Monthly Meeting Minutes

Beaverhead Trails Coalition

Law Enforcement Annex

October 17th, 2019

BOD members present: Ed, Dan P, Craig, Dan D, Pam

BTC Director present: Celine Beaucamp-Stout

BTC members and guests present: Alan W, Bill, Michael Mhoon

Convened at 17:35

1. **Approve September 19th minutes**

Motion to approve the September 19th minutes by Michael Mhoon , Bill Laursen seconds. No abstentions or opposition. Approved.

1. **Treasurer Report**

* **Joyce’s report for September 2019**
* income for the month was $20,940.  It consisted of Events $110, Grants $15,000, Membership $330, and Sponsorships $5,500.
* Expenditures were minimal for expenses.  The significant expenditure was for the final piece of land at a cost of $72,218 for 127 acres
* **Membership count as per October 19th:**

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| total membership: | | | 80 | total members: | | 107\* |
|  | Patrons: | 28 | | |  | |  |
|  | Businesses: | 5 | | |  | |  |
|  | Family: | 27 | | |  | |  |
|  | Single: | 20 | | |  | |  |

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

* We have 47 sponsor an acres total

1. **Grant Update**

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

**Union Pacific:** Received $5000 for Noble Ave trail project by mail.

**Cornell Douglas:** asking for $10,000 operational

**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) – walk to the M and the B

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

1. **High Trails**

* We still need to send thank you cards
* Celebration at the brewery – good attendance. Tim Speyer, Denis Glick, were there
* Dan talked to our extension agent who gave him names of Range Management MSU professor for consulting on our grazing lease for best practice management.

1. **Noble avenue Update**

* Dedication ceremony on October 16th was well attended (Mayor cut ribbon, Todd Hazelbaker, Jim McIsaac, Rotary president, United Way, R.E. Miller, BTC board members)

Put pictures in box (in Noble folder)

* Dan sent a letter to Lee Halt (district supervisor for DOT in Butte) to ask about the pedestrian/bicycle crossing through the highway (copied Catherine Ries – forwarded to a MDT engineer). We will probably have to wait until spring but the response was positive.
* Bid package: Ed is working on it with WWC and Craig
* Beaverhead Pride Trail: Dan D and Celine will try to meet with Tim Stolker – at Big Sky Motors. Dan D and Ed will meet to look at the Beaverhead Pride Trail Sunday Oct 20th at 10am.

1. **Zombie Chase**

* We are good to go with volunteers. 13 registrations (quite low and hoping for participants to register the day of the event).
* We have a good amount of sponsors

1. **Other Business**

* Fall newsletter was sent on Monday Oct 14th
* 2018 Annual Report is on the website – 2019 annual report almost done
* High Trail hike from the M to the B – Saturday October 19th as part of Dillon’s Fall Fest / LOR Rural Homecoming
* Halloween Party – October 31, Keltz Arena (Chamber Of Commerce event): Joyce, Celine, Carol, Pam
* Walking Schoolbus: going well. 2 days got canceled because of weather. Pam Laursen is coordinator. Good amount of volunteers and good coordination.

Ask Ilene and Estee about college community service hours.

Recognition to Jamie and Shannon. (service plaque)

In May, we need to give the kids an award (certificate) during the school award’s day.

Next United Way grant for walking schoobus.

We need to replace some signs.

* Cornell Park

Ray gross will be doing survey when hunting survey is over

Lawyer(s) (Suenram & Bergeson: writing a letter to advise our board that Montana statute would protect us as non-profit in owning the land for public use.

Dan D is meeting with Matt Jaeger at the park – FWP could own the land in the long term

* 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 (pictures needed)

Asked Beaverhead Honey to match – still waiting to hear – if not: polar bear swim challenge - Dan + Celine?

Hoping to raise $150-200

* Conference in Whitefish – Joyce – Trail building.
* Christmas party at Aerial
* BOD meeting first week of November 6th Brewery – 5:30pm

1. **Next meeting**

Tentatively Thursday November 21st – 5:30pm at Sheriff’s annex. Room is reserved. Adjourn

Meeting over at 6:47pm