Regular Monthly Meeting

Beaverhead Trails Coalition

November 16, 2017

Present: Ed Mooney, Alan Weltzien, Celine Beaucamp-Stout, Joyce Connors, Matt Walter, Dan Pence, Dan Downey, Pat Carrick, Craig Simonsen, Pete Wakeman, Sue Hansen, Micheal Mhoon, Ben Moore.

1. **Previous Month’s Minutes –** approved
2. **Strategic Plan**

* Governance – Done
* In town trails – Ed is almost done
* Walk to school bus – Done
* Bike recycling – Dan D
* High trails – Joyce
* Communication – Ben, Craig
* Fundraising – Joyce, Craig

The goal is to get all the edits done by December 1st so that the board can finalize it by January 1st. Dan D sent an email to Ted Lange to receive the final bill and thank him for his work.

After January 1st, the board should meet every 3 weeks to review paperwork such as strategic plan updates, policies, etc. more efficiently.

1. **Board Meeting Update**

The board had a meeting on November 2nd, 2017.

* A laptop will be bought, along with one QuickBooks license, 2 Norton licenses, Microsoft Office depending if it comes with the laptop and a back-up system (online or hard drive – still being discussed).
* Project accounting: We could use “Classes” in QuickBooks to report cash flow per projects instead of per grant. The goal is to make it easier for a project leader to stay updated on his project available funds. Ed can help setting up the “classes” in QuickBooks when the laptop is set up.
* Memorial plaque “In memory of Bob and Chris Mc Neill” and “Donated by General Welding & Repair – Bill and Roxy Mancoronal. Dan Pence will install them (the McNeil’s will be installed on the bench at Jackrabbit’s junction). The cost of both plaques was $16.
* Dan P raised the concern of cows rubbing against the back of the benches and damaging it. A proposal was discussed to install metal posts behind the benches to protect them.
* An flat amount of $1000/bench was voted by board for future bench donation to cover added cost (such as tools, cement, boards, time, memorial plaque…) and be used as fundraiser items.
* Membership cost change on January 2018:
  + Student: $10
  + Single: $20
  + Family: $30
  + Membership + T-shirt: $50 (unchanged)
  + Business membership: $100 (unchanged)
  + T-shirt: $20
* Craig and Carol Simonsen sent 192 End Of Year letters (membership)
* Mardel Scott was asked to be the new treasurer.

1. **Grant Updates**

Current:

* *Great Harvest* –Bike racks. Kathleen, Joyce and Ed. Deadline is early December. The 2018 became available about a week ago and contain small changes compared to earlier applications. There will be 6 available bake days. BTC is interested in the following date order: 1) March, 2) November, 3) July, 4) September, 5) May, 6) January, but will mention in the application that any date will work. Ed, Celine and Kathleen will work to get support letters from the community.
* *Blue Cross Blue Shield*: Organizational support. Kathleen and Joyce. Deadline is January 1st.
* *United Way*: Bike recycling. Kathleen, Bill and Pam Laursen. Deadline is Mid-January. The board voted to apply for $3000. Celine will prepare a report to update them about the 2017 grant that BTC received.
* *SRAM cycling fund*: Bike racks. Kathleen made 2 attempts to contact them, she will try to find another way.
* *Wells Fargo Grant*: $20,000 for land acquisition. Kathleen and Pam Laursen. No deadline. The application is mostly ready to go. Joyce re-did the budget for the high trails. We may ask $10 000 for organizational and $10 000 for land acquisition.
* *Union Pacific Foundation*: Application starts in April 2018. Kathleen does not have more information on this application yet. Most likely we will apply for the bike racks project, unless the Great harvest bake day provides sufficient funds, in which case we will apply for an In Town Trail project.
* *RTP*: Ed, Matt Walter and Pam. Deadline is February 1st. The group is working on how to apply and has to review the state website (the Pigtail project was an RTP grant also so accounts are still accessible). Matt suggests to attach the feasibility study as a support document. A section is dedicated to support letters so Ed, Celine and Kathleen will work to get some from the community.
* *LOR*: Noble Street. The feasibility study was received this week (digital and paper copies). Ed. Concerning the Laknar/Selway park, the MTFWP is interested to hold the permit. Dan D met with MTFWP Fisheries Biologist Matt Jaeger at the park. MTFWP may have funds to help improve the boat ramp and the parking area.
* *America Walks*: $1500 for Noble Street project. Kathleen, Joyce. The application was sent on November 9th.
* *Clif Bar*: The application was sent on November 9th. Kathleen proposed to apply for another cycle due Feb 1. The board agrees IF we have the man power.

Prospects:

* *Land and Water Conservation Fund administered by Montana State Parks*: Suggested by Jeremy Fadness (WWC engineering). Now accepting applications for the 2018 LWCF grant cycle. Applications must be received by Friday, March 30, 2018 to be eligible. Need a sponsor. It is a reimbursement program. Could be a good project for 2018-2019. <http://stateparks.mt.gov/recreation/lwcf.html>
* *Patagonia*: Look at applying in 2018 under “retail grants”. Also Joyce will ask them to be our sponsor for the Conservation Alliance grant.
* *Speyer family foundation*: We will receive a $5000 grant-writing grant.
* *Rocky Mountain Supply*: We could apply for in-kind support for the Fun Run 2018. Celine will fill the application.
* *Land MFWCT*: Ben Moore will work with future West.

1. **High Trail Update**

Trail work with Matt Walter & Patrick Thomas (Forest Service) on the Dry Waterfall section of the Grand Canyon trail happened on October 28th at 9:00am. Very successful.

Volunteers included some BCHS key club participants.

The end of Tim Ridge’s trail still need to be re-routed. Joyce marked it with blue flags and Matt W. will go look at it. Once a route is determined and mapped, we will go talk to the county to change the access from the gravel yard.

1. **Bike Recycling Update**

Joe received the bike stand.

BTC will buy a set of tools once we receive more funds for the project.

Celine approached Kim Konen from FCCLA (BCHS) to get their help for the distribution of bikes to the community.

Celine will organize the pick up of the city bikes with Todd Hazelbakker, and receive a donation from David Andrew.

1. **Bike Racks Update**

BCHS is working on a prototype.

Ed talked to the city about working with the highschool.

1. **Pint Night Fundraiser**

• Received from the brewery: $235

• Raffle sales: $160 (12x5tickets @ $10 – 8x2tickets @ $5 = 76 tickets)

• 5 T-shirts sales: $100

Total Pint night = $ 495

• 1 Sponsor an acre

• a few membership

1. **New Business**

• Winter Trails Day event at Elkhorn on January 6th: 10am – 2pm. BTC will participate again. The next organization meeting will be at the Forest Service on December 13th at 9am.

• Fund Run in spring: Celine contacted Dylan Zitzer. We will start advertising early.

1. **Next meeting Thursday December 14th – 5:30pm – Sherrif’s annex**