Regular Monthly Meeting

Beaverhead Trails Coalition

December 14th, 2017

Present: Mardel Scott, Betty Mooney, Bill Laursen, Pam Laursen, Dan Downey, Ed Mooney, Pete Wakeman, Joe Brandon, Mike Mhoon, Joyce Connors

1. **Previous months minutes –** approved

Question has been raised on the procedure to vote on meeting minutes’ approval that should be board only.

1. **Strategic Plan**

All the pieces were in by December 1st. Board needs to review by January 1st. Look at pieces that we haven’t looked at before and focus on the substance, not the style. Maybe board can start reviewing governance first, then In town and High trails. Others are communication, bike recycling, walk to shool bus and fundraising.

Talked about Celine VS Kathleen’s hours, grant writing, etc…

1. **Board meeting**

Monday 18th – 5:30pm at UMW library

1. **Grant Updates**
* Great Harvest today – Bike racks. Hear in January. Ed, Kathleen, Joyce
* Wells Fargo – $20,000 for land acquisition. Submitted on Dec 7th. Response time is 90-120 days.
* RTP - Ed, Matt Walter and Pam. Minimum match required is 20%. Deadline is February 1st.
* MFWCT – Due in March. Ben Moore will work with Dennis at Future West for land acquisition.
* Blue Cross Blue Shield – Organizational support. Kathleen is working on it. Deadline is January 1st.
* United Way – Bike recycling. Kathleen, Bill and Pam Laursen, Larry and Dan D. $3000. Deadline is January 31.
1. **City Street Alley Committee Meeting**

December 5th

Ed and Celine appeared to talk about Noble Av. fact sheet / RTP grant

Will be on the agenda next week.

Nelson St was on agenda, asked them to wait until Tulley Spr. sorted out.

1. **Bike Recycling**

City bikes + Donations = 26 new bikes received

Joe tagged them and picked 14 to rehab

Parts about $300 needed, 15-20/bike to be worthy OK to spend $200

Betty will talk to someone at work and Celine talked to Kim Konen (BCHS) to help give them out.

1. **Bike racks**

Great Harvest proposal is in.

1. **Selway park**

Monday December 18th - 10:00 DNRC meeting at the park with FWP and DOT

Start on permit for the park

LOR $50,000 for park development.

Dan D. talked to Tom Miller about renovating the park.

1. **FWP meeting**

Meeting with Fish, Wildlife & Parks and Montana Dept of Transportation about the Selway Park on Dec 18th at 10:00 at the DNRC building.  Dan D., Ed & Joyce to attend.

1. **Winter Trails Day**

A group met at the Forest Service building on 12/13/17 to plan the Winter Trails Day.  We decided to have stations with a Scavenger Hunt, Fox & Geese game, Find the Beacon game, an inside Wildlife Trivia game, Sledding, Snowshoeing. and a couple of guided ski routes.  We will also have an indoor project making bird feeders from pine cones, peanut butter and bird seed.  The Forest Service people will check out the cabin ahead of time and will also be responsible for all supplies.  We hope to have several BTC people there to help.  The date of the event is Jan 6th, from 10-2 at the cabin near Elkhorn Hot Springs.

1. **Partner with MT Native Plant Society**

Hike on mother’s day – May 13th to look at plants

It was decided that BTC will participate

1. **Bike Walk Montana**

Renew membership (Larry Volkening)

1. **Rotary Meeting**

December 13th, Celine spoke about BTC’s projects and asked for a leeter of support for the Noble Av. project.

1. **Next meeting Thursday January 18th – 5:30pm – Sheriff annex (reserved)**
2. **Bookkeeping**

Conflict of interest, elections