

Monthly Meeting
Beaverhead Trails Coalition
Phone / Video conference
April 23rd, 2020

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

BTC Director present: Celine Beaucamp-Stout

BTC members and guests present: The meeting was a phone conference due to COVID-19 confinement and limited to board members.

Convened at 5:47 pm by Dan D;

1) Approve previous meeting minutes

- March 26th

Motion to approve: Ed , Joyce seconds, All favor

Correction: Cornell park partner to mention: Trout Unlimited

2) Treasurer report

• **Joyce's report for March 2020**

Total bank accounts: \$55,903.29

Unrestricted: \$15,739.04 (General: \$11,713.65 - Kendeda: \$4,025.39)

Restricted: \$40,164.25

Land: \$612,734.25

Total assets: \$ 668,637.54

March Income: \$50 (Membership)

March Expense: \$2,532.47 (Office supplies, payroll, contract services)

Net income: \$-2,482.47

• **Membership count as per April 23rd:**

total membership:	90	total members:	119*
Patrons:	35		
Businesses:	3		
Family:	29		
Single:	23		

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

3) Grant Updates

Baltoro Trust (Yvon Chouinard Family Trustees): We received a \$5,000 donation for no particular reason 😊 Intention: to be used for general expenses – after confirming with them.

State Farm: Still waiting to hear back. 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 sections. Will communicate decisions by end of first quarter.

Cinnabar: Applied in Feb/March. Asked for \$3,000 for wildlife fencing in the HT. Funding decisions will be announced by July 1.

AARP Liveable Communities Grant - Ed and I worked on this one and it has been submitted 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. (\$40k?)

Town Pump: Joyce heard that they give community grants, Kathleen is in the process of researching this one with hope it will pan out. Based out of Butte.

Festival of Trees: Possibility for Noble if more funds are needed for the middle section?

Patagonia: Celine and Joyce are working with Beth Sullivan to submit a retail grant request by April 30 deadline: The Dillon Outlet store reviews the retail grants they receive, and will give a response by the end of August. \$3,000

LOR: report sent.

Kendeda: report due in May. Joyce is working in May.

Steele Reese: Report due. Joyce is starting working. Celine look for form online?

Cornell Park: funding search on hold until more details for the area are finalized.

Union Pacific: Report due by August. Ed is working on a draft. Sent them picture for the “share your story”

4) Noble Avenue Trail

South section is finished. Delineators and signs still to be installed. Rotary donated 3 trees, they were planted around the bench on the North section.

Motion to move to amend the minutes from last month to use the excess money to fund the middle section. (LOR money).

Seconded by Dan D. All in favor

Short \$25,000-28,000 for the middle section (to get it separate from the road, instead of a bike lane like initially planned).

Dan D talked to Lee Alt (District Traffic Engineer, MT Dept Of Transportation) 3 weeks ago. They'll come down to do a traffic study early summer.

Ed got interviewed by the Tribune.

5) High Trails

Joyce met with Steve Primm about the fence. He will start working on the south fence to replace/repair it and the gate.

Joyce make a motion to start working with Steve Primm to adjust our fence, starting on the South side, seconded by Ed. All in favor.

He will also walk along the East Fence and might modify it by putting wires in PVC pipe.

Joyce will start sending certified letters to owners bordering our land to let them know about the fence work.

MWA still scheduled to come in June to work on trails. We might need to find volunteers to replace Youth Challenge.

Mike Mooney (BLM) will help us with the weeds.

DNRC are still interested in working on the bottom of the Cliff Trail. We could also ask (the guy from Bozeman) to build it if DNRC doesn't get to it by June.

Joyce and Ed will go through with a side by side tomorrow morning at 10am to mark the NW passage. Ben Pauley: 865-0115

NRCS Range scientist will take clippings to assess quality of range grass, she will help us revise the lease.

Gary Ferris, Vigilante electric, needs to reroute their electrical line under the ground on our property that parallel the 10 miles road. He will come talk to the board about it.

Joyce and Larry Skiles walked the Monument Trail: trail goes to the top, and might be re-route to go around on the West side to go through the rock formations. Larry and Ed walked it too and got a GPS track. The trail modification needs to be discussed with the High Trails Committee and voted on by the board.

6) Cornell Park

- Still waiting for the appraisal. Jon Erb has the survey.
- Trout Unlimited expressed their continued interest to be a partner
- Outhouse is locked, will be torn out
- Dan met with Don Copple, Tim Egan (Tree Board), and Mike Miller (Kiwanis) about evaluating the trees. We might seek help from state programs to funds pruning and planting trees. FWP has some funds for the Kiwanis to do improvements on the trees. Beavers have been cutting trees – Mike Miller will look at installing some fence around trees to protect them.
- MOU needs to be drafted and sent to stakeholders.

7) Other Business

- Newsletter: I will include the following topics: Noble, High Trails, Pigtail maintenance, Cornell park? (BTC is facilitator of the restoration of the Park, collaborative effort for the benefit of the River and the community), Selway park picnic table, Wildflowers walk. I need to get the website updated for those topics.
- Selway Park: need cement for the picnic table. Will be installed as soon as we can find someone with excess of cement after a project.
- Pioneer Trail Club: vote on BTC adopting the club as a program? Betty said that the club is willing to cover the added cost for liability – if any. Joyce will call MNA to get advice on liability.
- Earth Day – April 25th : No festival but encourage people to clean up their side of town. A dumpster and trash bags will be available
- June 14th – 9am: Wildflowers walk with Catherine Cain
- Walking Schoolbus update – schools are closed – Postponed until further notice
- Box: Please upload important documents you might have to the appropriate folders.

8) Next meeting

Tentatively Thursday May 21st – 5:30pm at Sheriff's annex.

Adjourned at 7:20pm by Craig.