

Monthly Meeting  
Beaverhead Trails Coalition  
Sheriff's annex conference room  
April 22<sup>th</sup>, 2021

BOD members present: Dan Downey, President; Joyce Connors, Treasurer; Pam Laursen, Secretary; Ed Mooney, and Adrienne Bull

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

BTC members and guests present: Larry Skiles, Pat Carrick, Bill Laursen

Convened at 5:35 pm by Dan

**1) Approve previous meeting minutes**

March 18<sup>th</sup> - Corrected minutes were sent late this afternoon.

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

**2) Treasurer Report**

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

Total bank accounts: \$ 56,213.16  
Unrestricted: \$ 34,270.45  
Restricted: \$ 21,942.71  
Land: \$ 710,234.25  
Total assets: \$ 766,447.41

March Income: \$ 8,674.00 (Grazing fees, donations)

March Expense: \$ 918.54 (Payroll, office supplies)

Net income: \$ 7,755.46

**- Membership count as per April 18<sup>th</sup>:**

total membership: 113	total members: 129*
Patrons: 67	
Businesses: 5	
Family: 16	
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.
- **AARP:** Currently working on this one for Cornell Park interpretive signage.
- **MT Stewardship Grant Program (NOT RTP):** Submitted. Will know something in June (Committee gives recommendation on June 1). Noble avenue.
- **Steele Reese:** Submitted for Noble Avenue – will know in June or July

#### Other:

- **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, application opening date moved to June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Quadratic grant for Cornel Park.

### 4) Noble Avenue

Property by daycare sold – need to keep an eye open to contact the buyer.

### 5) High Trails

Adrienne will take the lead on the High Trails committee.

- Spring work days
- working MWA and DNRC
  - o Ed contacted Don Copple: he said he will talk to Kyle – they start their training in June (to work on the shortcut between Tim’s ridge and Grand Canyon, it’s a 1/3 of a mile, there’s already a cow path there = “Pete’s Gully cut-off”, temporary name).

- Joyce makes the motion to approve it as a new trail, ask the DNRC to build it, and flag it in the meantime. Ed seconds. All in favor. **Motion passes.**
- Cliff Trail: DNRC might also work on the improving the trail (esp. safety-wise, maybe using Railroad ties?).
- If DNRC cannot make it safe, we could hire a professional (Ted Woods).
- Easement with Harold Brown
- Ed moves to approve Celine's discussion points for the grazing lease. Joyce seconds. All in favor. **Motion passes.**
- Cathy Weber made some nice signs for High Trails. She will do a sign for the kid's acre.
- Earth Day Saturday 9am trailhead
- Trail Run – August 7 – let's advertise on Facebook-approved for \$200.

## 6) Cornell Park Update

Land transfer to FWP in August. Will start updating the site right away.

FWP have been doing a great job at meeting regularly and being engaged.

## 7) Other

- Dennis Glick from Futures West sent Dan D. an email letting him know that he is resigning.
- Safe route to school update: Rick Hartz  
Able to borrow the city machine on a Saturday – city provided the paint.  
Ed will follow up
- Executive Director: hiring committee will start the process again – change ad (advertise in Tribune, MT standard, Facebook, MNA's website)
- Bill Laursen: Leave no trace instructor; BTC could potentially offer classes once he is certified
- We will renew the chamber of commerce membership for \$50
- MNA contacted Joyce about bill that would have kept nonprofits from buying/owning more than 80 acres of land. Joyce and Dan both wrote letters to the committee. The bill did not make it out of the committee.

## 8) Next meeting

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 5:30pm at the Sheriff's annex

Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.