

Beaverhead Trails Coalition Board of Directors Meeting

October 19, 2023, 5:30-7:00pm

BTC Board Members Present: Dan Downey, Ed Mooney, Pam Laursen, Joyce Conners, Alan Weltzien

BTC Members Present: Larry Skiles, Steve Sievert, Pat Carrick, Bill Laursen

BTC Executive Director Present: Bandon Parker

1. Call the meeting to order (5:36)
2. Review/Approve Minutes from September 21st meeting. Ed moved to approve the minutes, Alan 2nd, minutes approved.
3. Treasurer's Report (see report from Joyce). Joyce gave her report. There is \$590 left over from AARP. Joyce would like to use this for signs.
4. Grants Update:
 - A. On X Grant: Assuming we did not get it. Brandon will confirm.
 - B. T Mobile Grant: Due in December.
 - C. Great Harvest: Delayed until February bake day.
 - D. Steel Rheese Foundation: Maybe apply for reclamation or the bridge. Letter of Intent opens on January 15. Joyce will call Linda to find out what their intent is.
 - E. Treacy Foundation: No to trailhead, No to fence, but maybe help with the bridge. Maybe some matching funds towards end of project.
 - F. RTP and Stewardship: See notes from last meeting. Idea to phase the work. Ed will make some phone calls regarding strategies for the grants.
 - G. United Way: Discussed ideas for the application. Need a lot of signage for high trails. Put pictures up illustrating BLM and Harold Brown land from ours.

Need immediate funding for parking lot and bridge.

Brandon learned about KOA funding and he will look into it.

5. Project Reports:

- A. High Trails: Idea, do a controlled burn in the spring for the weeds. The fence is done and we need major signage there. We can remove the old fence on the south end now. Joyce wants to go up there with the gentleman from Forest Service to mark out a trail. Need to put a man gate in the fence. Joyce suggests putting 50 inch gate in there. Ben Pauley removed the gate. Joyce may call Pat Fosse about it because she has a vested

interest in it. There is a man living near the waterworks. He was asked to move out by the 14th. He had horses that need to be moved also.

Steve suggested celebrating the end of the lease and new trail.

Need a temporary fence on the feedlot road. Looking at the first week of November to do that.

B. Benches: Bench installation on Oct 21 at 10am at Antelope Junction. Joyce, Larry, Dan, Alan. Joyce has everything needed for the installation. Need to order plaques for the benches. Dan and Brandon will work on this.

C. In-Town Trails: Not much new to report. Noble is finished. If there is a balance of funds, may ask to shift that amount to the Normal St. Bridge. They will apply for some grants. They have prioritized them. Signs are up on Park St.

6. Executive Director's Report: Giving Tuesday (Nov 28) coming up. Brandon is lining up some prizes for it. Projects will be designated. It will be a membership drive too. Brandon went to a conference last week. One of the topics was trail access for the handicapped. Brandon will set up a meeting with Pat Fosse regarding weed management master plan.

7. Other Items/Discussion:

Dan mentioned letters of support needed for Missouri Headwaters conservation easement. There were meetings around the county last week. Larry attended the meeting in Dillon. Lots of positive comments along with some negative ones. (Land and Water Trust Fund pays for the easements). FWP has access to the funding. There is a public comment period.

Alan: Wild Montana is expanding. Alan is raising awareness of BTC trails.

Christmas party: Will be at Joyce's December 15, 6:00pm

Joyce: Pronghorn Pursuit Run. She used Speyer funds for expenses. We only made about \$500. This coming year she wants to get banks on board with \$500 sponsorships for the Run. We approved Joyce's use of grant writing funds for the Run.

8. Board Action Items:

AARP use the remaining \$590 for walking/biking signs by Cornell Park. Motion carried.

Giving Tuesday: motion to advertise for memberships (general funds) and projects (Normal Bridge and High Trails). Motion carried.

Next meeting: November 15 (Wednesday).

Meeting adjourned 6:59

SEPTEMBER		2023 FINANCIAL REPORT				
BALANCE SHEET						
General Fund:	Unrestricted		34,045.51			
	Sponsorships		2,200.00			
	Sponsorships - HT		75.15			
			<u>36,320.66</u>			
	Restricted Funds		31,447.28			
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	Current Assets			67,767.94		
Land:	High Trails		676,367.00			
	Total Land			<u>676,367.00</u>		
			TOTAL ASSETS	744,134.94		
MONTHLY PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT:						
Income	Memberships			-		
	United Way 2023	TH Feasibility		750.00		
	Sponsorships					
	Sales			13.50		
	Sloan Foundation	Normal Bridge		7,500.00		
	Donations					
				<u>8,263.50</u>		
Expenses	Supplies - Operations			566.23	This is mostly the race t-shirts	
	Outside Contracted Services			910.00	\$700 is Dave Miller for Noble	
	Office			25.48		
	Postage			41.65		
	Insurance - Liability	General/Volunt		1,036.00		
	Payroll Expenses			<u>1,806.63</u>		
				<u>4,385.99</u>		
			NET PROFIT	3,877.51		