

Monthly Meeting
Beaverhead Trails Coalition
Video/phone conference call
March 18th, 2021

BOD members present: Dan Downey, President; Craig Simonsen, Vice-President; Joyce Connors, Treasurer; Pam Laursen, Secretary; Ed Mooney, Dan Pence; Adrienne Bull; Alan Weltzien; Jacy Suenram

BTC Director present: Celine Beaucamp-Stout, Director; Greta Sanders, Intern

BTC members and guests present: Larry Skiles, Michel Mhoon, Pete Wakeman, Bill Laursen

Convened at 5:35 pm by Celine

1) Approve previous meeting minutes

Correction: Income was overstated by \$200 in January (check received and labeled as income was actually an outstanding deposit from December)

Joyce moves to approve the minutes as corrected, Larry seconds, all in favor, **motion passes.**

2) Treasurer Report

- **Joyce's report for February 2021**

Total bank accounts: \$ 48,449.70
Unrestricted: \$ 25,748.81
Restricted: \$ 22,700.89
Land: \$ 710,234.25
Total assets: \$ 758,683.95

February Income: \$ 1,252.44 (Memberships, Grant writing grant, donations)
February Expense: \$ 1,529.79 (supplies, engineering work, payroll, taxes)
Net income: \$ -277.35

- **Membership count as per March 18th:** *(Sent 13 renewal letters March 18th)*

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| total membership: | 115 | total members: | 136* |
| Patrons: | 68 | | |
| Businesses: | 5 | | |
| Family: | 17 | | |
| Single: | 25 | | |

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

3) Grant Updates

Received:

- **Extreme Terrain Clean Trail Grant Program:** Received \$250 for trail improvement projects (specifically for expenses such as tools and food/beverages for volunteers)
- **United Way:** Awarded \$3,000 for Noble Avenue!

Applied:

- **State Farm:** Application was submitted at the end of Oct. We asked for \$8000 for the Noble Ave construction. We should know by end of first quarter. Still waiting
- **America Walks Community Grant:** Did not hear back, but BTC is not listed as a recipient on their website.

Other:

- **Murdoch's Rounding Up Fundraiser:** Greta made contact with Murdoch's to discuss a potential partnership; they stated that a round up fundraiser has to take place across all Murdoch's stores, but she took our information to forward to leadership should that change.
- **RTP:** Submitted.
- **AARP:** Currently working on this one for Cornell Park interpretive signage.
- **Steele Reese:** Currently working with Ed, Joyce and Alan on getting our second round application finished and submitted. Due April 1. Requesting \$5,000 for Noble.
- **LWCF:** Project process has to be initiated by FWP, but so far there has not be any acknowledgement. Letting Zach and Chris make next steps.
- **BCBS:** Decided not to apply as our projects currently do not meet their criteria.
- **UPRR:** It was approved to apply for \$5000 for Noble, however their site has not updated.
- **Rumphius Foundation:** Upon further review, decided to wait on applying for this one due to criteria needing to be met, and project completed by fall.

4) High Trails

- **Trail run update:** reaching out to local businesses for sponsorships; have confirmed we can hand out packets at Patagonia (either outdoors or inside, dependent on COVID circumstances) the evening before the run
 - o Need to set up meeting with Betty and Mike
- **Trail improvement this year:** DNRC (can build new trails) and Montana Wilderness Association (can only work on existing trails due to funding requirements); YC recruits can also possibly be used for projects

- **Put out trashcans:** Planning to leave trashcans for self-serve poop cleanup March 27-28
 - Will put out trash bags for volunteers to pull weeds beginning in April
 - Start posting about cleanup days/cleanup in general on social media and website
 - **National Trail Day:** June 5, hold event; possibly cleanup, walk, barbeque
- Dan D has not yet met with Harold Brown regarding easement to BLM land; Adrienne will potentially go with him
 - Celine and Jacy are working on meeting list for Ben Pauley; list will be sent to board for feedback, then a meeting will be set up with Pete before setting up a meeting with Ben
 - Anonymous Good Samaritan added water bars
 - Need to improve dog waste etiquette due to large volume left behind
 - Put up sign saying that if dog waste situation doesn't improve, dogs will have to be leashed "Please pick up dog poop so we don't have to start requiring dogs to be leashed"

5) Cornell Park Update

Funding search now for toilet vault replacement labor and costs, streambank restoration, landscaping, and park restoration. Currently working on AARP grant for interpretive signs.

6) Other

- Safe route to school update: Contacted Deanna Nelson, have not heard back
 - Looking to repaint crosswalks and replace some signs
 - Need to figure out specific kind of paint needed for crosswalks
- Noble trail update: waiting on money, based on current timing, may not be able to get anything done until Fall
- Selway Park: If no native bushes found for free by end of April, use funds to purchase new bushes
- Meeting with Chamber of Commerce: left new brochures with maps at Visitor's Center
 - Where else could tri-fold be placed? Patagonia billboard, realtor's offices, campgrounds, etc., also, who could sponsor printing tri-fold?
 - Jacy will work on finding places to put tri-folds as well as sponsors for printing
 - Need to find cost for printing to determine how much to charge sponsors; Greta will work on getting a price quote
- T-shirt order as is?
 - Move ahead with design and print t-shirts, Joyce moves, Dan D. seconds, all in favor, **motion passes**
- Opinion on motto: Joyce moves to print motto on t-shirts but not to change motto yet, seconded, **motion passes**

- Concerns motto should only be on t-shirt; feels “catchphrase” is too long and narrower than “Get moving!”
- Reminded board of conflict of interest form
- Cleanup days at Selway, Pigtail as well, Wednesdays 6-8?
- Joyce sent card for retirement celebration.

7) Next meeting

April 22nd, 2020 at 5:30 pm.