Monthly Meeting

Beaverhead Trails Coalition

Video/phone conference

December 17th, 2020

BOD members present: Dan Downey, Ed, Craig, Joyce, Pat

BTC Director present: Celine, Greta

BTC members and guests present: Mhoon, Chris Edington, Alan W, Larry Skiles

Convened at 5:30 pm by Celine;

1. **Noble**

RTP Grants:

good start on the RTP – Joyce and Ed followed the training

Can be reimbursed for overhead – about 5%

Have to do the full bidding process

$33,000 (Match would be $6,000)

Board minutes that approves the project => First week of January 7th – 5:30pm

Deadline is Feb. 1st

Want to apply by January 15th

1. **Approve previous meeting minutes**

* November 19th, 2020 – Pat moves to approve with corrections – Joyce 2nd

Date to be corrected

Other – remove “items not on the agenda”

1. **Treasurer Report**

* **Joyce’s report for November 2020**

Total bank accounts: $ 42,213.61

Unrestricted: $ 28,013.36 (General: $24,116.69 - Speyer: $3,896.67)

Restricted: $ 14,200.25

Land: $ 612,734.25

Total assets: $ 654,948.86

November Income: $ 143.33 (Membership: $130.00, donation: $13.33)

November Expense: $ 1,284.23 (Payroll: $879.49, Property taxes $225)

Net income: $ -1,140.90

YTD income is negative due to projects.

Joyce is starting to look at budget for 2021.

* **Membership count as per December 17th, 2020:**

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| total membership: | | | 123 | | total members: | 139\* |
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Highest membership count ever – Members number are not as high because people get Patron membership instead of family. It doesn’t count 2 members but is more money.

1. **Grant Updates**

**Received:**

* **Bench Memorial:** Katherine Barnett, daughter of Torborg Haga Hoyland, bench location on Tim’s Ridge.

Joyce ordered bracket welding from Bill Macoronal – Mike and Joyce Connors will buy boards from Ace Hardware and assemble the bench. Once it’s done, we’ll organize its installation on the trail. Bench cost around $350.

**Andrea Simonsen wants a bench too –** Joyce ordered that one too

* **Giving Tuesday:** Received $2,000 from Facebook and $670 from our website. Total: $2,670

Fundraiser included a raffle – four pool of people based on amount reached – prizes: gift cards from TnC Foods, and duffle bags from Patagonia.

**Applied:**

* **State Farm 2020**: Ed and Kathleen submitted an application at the end of Oct. They asked for $8,000 for the Noble Ave construction. We should know by end of first quarter.
* **Clif Bar:** Applied for $10,000 for Noble Ave. We should know by Feb. 1 - Denied
* **America Walks Community Grant: Applied** Ed and Kathleen applied for Noble Ave. Worth $1,500. They will be emailing all applicants directly by December 2020.
* **Town & Country Foods:** They will allow us to have donation boxes at their cash registers during the holidays.

**Others:**

* **RTP - Stewardship Match Grant Program (MT State Park):** Due Feb 1, Ed started application. For $22,000 ($28,000 needed).
* **Union Pacific -**funding cycle begins typically in April-May for application submission, and funding announced by Sept. Apply for Noble for $5,000
* **United Way:**opens 12/1/20 – app due 1/31/21. Let’s ask Kathleen to apply for $2,000 for Noble.
* **Steele Reese:** opens Dec 1 – for Noble - $5,000. We need to have letter of intent in by 12/1/20. Joyce tried to contact them
* **BCBS:**  Should open early Jan. Kathleen plans to apply for stream bank restoration at Cornell Park, needs completed plan/design. We have been refused numerous times. Mission cites health/wellness. Noble Ave may be better fit.

**Cornell Park:**funding search now for park restoration, stream rehabilitation, landscaping funding. So far I have a short list of grants to apply for, but they do not open until early next year or Spring. This includes AARP, VF Foundation, Quadratic, Rumphius Foundation, and a few others I'm still researching. I will keep looking.

**Land and Water Conservation Funds** ($9M nationwide) and **Future fisheries**: Chris Edington is starting to look at applying.

Dan D. talked to Zach and Matt Yeager: will have a zoom meeting to start talking about a plan.

1. **High Trails**

* **Grazing lease:** Celine is working on new proposal for grazing lease. DD & Dan P will help.
* **Easements:**
  + Monday Nov 23rd – 9:30: Meeting at county regarding overlook trail easement. Print copies of easement, maps, copies of post 9:15am
  + Leonardson’s responded to official letter over FB; the county holds permanent easement and will not alter trail
  + There has been proposal to create a packet for Harold Brown, to request an easement between NW Passage Trail and BLM. Joyce will prepare.
    - Map of the proposed route
    - Map of easement
    - example of an easement
    - example of signage (dog leash required)

Celine will ask Kaylan to help finalize the easement (see trail easements example from Overlook trail, Pigtail trail).

* **Pronghorn Pursuit Trail Run 2021**: Set for August 7th
* **Montana Wilderness Association:** setting up for June 8, 9, 10th – they rather not do weeds. Using Youth Challenge Cadets as a crew.
* Current dog poop bags are too weak.
* Fencing is mostly completed. Will need money for major cow clean-up in 2023.

1. **Other**

* Economic impact report feedback
* County growth plan: Celine and Ed were at the meeting

1. **Next meeting** *Thursday January 21st – 5:30pm*

* Annual meeting:
  + Election of Board of Officers and Officers (Dan D, Ed, Pam)
* Video/Phone conference?

Meeting adjouned at 6:50 pm by Celine .

***Happy holidays!***