Regular Monthly Meeting

Beaverhead Trails Coalition

March 16, 2017

Present: Kathleen Wagner, Joyce Connors, Rob Macioroski, Ed Mooney, Cory Birkenbuel, Pete Wakeman, Pat Carrick, Betty Mooney, Beth Sullivan, Mike Mooney, Dan Pence

1. Previous minutes approved
2. Wild and Scenic – volunteers are needed on March 24th and 25th for the film festival. This is a fundraiser for us. Last year we earned around $200 for the film fest, and hope to do more this year. We need 4 volunteers on each night. 2 for ticket booth, 2 for BTC booth. Joyce will bring large map, Kat will bring in-town map and large grid, brochures, and t-shirts. Kat will send out email asking for volunteers to fill in the gaps.
3. Strategy – In-Town trails has now received their chapter, and Governance/High Trails will be next finished and sent by Ted Lange. The committees are to go over their chapters, edit what's needed, send Ted a copy and send their copy to the BOD to review, final edits and approval. Goal is for each group to take no more than two weeks to get it done.
4. Grants – MFWCT – asking $140,000. Dennis Glick working on third draft, and we are updating the power point. Grant is due April 8, and presentation on April 18th in Helena. United Way awarding $1000 bike recycling, and $2000 for in-town trails. Kendeda Foundation awarded $20,000 (divided in $10K for the next two years). Festival of Trees and Clif Bar applied for, waiting to hear back. Contacted Wells Fargo, Kathleen will start that. Donna Lawson is working on Cinnabar and waiting to hear back from them. Cory Birkenbuel brought up other local grants we need to check out including: Town Pump Charitable Foundation, Stockman Bank, Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, and Patagonia. Discussion of People for Bikes grant, and applying either for Bike Recycling or In-Town trails projects. Both groups will review application and discuss over which to apply for.
5. Trail work day – Pat Carrick suggested start at 8:30 a.m. We will need water, containers, bars, shovels, posts, cements. Mike Mooney will check into borrowing a 6 wheel UTV that carries 60 gal of water from BLM to use on that day. Discussion of signs. Pete suggested not naming trails yet, but just naming the junctions., and possibly have Cathy Weber make a ceramic pot top with a number on it that names a junction. Betty suggested cow ear tags. Pete will look online for trail ideas. Mike Mooney will check into borrowing a 6 wheeled UTV's for water. Kids can line county land with more rocks to mark trail better, as well as routes for race.
6. Fund Run – We have some registered already. Will need volunteers that day to help with timing, marking trails, and standing at certain areas for direction. Discussion of using porta pottys for that day, as well as if we need an ambulance on site, or just notify the ambulance of the race that day for calls in. Ed suggested calling Wade Stout and using a water station if possible. Racers will receive Earth Day flyer in their packet so they are aware of the event in town, in case they want to help post-race. Mike Mooney suggested we invite other universities and colleges from the surrounding areas as well to the race.
7. Committee Reports – WSB will be starting their routes again March 27th, and is looking for volunteers. They will have their lunch/meeting for volunteers in March also. Bike Recycling is still looking for a location, but also has a new donation. Pat and Joe are still looking for the proper key/lock combo at storage. Bike Recycling – the location first found has fallen through, Joe is searching for a new one. As soon as location determined will be easier to start setting up. In-Town group considering changing name to "Community Connectivity". High Trails will be having a trail work day, and working on a Fund Run.
8. New Business – Beth Sullivan from Patagonia. Presented "Better than New"., a new project where customers come to store to do a do-it-yourself fix your garments on April 20th. Will have sewers, menders and zipper repair. Customers will pay $15 for the garment, learn to fix it, and the proceeds will go to the BTC. They in return would like us to have a booth where we give information, memberships, etc. They also will have events on Bike to Work week, and will meet more with our group to see if we can help with that event as well.
9. Mike Mooney – The BLM and Department of Agriculture has a new program to adopt a trailhead, and install an educational sign and boot brush. They have picked the Dillon Town Overlook trails for our area for this sign. The BLM will create a sign educating the public on noxious weeds in the area, reminding them to leave the weeds, and brush off footwear to help the weed not to spread to other areas. Sign w stand is free. BTC members approved sign at trailhead. Mike will work on project and keep us updated.
10. Cory Birkenbuel – discussed mountain biking on the high trails. He would like to work with his GPS program to mark down mountain bike trails in area, and work with the high trails group.
11. Next meeting is Thursday, April 20th.