Annual Meeting

Beaverhead Trails Coalition

Law Enforcement Annex

February 20th, 2020

BOD members present: Dan D, Pam, Ed, Joyce

BTC Director present: Celine Beaucamp-Stout

BTC members and guests present: Bill Laursen, Larry Skiles, Betty Iverson

Convened at 5:30 pm by Dan D.;

1. **Approve previous meeting minutes**

No meeting minutes were approved at this time.

1. **Treasurer report**
* **Joyce’s report for January 2020**

Total bank accounts: $50,600.07

Unrestricted: $13,107.66 (General: $7,328.45 - Kendeda: $5,779.21 )

Restricted: $37,492.41

Land: $612,734.25

Total assets: $ 663,334.32

January Income: $650 (Membership, United Way)

January Expense: $ 854.35 (Contract services, …)

Net income: -$204.35

* **Membership count as per February 20th:**

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| total membership:  | 90 | total members: | 118\* |
|  | Patrons:  | 36 |  |  |
|  | Businesses: | 3 |  |  |
|  | Family: | 28 |  |  |
|  | Single: | 23 |  |  |

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

Note: Memberships dropped compared to December (100 memberships for 131 members) because many people have not renewed yet from December.

1. **Grant Updates**

**Steele Reese Foundation:**applied for another $15,000 to put towards the HT project. Can be unrestricted and used for anything pertaining to the project.

**State Farm:**National and local funding directed towards Safety... auto and roadway safety. This one was submitted late October, and we asked for $25,000. Noble Av middle and south section. Waiting to hear back. Will hear by the end of March

**United Way:**asking for funds for WSB and Pigtail Trail maintenance

*WSB:*$330/year for three years.  It would be used for the lunch meeting in the Fall, ending meeting in the Spring, printing expenses, and prizes for the kids.

*Pigtail:* $1030 for bridge paint and signs sealer.

**BCBS:**Applied, just heard back and denied

**Cinnabar:**Cinnabar is now open, due March 31. Kathleen and Joyce are working on this one. Asking for funding for wildlife friendly fence for HT area.

**AARP Liveable Communities Grant** - we will apply for this one again for Noble Ave. With showing the progress that was made this summer, it increases the likelihood of funding, being close to the end. The only hitch is the project would have to be done by Nov. of 2020. Due date April 17th. Ed and Kathleen partner on this one. Subject to funds received from State Farm

**Cornell Park:**still searching for funding. LOR is out, they do not have anyone in the region to work the area. Fish/Wildlife park is also out. Waiting to hear back on a few other feelers for this one. One issue is dealing with the dam.

1. **Noble avenue**

Started on the construction – signed the agreement and gave Miller a notice to proceed.

South trail is staked.

Ed will ask Ray Gross to help on Noble and bill us to the hour.

1. **High Trails**
* 109 cows individual – we haven’t received the grazing fees yet (was due February 10th).
* Tim’s ridge electricity pole damaged – Larry sent a picture to NW Energy. They will have to drive down Tim’s Ridge. Celine to contact NW Energy to facilitate the replacement of the pole.
* Joyce made a list of work needed on trails.
* The posts on the south side of the NW Passage Trail always get knocked over by cows. We might try to replace them with steel posts (something fairly temporary).
* DNRC firefighters to work on the Cliff Trails and the NW Passage
1. **Cornell Park**
* Survey for Cornell park is done – Dan D has it and treasurer has to sign it. Then sent to Erb to sign. The site has to be appraised. Can be done by mid-march.
* Meeting with stakeholders on Monday 24th at 5:30pm – conference room at Dan’s office
* Stream restauration, Outhouse needs to be removed – trees might need to be removed too
* $6,000 from Raven’s perch is available to be spent on the park – Tim Speyer gave his authorization to proceed.
* Might need an MOU
* Youth Challenge adopted Cornell park.
1. **Other Business**
* 3 Rivers Chapter of the Back country horseman meeting

Dan Pence (representing BTC) participated in discussion about safety for hikers and bikers around horses. We discussed putting up signage on trails (we need to contact FS also) about trail sharing etc. We have a short video about trail etiquette which we may put up on our website and share with others. All in all it was a productive discussion and we look forward to working with bikers and hikers in the future.

Contact: James Hollifield

* Betty Iverson updated the group about the Pioneer Trail Club (Trail running club). Discussion about BTC adopting the club as a program, like the Walking School Bus program). We need a board vote.

Event 2020:

* Earth Day – April 25th (volunteers for clean: BTC goes up the 10 mile road, MT running company goes down from Trailhead)
* Winter and Spring Events
* **Pioneer Trail Club**: they wrote by-laws and are looking at options to either become a non-profit or be under BTC.
* Wednesday work day: High Trails and Noble
* June 14th – 9am: Wildflowers walk
* July 18th - : Larry walk Monument Trail
* August 15th: NW Passage Trail
* September 19th: Geology of the Beaverhead Valley from the High Trails
* October: Walk to the B – Rural homecoming
* October : Zombie Chase
* Membership BBQ at Selway – Late June - Saturday
* Walking schoolbus pint night – April – 6:00pm – Friday?
1. **Next meeting**

*Tentatively Thursday March 26th  – 5:30pm at Sheriff’s annex*. Adjourn