

Annual Meeting

Beaverhead Trails Coalition

Video/Phone Conference

January 21st, 2021

BOD members present: Dan D., Ed, Pam, Joyce, Dan P., Craig, and Pat

BTC Director present: Celine, Greta

BTC members and guests present: Bill Laursen, Kathleen Wagner, Jacy Suenram, Adrienne Bull, Alan Weltzien

Convened at 5:32pm by Celine

1) Approve previous meeting minutes

- Joyce: money from giving Tuesday **\$2,000** - Receive money through Facebook – and **\$690** from Squarespace
- Ed moves to approve with Joyce's amendment, Pat seconds, all in favor. Motion passes

2) Treasurer report

- Joyce's report for December 2020

Total bank accounts: \$ 44,966.79
Unrestricted: \$ 27,971
Restricted: \$ 16,956
Land: \$ 710,234.25
Total assets: \$ 755,201.04

November Income: \$ 101,830.00 (Membership: \$2,390.00, donations: \$99,440)
November Expense: \$ 1,630.68 (Accounting fees: \$399.00, Office supplies: \$227.46,
Net income: \$ 100,199.32 Payroll: \$1,004.22)

- **Membership count as per January 21st, 2021:**

Total membership: 131 Total members: 139*

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

3) Board member elections

- **Pat:** Board policy is designed to describe the basic function of the board and parameters for these functions. In order to allow BTC to adapt, the board needs to increase the number of board members.
 - o “Board members are elected for up to 3 years”
 - o “Change [maximum number of board members] to 5 to 9 board members”
 - o “No more than 1/3 of the members are replaced in a single annual meeting”
- Joyce moves to approve the 3 changes, Dan P seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
 - o Election of Ed:
Bill moves to reelect Ed, Pam seconds, all in favor
 - o Election of Pam:
Pat nominates Pam, Ed seconds, all in favor
 - o Election of Dan D.
Ed nominated Dan, Alan seconds, all in favor
- Presentation of interested members to be board members:
 - o Adrienne Bull
Dan nominates, Pat seconds, all in favor
 - o Jacy Suenram
Joyce nominates, Pam seconds, all in favor
- Pat C is stepping down
 - o Alan Weltzien
Joyce nominates, Bill seconds, all in favor

4) Grant Updates

Received:

- **Katherine Barnett:** \$1,000 grant

Applied:

- **State Farm:** Ed and Kathleen submitted an application at the end of Oct. We asked for \$8000 for the Noble Ave construction. We should know by end of first quarter. Still waiting.

Other:

- **Stewardship Program:** Ready to go, working on it with Joyce. Put up on their site, it will hopefully be submitted by Tuesday.

- **America Walks Community Grant:** Ed and Kathleen also worked on this one for Noble Ave. Worth \$1500. They will be emailing all applicants directly by December 2020.
- **United Way:** They just opened the application at the beginning of Dec. The deadline is Jan 31. Kathleen is working on converting application to a doc that we can work in as it's easier than their PDF (which you really can't work in). We will be applying for \$3000 for Noble.
- **BCBS:** This one typically opens in early January. Nothing has changed on their website yet. Once it does, Kathleen can see if there are any changes and if streambank restoration for Cornell will work or not. Currently their site says their mission is to promote health, wellness, and human services in a community, so streambank restoration would be a stretch.
 - o \$3,000 -Plan
 - o \$9,000 – ENG plan
 - o \$30,000 - \$40,000 - Work
- **Land and water conservation funds:** Zach Owen and Chris Edington are working on it. March 2021.
- **Steele Reese:** Joyce was going to contact Linda Tracey before going further. Currently their website is not updated. Joyce made contact – they got in with the letter of inquiry – Noble \$5,000 – people being out and pandemic aspect
- **UPRR:** It was approved to apply for \$5000 for Noble, however their site also has not updated.
- **Rumphius Foundation:** Kathleen has contacted Dan with information on this one, possibly for Cornell Park restoration, \$5,000-\$6,000
- **AARP:** Grants will open in Feb. Could apply for Cornell of Noble Ave.
- **Bench:** Macoronal braces done – Max Hansen offered some decking material.

5) High Trails

- Grazing lease: great progress.
- Trail run – Greta is working on flyer for sponsors and we will start reaching out to them soon.
- Packet for Harold Brown. Joyce has been talking to people to get a template. Dan talked to Harold; they are to meet in a few weeks. He is interested in looking into it.
- Ed and Joyce will update the webpage.

6) Cornell Park

- Zoom meetings every 3 weeks with FWP – involving the MOU members – FWP definitely wants to make it a FAS.
- Outreach to community for public comments – Zach and Matt Jaeger – in April.
- Zach, Chris E, Dan D, Matt J - January 25th – 5pm – local organization of the project on Zoom.

- Title search done by Sarah – partial mortgage loan on the property – Jon Erb signed off. No obstruction to clear the title. Zach and Chris E. covered the cost.
- Apply for grant money for stream bank restoration.
- FWP might take care of the latrine replacement. FWP meeting with county in early February to discuss it.
- Bill might clean up some dead trees.

7) Others

- Land Use agreement for “Cupid Shuffle” 5k being put on by BCHS team – need suggestion of participant numbers – are they inviting other outside the club?
- Climb the M – Cory
- BOD meeting – Jan 28 – 5:30pm – Land Use agreements

8) Next monthly meeting: Feb 18th – 5:30pm

Adjourned by Ed-Joyce-all in favor at 6:49 pm