Monthly Meeting Minutes

Beaverhead Trails Coalition

Law Enforcement Annex

September 19th, 2019

BOD members present: Dan Downey, Craig Simonsen, Ed Mooney, Joyce Connors, Pam Laursen

BTC Director present: Celine Beaucamp-Stout

BTC members and guests present: Michael Mhoon, Larry Skiles, Betty Mooney

Convened at 17:35

1. **Approve August 15th minutes**

Motion to approve the August 15th minutes by Michael with the correction listed below. Craig seconds. No abstentions or opposition. Approved.

* Correct Cornell spelling.
1. **Treasurer Report**
* **Joyce’s report for JULY 2019**

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| Total bank account: 80,189.68$ | Incl. Unrestricted: 4,577.72$ Restricted 75,611.96$ |
| Total assets: 624,705.93$ | Incl. 927 acres of land |
| Month of July Net Income: $28,091.04 | Incl. Income: $30,179.77 (event, sponsor an acre, membership, grants) Expenses: $2,088.73 (event ad (to be refunded by grant), Payroll, supplies) |

* **Joyce’s report for AUGUST 2019**

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| Total bank account: 77,378.46$ | Incl. Unrestricted: 5,164.25$ Restricted 72,214.21$ |
| Total assets: 621,894.71$ | Incl. 927 acres of land |
| Month of August Net Income: -2,828.22$ | Incl. Income: $16,298.05 (grants, event, sponsor an acre, membership, grants) Expenses: $19,126.27 (insurance, Payroll, supplies, contractor bill for Noble) |

* Modification had to be made to our insurance to cover volunteers (add a cost of about $200 to our insurance fees).
* **Sponsor An Acre Fundraiser update:**
* 45 total
* 28 since beginning of 2019 (incl. Kid’s Acre from Facebook Fundraiser by Emily Freeman)
* 18 for the last 2 months: Beaverhead Outdoors Association (in August), Great Harvest matched each acre sponsored by their employees (4 sponsor by employees, 4 sponsors by GH = 8 acres). Plus partial payment on 1 acre from some employees’ payroll deductions.

Approved for 1 by Stockman Bank (sent an invoice – should be received shortly).

* **Membership count as per September 19th:**

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| total membership:  | 61 | total members: | 79\* |
|  | Patrons:  | 26 |  |  |
|  | Businesses: | 5 |  |  |
|  | Family: | 18 |  |  |
|  | Single: | 12 |  |  |

*\*Note: a family membership counts for 2 members*

* **Other treasurer report discussions:**
* From Raven’s Perch grant: Discussion to dedicate $7,000 to Parcel J acquisition, $9,000 to High Trails expenses (maintenance, surveying, clean-up) and $9,000 to high trails direct expenses.
* Trail Run benefits: $744 each (BTC and High School). About 8 memberships received on or following Trail Run Event.
* Discussion to grant membership status to people sponsoring an acre. Count them as member for a year - Approved by acclamation
1. **Grant Update**

**Baltoro Trust (Patagonia):** $10,000 on behalf of Tony Jessen for Land Acquisition or operational for high trails

**Raven Perch Foundation** (Tim Speyer): Received $25,000 for land acquisition High Trails

**MTFWCT:** $20,000 transferred directly to title co upon closing High Trails

**Steele Reese Foundation:** received $15000 for High Trails project

**Kendeda Grant funds:** renewed $10,000 for operational expenses :)

**United Way:** We received 2 check for $500 so far for Noble Av. 2 more checks to come

**Union Pacific:** approved for $5000 for Noble Ave trail project

**Cornell Douglas:** asking for $10,000 operational, waiting on Joyce to look over and send financials. No due date

**American Conservation Association:** there is not much info on this funder, but they typically grant around $10k-$20k, they fund conservation and environmental issues, so would request HT. Similar application as Cornell Douglas, so would use a lot of the same info, save time and resources

**Max and Louise Dryfus Foundation:** Could use HT or Noble for this one, they support wildlife protection activities, and other community based organizations. General Operations, would ask $10K, due November 10.

**State Farm:** National and local funding directed towards Safety... auto and roadway safety. We must request more than $5,000. Researching how much to ask but $5k is minimum. Due October 31, working with Ed on Noble Ave for this one.

**Network For Good:** (used by Facebook fundraiser) applied for general expenses. Deadline is September 15th (Can apply every month for the next month). $1,000-$5,000 average grant amount. Purpose: to promote fundraising activities and capacity building that can lead to revenue sustainability. Unrestricted grant based on need and merit. Should you be selected for a grant, we simply want to know how the funds are being used and their effect towards promoting your fundraising activities and/or capacity building. You will need to submit a brief, 1-page report via email on grant impact at 90 days and again at 6 months after the grant award is issued.

Kathleen is working on other research for Walking School Bus. We got $1,000 from Turner Youth Initiative in the early days of Walking Schoolbus. (Celine checked later: it’s by invitation only)

**LOR:** Rural Homecoming Event (October 18-20)

**AARP**: Noble – application opens in April 2020

1. **High Trails**
* We closed on parcel J and received the title.

Grazing lease is now in our name – Ben Pauley signed the transfer of the lease to us.

Dan D. contacted Dusty Crowe from the BLM to do a land management survey of the area the first week of October.

Discussion about hiring a range consultant (non-local and independent) to give us an estimate of the grazing.

The lease expires in 2023 with option to be renewed.

Discussions about water rights, mineral rights.

* We should still contact Ben Pauley to warn him when we need to go up the road with a vehicle.
* Celine sent over 50 personalized emails to invite people at the Celebration on Sept 21. 5:30pm (4:30-5pm). We will provide food: Joyce will buy some trays and chips + potluck.
* Press release (Dan Pence)
* Courtesy sign is done and will be put up by Larry Skiles
1. **Noble avenue Update**
* The temporary sign is done – Ed and Larry will put it up (Was bought from Signs Solution in Bozeman)
* A dedication ceremony will be held in October (Mayor cut ribbon) – tentatively October 9th (Wednesday) – 4pm. Invite Union Pacific, LOR and United Way.
* South section: Ed is working on bid with Jeremy from WWC Engineering. Pre-bid meeting in the city chamber.
* North end: R.E. Miller will put some posts to delineate the trail. We might need to pour a sidewalk over the daycare crossing.
1. **Zombie Chase**

The Runsignup website is set-up. We are starting to get registrations.

We need to find volunteers for aid stations and safety:

- 2-3 Volunteers per aid station (we need 5 aid stations along the course = 10-15 volunteers total for this task).

- 10 Safety volunteers to make sure runners and traffic don't impede on each other (some streets will be closed to traffic, the race crosses the railroad twice, high-visibility vest needed).

- A few volunteers could come early and help dress-up/put make up on the zombies (College kids and Bill Laursen).

- If you really want, you can always volunteer to be a zombie yourself

BTC Aid Station: Michael, Pam

1. **Other Business**
* Walking Schoolbus

Pam took over the admin duties. Emily Freeman is supporting. There was 21 kids on day 1.

Route 2 needs more volunteers. Need to organize a volunteer meeting.

* Cornell Park

Joyce: Owning Cornell Park will be a minimal added cost to our insurance fee.

Dan: Talked to Jean Bergenson to get a letter to protect our liability. Cornell Park is part of a larger land – so it would have to be divided off to donate Cornell Park. Hold on the survey because we would have to decide where the boundary should be. Andy Suenram is looking into it.

Trust for Public Land consultant.

Kiwanis is ok for us to be land owner.

FWP could be permanent holder of the land – BTC can be interim owners.

* Halloween Party – Keltz Arena (Chamber Of Commerce event): Joyce, Celine, Carol?, Pam?
* Other:
	+ Giving Tuesday – December 3, 2019

Facebook fundraiser set up by Celine (Facebook might match early donations again – find local business match?). Update webpage w/ #unselfies.

Asked Beaverhead Honey to match – still waiting to hear – hoping to create a marketing campaign with "be sweet, and BTC gets the honeypot" / "BTC is so sweet, it's being matched by honey"

Hoping to raise $150-200 plus match

* + Larry Skiles: Dan Downey was instrumental to start the Walking School Bus. So was Dianan Nelson (CrossFit)

DOT survey along the HWY 91 – road improvement?

1. **Next meeting**

Tentatively Thursday October 17th – 5:30pm at Sheriff’s annex. Room is reserved. Adjourn

Meeting over at 17:40