker

1. Call the meeting to order (5:36)
2. Review/Approve Minutes from October 19 meeting. Ed moved to approve with amendment to correct the spelling of Brandon's name. Bill seconded. Motion Passed.
3. Treasurer's Report (see report from Joyce). Joyce gave her report. Report at end of minutes.
 - A. Dan talked with AARP regarding using balance for signage at Cornell Park. It was approved.
4. Grants Update:
 - A. Great Harvest: Delayed until February. Do not have a date yet.
 - B. United Way: Apply for signs for land bridge. Opens in January.
 - C. Steel Rheese Foundation: Joyce will talk with Linda about the focus for 2024. Projects most interested in are Normal St. Bridge, and Northwest passage valley de-vegetation.
 - E. Treacy Foundation: No activity yet.
 - F. RTP and Stewardship: Ed and Joyce attended training via zoom. Stewardship is the better fit for the bridge. Megan attended stewardship training. Work on the application has begun. Ed, Joyce and Megan Evans will work on the stewardship application for the Normal St. Bridge. Both grants are due January 15. Both are up to \$100K. Stewardship has a 10% match while RTP has a 20% match.
 - G. KOA Foundation: Brandon will ask Kathleen to check into it.
 - H. Land and Water Conservation Fund: They fund parks. Brandon will call them to get more information.

Joyce spoke with Kathleen who is willing to finalize grants but not really write them as she feels out of touch with our projects.
5. Project Reports:
 - A. High Trails: Dan D. suggested re-activating the High Trails committee. Dan Downey will chair the committee. Brandon, Joyce, Bill Laursen, Pat Carrick, and Alan will be on the committee. We will invite others as well. High Trails Committee will meet December 7 at 5:30pm (Sheriff's Annex).

1. Land Bridge Trail: Joyce has begun flagging a new trail route on the Land Bridge. Nate Owen and Joyce are walking the new trail on November 16.

2. Ben Pauley has actively been moving out. He asked for an extension which was granted. He and his wife have asked for another few days to finish due to medical reasons. Joyce received an email today (Nov 15). Joyce gave them a few more days.

3. To do list: put up a gate as soon as possible. 12-foot gate. The spot will be marked this coming Sunday.

B. Benches: 4 have been installed. Benches need plaques for the sponsors (6).

C. In-Town Trails: Committee met last week. Need an environmental assessment (\$1000) for the stewardship grant. TSP grant for Normal Street.

6. Executive Director's Report: Brandon has started with Giving Tuesday preparations. Has worked on memberships and received several. Some funds are starting to come in. Needs some more prizes for Giving Tuesday. He designed a membership drive poster that he is putting around town.

7. Other Items/Discussion:

A. Selway Park: FWP approached BTC for partnership on a new trail by leasing land (MTD) adjacent to the park for a new trail.

B. Christmas Party: December 15 at Joyce's. Joyce will cook a ham and the others can bring side dishes. Brandon will send an email. (Pam, scalloped potatoes, Bill cheesecake, Brandon, mac n cheese, Pat, salad).

C. Cornell Park date for fencing cottonwoods around about a dozen trees. Saturday, December 9 @ 11am.

8. Board Action Items:

A. FWP and BTC partnership for new trail at Selway Park. Resolution that BTC pursue a partnership with FWP to put in a trail of expansion in Selway Park. Joyce made motion, Pam seconded. Motion carried.

B. Fund environmental assessment for Stewardship grant (\$1000) with unrestricted funds. Joyce moved, Ed seconded. Motion carried.

C. Pursue Stewardship grant for the Normal Street Bridge Replacement. Joyce moved, Ed seconded. Motion carried.

D. Apply to RTP for trailhead if we can get the writing done if we pay someone to write it. Joyce will call someone she knows who might do it. Ed moved that we proceed with the RTP grant application for the trailhead as specified in the feasibility study if we can hire a grant writer and arrange for administration. Motion carried.

E. The board agreed to extend Ben Pauley’s cleanup until November 30. Ed moved, Joyce seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting: December 21.

Meeting adjourned 6:59

OCTOBER		2023 FINANCIAL REPORT							
BALANCE SHEET									
General Funds:	Unrestricted		31,819.05						
	Sponsorships		-						
	Sponsorships - HT		-						
			<u>31,819.05</u>						
	Restricted Funds		8,067.28						
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	Current Assets			39,886.33					
Land:	High Trails		676,367.00						
	Total Land			676,367.00					
			TOTAL ASSETS	716,253.33					
MONTHLY PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT:									
Income	Memberships			-					
	United Way 2023	TH Feasibility		-					
	Sponsorships			-					
	Sales			-					
	Donations			-					
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Expenses	Supplies - Operations			336.57	Bench Parts				
	Outside Contracted Services			26,129.90	REM \$8,790.00, Anderson \$17,239.90, Badger Pass Septic \$100.00				
	Office			30.50					
	Postage			-					
	Conference			225.00					
	Payroll Expenses			<u>1,167.64</u>					
				27,889.61					
			NET PROFIT	(27,889.61)					
NOTE: We are carrying negative balances for two projects, meaning the funder owes us money, though the project is done.									
These are Great Harvest at -\$7,790 and United Way at -\$1,500. We expect to receive both at a later date.									