Regular Monthly Meeting

Beaverhead Trails Coalition

January 4, 2017

Present: Kathleen Wagner, Dan Downey, Ed Mooney, Larry Skiles, Craig Simonsen, Ben Moore, Corinne Welborne, Dan Pence , Eric Wendland, Joyce Connors, Alan Weltzen, Pat Carrick

1. ***Minutes approved*** – motion approved for December meeting minutes, all in favor, motion carries
2. ***Trust for Public Lands application update*** –Discussed development of Laknar Lane and Selway with Beaverhead River, permanent take out-put in/ picnic, crosswalk, crosswalk across 41 to link to current trail as a project to apply for help from TPL . Application due January 20, 2017.
3. ***Elections of Board Members*** – Secretary/Treasurer nomination and election of Joyce Connors. Vice President – nomination and election of Ben Moore. Will run position of board President next year to stagger positions.
4. ***Resignation of Larry Skiles from*** Board - Large thank you to Larry Skiles for his time and service on the board. All are invited to meet at Beaverhead Brewery to buy a beer in honor of Larry – date set for January 26th, 5:30 pm at brewery.
5. ***Election of new*** ***Board Members*** – Joyce Connors nominated Pat Carrick to the board. Pat suggested splitting position with Corinne Welborne . Dan suggested one formal, one assistant. Pat Carrick nominated, elected and accepted to board, Corinne nominated, elected and accepted as assistance to Pat board member
6. ***5 Year Strategy Plan*** – Ted Lange will meet with key community partners to get their input on our plan. He will put together a final draft, due by end of February.
7. ***Focus Groups transition*** – focus groups formed from strategy work will now become committees. Committees will work through month and give reports at monthly meeting. Need to create a master list with committee members, contact info.
8. ***Governance committee*** *-* needs to plan a meeting before next general meeting
9. ***Winter Trails Day*** – success with USFS, continue on. Dan will meet with ranger to check into a snow shoe/cross country.
10. ***Private Property Sign on High*** Trails - Signs will go up when whether improves
11. ***Trails work day*** – Saturday Feb 4th. Bill Kolar will be getting the gate and materials, use Kendeda funds. Will have football players there, and adding grooves along track. Time 10 a.m.
12. ***Great Harvest Bake Day –*** grant application denied. Discussion of how to get seed money to pay ahead for grants requiring money up front that reimburse. Joyce is working on Kendeda renewal.
13. ***End Of Year letter campaign*** – sent out approx. 140 letters, received approx. 20 back. Received approx. $1500 back in donations.
14. ***Treasurer report*** - given and updated
15. ***Grants update*** – United Way - requesting $3000 Bike Recycle, $5000 Trail engineering preliminary report, $2000 grant writer. Grant is due January 31, 2017.
16. ***Idea of points program*** – Dan introduced idea of doing a points and pictures program to get more existing trail exposure. Discussion of including possible UMW business/marketing students to help with campaign, as well as ways to execute idea into a working plan.
17. ***Hiring of Grant Writers -*** Dennis Glick signed contract to help write MFWCT grant proposal. Donna Lawson agreed to work with us to write grants, and will get a contract signed ASAP. Greatest funding need is to get operational expenses, land acquisition, funds for preliminary trail. In Town Trails will also look for their grants, and will update board in what they find and need. All findings will be sent to Vice President and President.
18. ***Google Groups*** **–**Need to continue working on it, discussions of Mission Statement and Trail markers for High Trails projects currently being discussed.
19. ***Earth Day –*** will need to Collaborate with UMW for a 5K15K to be held in the High Trails, as well as have a booth at gathering at the park.
20. ***Next meeting*** Thursday, February 16, 2017.