**General Meeting 2019**

**Beaverhead Trails Coalition**

**January 24th, 2019**

**Present:** Dan Downey, Denis Glick, Alan Weltzien, Joyce Connors, Pat Carrick, Ed Mooney, Celine Beaucamp-Stout, Betty Mooney, Michael Mhoon, Dan Pence, Chuck Eade, Pete Wakeman.

1. **Approve minutes**

motion: Michael Mhoon seconded: Alan Weltzien all in favor

1. **Election of Board Members**

Up for re-election this year are: Craig Simonsen and Dan Pence

Motion to re-elect them: Micheal Mhoon - Seconded by Ed Mooney

Discussion: Craig Simonsen is absent but talked to Joyce before the meeting and expressed his desire to stay in the board.

All in favor

1. **Treasurer Report**

BTC ended 2018 with 56 memberships - As per today (01/24/2019): 49 memberships

Note: Some memberships are “family” memberships that should count 2 members. In future notes, the difference will be made between “membership” numbers and “member” numbers.

2018 was a good year for BTC. We ended the year with about $49,000 - See budget 2018 in appendix

Note: We have $6500 + $3200 for organizational expenses.

1. **Grant Update**

**Clif Bar**: Application is in final stages of sending. Waiting on financials. Due Feb. 1. Asking $10,000 for general support with High Trails project.

**Lawrence Foundation:**Denied, they could only fund 20 applications out of the 600 they received. They did encourage us to try again.

**Steele Reese**: Submitted and denied.

**America Walks**: Submitted and denied

**BCBS**: Waiting for their grants application to open. Operational expenses, $10,000. First come first serve deadline.

**Cinnabar**: Application recently opened. Due March 14th. Will apply for $10,000 for High Trails special project funding.

**United Way**: Finalizing application. Needs financial info filled out. Asking for 1000-1500 Noble Ave funding for Project 1, and for $500 for porta potty at Dillon High Trails for Project 2.  Due January 31.

**Kendeda Grant funds:**renewed – report due in 3 days – operation funds $10,000

**Submittable**: (Missoula-based Tech company) Submitted on Thursday, asking $1100 for 2 acres. Should hear back within 30 days

**Network for Landscape Conservation** Kathleen is also looking at it. Major 5-year national grant program to accelerate the pace and practice of collaborative conservation at the landscape scale.

They will distribute at least $1 million in funding to landscape conservation partnerships across the United States over the first three-year period, and offer supplemental training and mentoring to grantees. In the Western states, the Fund will include a focus on collaboratives that involve tribes in a meaningful way. The Fund will be administered by the Network’s fiscal sponsor, the Center for Large Landscape Conservation

Suggested by Tim Stevens (Kendeda)

**MTFWCT:** Denis, Dan Downey and Joyce Connors started application for 2019 - Due April 15th – asking for a final $66,000 to complete the acquisition of high trails.

1. **Noble Avenue Trail Project**

RTP application is on the final stage – We want to submit Monday, asking for $63,600 (doesn’t include fence).

We received a good amount of support/partner letters.

We will be notified around mid-April. If we get it, we cannot start anything before July (required to perform a bidding process…). The project timeline spans over a 2 year period

If we are dfenied, we will use the LOR + Union Pacific + other $ to start the northern section so that MDT can start looking into a traffic study for a crossing across Highway 41.

Ed and Celine met with Mayor and this morning – the city will not receive the millings from MDT this summer but probably during summer 2020. (necessary for middle section/walk and bike lane).

1. **Other business**

* **Bike racks –** Street & Alley committee Feb 4th - 4pm – locations to work on this summer
* **2019 Fundraising – Summer Activity Challenge:** Celine will do a project package and start talking to donors.
* 2019 calendar of events:
  + **National Trails Day** (June 1st)- ask Chuck to contact REI?

- Activity w/ USFS?

* **5k/15k Trail run: April or August?**  collaboration with BCHS cross country team (2nd week of august) – August can have a lot of fire smoke so the event runs the risk to be canceled.
* **Winter days?** - Jessie Salix
* **National Public land day** – sept 28

1. *Next meeting tentatively Thursday February 21st – 5:30pm at Sheriff’s annex (reserved)*. Adjourn

