Regular Monthly Meeting

Beaverhead Trails Coalition

April 19th, 2018

Present: Dan Downey, Joyce Connors, Ed Mooney, Betty Mooney, Sue Hansen, Michael Mhoon, Celine Beaucamp-Stout, Pete Wakeman, Bill Laursen, Pam Laursen, Craig Simonsen, Pat Carrick, Dylan Ztizer (UMW), David Brastrup (Rotary).

1. **Previous months minutes**

Motion by Michael Mhoon to approve, seconded by Bill Laursen, all in favor.

1. **President-Elect of Rotary Club**

David Brastrup, the president-elect of Rotary (July 1st 2018 to July 2019) came to gather ideas about partnership opportunities with the BTC. The Rotary Club has been heavily involved with establishing trails and safe routes in the past and would like to revive their involvement.

In the short term, he would like his group to participate in the labor aspect of a trail project. The upcoming Noble Avenue Connector Trail site preparation would be a good opportunity.

In the long term, they would like to participate in developing a new trail project around town. We would need to discuss further to find a project that fits in BTC priority list and that is of interest to their group.

Rotary Club can also provide fundraising advices, tools and support.

1. **Climb The M Fund Run**

The Fund Run is Saturday. T-shirts were ordered, name tags packages are prepared for early registration participants, there is a toilet at the trail head already, it will be clean the day before the event. There will also be a second toilet delivered just for the Saturday (donated by Badger pass - so we'll only pay 1 toilet for a total of $50).

Tent and tables will be installed for the registration, food, beverages and awards. The awards are being worked on, including some small "I did it" tokens.

So far there are 20 registrations.

1. **Treasurer report**

Cash flow for the month:

In = $10,000

Out = $1,300

Total in the bank= $120,476 (majority of the funds are grants for projects)

1. **Fundraising**

A committee has been set for the fundraising dinner event: Pam, Celine and Dan D. Sue can help when needed. The goal is to raise $50,000 to finish Noble Av. Connector Trail.

Celine is meeting with Stockman bank to discuss sponsorship possibilities and ideas. Sponsors can contribute to labor, organization, auction items, food…

A good time would be the beginning of October to avoid conflicts with football season.

Next step is to look for a venue.

1. **Grants update**
* *Wells Fargo Grant:* $20,000 for land acquisition. We are still waiting to hear back.
* *Clif Bar:* Ask Kathleen to again for High Trails. Next cycle is due June 1.
* *Blue Cross Blue Shield:* Denied
* *United Way:* Approved $1000 for Selway (not to be used for trash collection) – Nothing for bike recycling

Celine talked to Pioneer Federal Saving and Loans to sponsor part of the Bike Recycling project. They agreed to donate $400 to buy parts.

* *Union Pacific Foundation:* Kathleen filled out the survey and qualified to apply for grant. She is currently working on it, it is due June 1. Ed and Kathleen decided to apply for the maximum of the grant: $25,000.
* *RTP:* We are still waiting to hear if we made it for a $45,000 grant for Noble Av. Connector Trail.
* *MFWCT:* Submitted. There will be a public comment period. A meeting day is set for May 14th where BTC can present to their board.
* *Cinnabar:* will apply for land acquisition for the High Trails (grant w/ strong conservation focus). Due March 31. Application has been sent in, along with maps at their request. We will hear back around July 1.
* *Conservation alliance:* Joyce and Kathleen worked on a letter for Patagonia to be our sponsor. They will need to send a list to the trust to recommend us on May 1st.
* *AARP:* Could apply for grant for signs and landscaping for Selway Park (between $2k and $10k).
1. **Earth Day**

BTC will have a team to clean up the roads between the depot park and the trail head (10 mile road). Volunteers should meet before registration at the depot park. Celine will send an email with a flyer.

BTC will have a table from noon to 3pm.

1. **Selway Park**

FWP approved the project and MDT approved the recreational permit to FWP. Celine is working on the floodplain application permit (to the county). The county commissioners will meet on May 7th to approve.

BTC will work with FWP to finalize an MOU.

Re-vegetation plans are being worked on.

1. **Bike Racks**

Ed ordered 12 racks (blue) and will receive them in about 4 weeks. The city approved all 3 trial locations so we can now start organizing to start pouring concrete pads.

1. **Noble Av. Connector Trail**

A survey was completed on April 11th and surveyors are now working on a final design (funded by the LOR grant).

1. **New business**
* BLM asks if they can remove a fence in the High Trails that is falling down. It was unclear on the location of the trail so BTC asked if they could send a GPS point and will investigate before approving.
* Next High Trail workday: May 12th at 10am to work on Tim’s Ridge. Celine will ask the participation of 12 youth challenge cadets.
* Bike recycling: Joe Brandon made an inventory made on the bikes. Several of the 20” wheel bikes have already been tuned up, they just need air. They will be flagged. For the other bicycles listed, they need parts, tubes, tires, shifters, seats, etc.

We need to contact other groups to ask for advice on what legally defines a “safe bike” and if they know of any training to get a volunteer certified (Bill Laursen looked into it and found nothing satisfying). Celine will contact the Bike Kitchen in Bozeman and the Southwest Montana Mountain Bike Association for advices).

* Mother’s day hike: Jesse Salix cannot lead the hike but we could still do it. Either we can find another leader (Celine asked Wendy R.).
* Events are planned by the Bike Walk Montana group. A Sage Grouse LEK talk will be at the American Legion Hall, 437 East Glendale Street, on Tuesday, April 24 at 11:30 AM. Register to their email list for more information on their events.
* The Conservation Corp had a training with BLM on the Dillon Town Overlook Trail System early april. They sprayed weeds.
* Celine will be in France from April 28th to June 9th.
1. **Next meeting Thursday May 17th – 5:30pm – Sherriff’s annex conference room. Adjourd**