Monthly Meeting Minutes

Beaverhead Trails Coalition

February 21st, 2019

BOD members present: Dan Downey, Chair; Craig Simonsen; Dan Pence; Ed Mooney; Joyce Connors; Pam Laursen; Pat Carrick

BTC Director present: Celine Beaucamp-Stout

BTC members present: Betty Mooney; Chuck Eade; Dan Triller; Dlynda Richman; Michael Mhoon; Sue Hansen

Guests present: Betty Iverson, BCHS; Patrick Thomas, USFS

Meeting called to order by the President at 17:33.

1. **Approve January 24th minutes**

Motion to approve: Michael; second: Joyce; no opposition, no abstentions. **Passed.**

1. **Trail Run with BCHS**

*Guest: Betty Iverson*

2 possible dates were considered: August 10th or late October. August 10 was chosen.

A trail committee was established consisting of: Celine, Joyce, Betty I, Mike Telling, Bill Laursen (volunteered by Pam). Committee charged to organize and report back monthly on marketing, trail planning, logo, all details. Will need to build a project package.

1. **Treasurer report**

$5,000 received in 1/19 from Speyer Family Foundation for grant-writing. We also have $3,000 left from Kendeda.

As of February 21st: 48 memberships / 58 members (incudes family membership – counts for 2 persons); 23 patrons @ $50; 7 business memberships @ $100 ea.

1. **Grant Updates**

**Clif Bar**: Applied. Awaiting response. Requested $10,000 for general support with High Trails project.

**BCBS**: Applied again for operational expenses. Awaiting response. Requested $10,000.

**Cinnabar**: Application recently opened. Due March 14th. Kathleen is working on application. Requesting $10,000 for High Trails land acquisition and/or special project funding.

**United Way**: Applied. Requested $600 for High Trails porta potty, and $2,000 for Noble Ave construction. Presentation days - Monday, March 4, 2019 at 5:30 PM to Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 9:20 PM (Barrett Hospital Board Room or Great Harvest Training Room).

Ed and Joyce agreed to represent BTC at application presentations.

**Kendeda Grant funds:** Applied. Seems hopeful that there may be $10,000 available for 1 more year. Awaiting response. If we are successful, this would be the last year for which funds will be available to BTC from this source.

**Submittable:**Received $550 for sponsorship of one acre.

**Acres for America:**Considering application. Joyce will review details before deciding.

Future consideration: Festival of the Trees.

**MT Fish & Wildlife Conservation Trust:** Joyce and Dan D have been working on grant app for $65,000. March 10 deadline for letters of support from partners (agencies, organizations, etc). Later, if we get through 1st round, will need more general letters of support from community members.

1. **Noble Avenue Connector Trail Project**

RTP application was submitted in January for $63,600. Anticipate response by mid-April. Decision re: kick-off of work is pending outcome of grant app. Ed is also considering re-applying for an AARP grant for this project (we were rejected last year).

1. **High Trails Update**

BTC will assume grazing lease upon payment by Ben Pauley to Otto Miller of this year’s lease fee due currently. At the point that BTC becomes responsible for lease, BTC will also become responsible for the quality and management of the land.

Plan will be to put this subject on agenda for next month’s meeting.

Many considerations related to management of the High Trails will be deferred to that next meeting.

1. **Bike Racks update**

Met with Street and Alley committee twice for 4 downtown, on-street locations including corner of Great Harvest, in front of African Oasis, corner of museum, and corner of Wells Fargo. Locations approved. Proposal goes next to the full city council for consideration in early March.

3 off-street locations are also being discussed with the city: 2 in Jaycee Park, 1 in Depot Park.

Jean DeVivo (Museum Trustee) approached us during the Street and Alley meeting to re-start the discussion about installing bike racks by the Depot. Right now, Mayor says City of Dillon will dig and pour concrete for these 3 (BTC should be prepared to supply support labor).

Ed has started the process of contacting Huntco Supply to order more racks. May need as many as 16-24 more. There was brief discussion re: BTC decals – idea on-hold for now.

1. **Other Business**
2. *Guest: Patrick Thomas, USFS Recreational Specialist*
   * Winter Trails Day – **February 23rd**: Event is from 10am to 2pm. Volunteers can arrive a little early to help set up. There will be a snowshoe walk/scavenger hunt, skiing, games in the snow, snacks and hot cocoa in the cabin. Elkhorn Hot Springs is giving a reduced price at the Plunge to the participants.
   * Patrick also willing to do a High Trails trail assessment in March/April. Scheduled for 10 am, **April 6**.
   * National Trails Day – **June 1st**: Patrick has several ideas for guided, short, trail walks. It was decided that BTC will support this USFS event.
   * Patrick willing to help with a trail work day for High Trails. He works with the MYCP kids and proposes **a day between June 3 – June 7**.
   * **June 10 – 13**, FS smokejumpers will be working around Reservoir Lake. Participation by BTC members welcome.
3. Chuck Eade is also interested in helping with a trail event engaging REI or Patagonia who may be possible partners. He has explored possibilities w/REI. They are unable to participate on National Trails Day this year, but may be willing to collaborate on an event at an alternative time this year.
4. 2019 Fundraising – Summer Activity Challenge Update: Celine started a project package – involves getting $$ pledges for miles walked. There is potential for collaboration with Bozeman trails group in future. Also approached Brooke Erb from Barrett Hospital Foundation to be a sponsor (not financially but in-kind and PR). Nothing finalized yet.
5. Walk with a Doc – not yet scheduled. Sometime in April.
6. **Earth Day – April 27th**: we would like to set up team to clean along the dump road, then table with info, posters, membership envelops, T-shirts. Format for activities is expected to be similar.
7. Save the Snow Climate Summit – can register individually online.
8. Celine approached Jessie Salix to organize a Spring Flowers walk at the High Trails (May). Waiting to hear back from her.
9. Range Days will be having plant identification on the High Trails in June.
10. Celine will be OOT May 12 – June 6.
11. **Next meeting** tentatively Thursday March 21st – 5:30pm at Sheriff’s annex (reserved).

Mtg adjourned @ 19:00 by Celine B-S, Director, in absence of DDowney, BTC President

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Carrick, Secretary