Regular Monthly Meeting

Beaverhead Trails Coalition

March 15th, 2018

Present: Celine Beaucamp-Stout, Dan Downey, Joyce Connors, Ed Mooney, Betty Mooney, Sue Hansen, Michael Mhoon, Duke Gilbert, Ellen Daugherty, Patrick Thomas.

1. **Previous months minutes**

Motion by Michael Mhoon to approve, seconded by Betty Mooney, all in favor.

1. **Finance**

Joyce Connors (Treasurer) gave a brief update on the financial situation of the organization. Main expenses for the past month have been for payroll, T-Shirts order, Pita Pit for WSB luncheon. The main income has been donation, 3 grants.

Note: The payroll taxes will be done monthly from now on.

It was discussed to set aside some “seed money” to pay for engineering study to get a few projects “shovel ready”. The goal is to have a few projects ready to be started anytime if funding opportunities are made available, without any delay for preliminary studies.

1. **Fundraising**

The goal is to talk about one different aspect of fundraising at each meeting, gather ideas…

* BTC events so far were more public relationship than true fundraising. We need better fundraising events to raise money for the group as a whole, general expenses, unrestricted funds…

Membership are low this month. We received a good amount in December and January.

The idea of a fundraising dinner was raised. We could organize one in September as long as we do not conflict with other events (such as football games, …). We could find a sponsor. Sponsor ideas: Stockman Bank, Pioneer Federal, We could also co-organise it with UMW Terra Verde Club (sharing the same values?). Venue possibilities: Lewis and Clark room, golf course, private ranch.

* PR: It was suggested that BTC be present at Labor Day parade and fair.
1. **Grant Update**
* *Wells Fargo Grant*: $20,000 for land acquisition. Application was submitted on Dec 7th but had to resubmit for this year. We are waiting to hear back.
* *Clif Bar*: Sent Early November for high trails. They notified in late December that we did not get it because of not enough funding. They have three cycles in 2018 due Feb. 1, June 1 and Oct 1 We did not apply for the Feb 1st deadline. It was decided to wait and see how much funds are raised at Bake Day and then decide it worth applying for to finish up Bike Racks project.
* *Blue Cross Blue Shield*: Denied
* *United Way*: Approved $1000 for Selway Park (not to be used for trash collection) – Denied for bike recycling. We need a sponsor to continue the Bike Recycling program.

We need:

* storage for the bicycles, (broken and repaired) $400
* tools, repair stands $400
* parts $1000
* Extra labor when an extra mechanic is needed ($???)
* Advertising $200

Total needed: Over $2000

* *Union Pacific Foundation*: In April - May we can take an eligibility survey, and if we are accepted, we will do an application, which will be due June 1.  Therefore we need to take survey as soon as it opens in April. This grant will be for either 1/ Noble avenue or 2/ the Selway public park (+ Reeder st sidewalk).
* *RTP*: Sent in January. 15 applications were received by the state, 8 will be selected to present in Helena. 4 will be chosen. Did not make it for $90k – still in for $45k
* *MFWCT*: Land acquisition. Due in March. Future West to help with the grant writing. $120 000 – april 14th deadline – ½ letters of support are in (from organizations for now – from individual if FWPCT recommend us for the 2nd part of the grant review).
* *Kendeda*: Joyce sent a report.
* *Cinnabar*: will apply for land acquisition for the High Trails (grant w/ strong conservation focus). Due March 31. About to be sent
* *Conservation alliance* – Joyce will ask Patagonia to be a sponsor.
1. **Great Harvest Bake days**

Review of guidelines sent by Great Harvest:

* March 21-23 from 7am to 2pm
* Great Harvest will take care of advertising in the Dillon Tribune, Dillonite Daily and setting up radio ads (Joann at KDBM will contact BTC about someone coming in and recording those). Dan Pence and Ed Mooney would like to participate to the radio interview if there is one.
* BTC can do additional advertising in press and distribute flyers. Great Harvest will produce and print posters about 1 week prior to the event. BTC is responsible to distribute them. Celine contacted them to set up a Facebook event now – it is done and anybody can share it and/or invite people. Celine posted it on 4 facebook groups of Dillon community. She will repeat early March and again the week of the event. Kathleen posted the event on BTC’s website.
* We need volunteers from BTC’s group in the lobby to help carry out bags and thank the customers everyday from 10am to 2pm at least (peak time). No more than 2 volunteers at a time. We need to prepare brochures/small display about BTC and the project (Bike racks). A virtual calendar will be set up to organize the volunteers.
* Note that GH does not facilitate pre-orders but encourage call-in orders the day of the event. The number at the bakery is 683.1690
1. **Bike Racks**

Ed Mooney, Bill Laursen and Celine Beaucamp-Stout met with mainstreet group, the museum, the street and alley committee and the Jaycee Park Renovation Group to propose 3 locations for this summer: in front of the jewelry store on Idaho street, around the museum grounds and in the Jaycee park. The topic is on the city council agenda for this coming Wednesday. This summer, 11 racks will be installed for demonstration. The rest will be installed next summer.

The estimated lead time to order the racks is of 6 weeks minimum.

1. **Fund Run**

We need to advertise in the Tribune and the Dillonite.

A portable toilet from Badger pass will be requested.

Work days are scheduled for March 31 and April 7 to prepare the run loop. The High Trail Committee will meet next week.

1. **Walking Schoolbus**

Volunteers had a luncheon to meet and organize for the season. Starting April 4th.

1. **Cost Share Agreement with The Forest Service (Dillon Ranger District, B-D National Forest, Region 1)**

The document still needs to be fine-tuned. It covers items such as FS providing support, transportation, storage for our equipment… It is a service exchange only, does not involve fund exchange.

1. **New business**

A draft of an annual report 2017 was made and is under review.

1. **Next meeting Thursday April 19th – 5:30pm – Sherriff’s annex conference room. Adjourn**