

Monthly Meeting
Beaverhead Trails Coalition
Sheriff's annex conference room
May 20th, 2021

BOD members present: Ed Mooney, Joyce Connors, Adrienne Bull, Larry Skiles, Craig Simonsen, and Alan Weltzien

BTC Director present:

BTC members and guests present: Pat Carrick, Breanne Smith (applicant for ED position)

Convened at 5:30 p.m. by Craig

1) Approve previous meeting minutes

April 22th:

- I changed "February Income" to "March Income" and "February Expense" to "March Expense"

Ed moves to accept, seconded by Alan. **Motion passes.**

2) Treasurer Report

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

Total bank accounts: \$ 55,377.07
Unrestricted: \$ 34,274.11
Restricted: \$ 21,102.96
Land: \$ 710,234.25
Total assets: \$ 765,611.32

April Income: \$ 180.00 (Membership, donations)
April Expense: \$ 1,026.09 (Payroll, supplies)
Net income: \$ - 846.09 (YTD: \$ 10,595)

- **Membership count as per May 20th:**

total membership: 115 total members: 133*
 Patrons: 67
 Businesses: 6
 Family: 18
 Single: 24

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

3) Grant Updates

Received:

- **United Way:** Awarded \$3,000 for Noble Avenue!

- **MT Stewardship Grant Program (NOT RTP):** Recommended for the full amount (\$27,500) to finish the middle section of Noble Av (includes \$1,500 for overhead). Ed followed up.
 - o With all grants factored in, Noble Ave. has a total of \$33,690 committed
 - o Sign contract in June or July

- **Town & Country Jars:** Still going on – Celine talked to Catherine (manager) and it was decided to leave them as long as it is going strong or T&C higher management decides otherwise (like for another fundraiser). So far we have collected \$291

Applied:

- **State Farm:** DENIED. \$8000 for the Noble Ave construction.

- **AARP:** Ed and Kathleen worked on and submitted. Asking for funding for interpretive signs for Cornell Park. All applicants will be notified in June of the status.

- **Steele Reese:** Submitted for Noble Avenue – Requested \$5,000 for Noble. If chosen, will receive funding in mid-July. No word yet, will probably not hear until June/July.

Other:

- **UPRR:** It was approved to apply for \$5000 for Noble, application opening date moved to June 1st.

Kathleen: “This is the time of year to research for fall grant cycles. I will be focusing on streambank restoration for Cornell, and org/operational expenses in general, or project- specific if they match current projects. It was also noted to me anything that could help Safe Routes to School (Walking School Bus) could be used as well.”

4) High Trails

- Celine contacted Ben Pauley to set up a meeting and is waiting for M. Pauley to call back with a date. Celine will call again early next week if she hasn't heard back by then. Pete W. is on vacation so Celine will most likely meet with M. Pauley alone.

- Someone needs to get back to Larry about getting signs made (re: attention hikers leaving trails). BOD discussion?
- June 5th: National Trails Day: Larry proposes we make National Trails Day a “celebration” to get out and hike! Perhaps plan this next April?
Clean-up and weed pulling day at the High Trails – with food bought with the ExtremeTerrain micro grant.
- Meet with Don Copple (+ Ed, Adrienne, and Joyce)
- 3 days, 3 crews for trail maintenance. June 3-5 (MT Wilderness Association)
- DNRC available at end of June

5) **Noble Avenue update**

- MTSGP grant contract won't be signed until July. Ed recommends putting contract package (bid) for fall bids with construction starting next spring (2022). We have until Fall 2022 to spend grant money. Ed will talk to Union Pacific about tying in from Skihi to new trail through subdivision.

6) **Other Business**

- **Cornell Park**
FWP is doing its due diligence to receive the land donation this summer, hopefully by August, per Dan D.
- **Safe Route to School**
 - o June 19th date confirmed with the city and with Town & Country Foods
 - o BTC volunteers:
 - o Training session with the city on either the 17th or the 18th
 - o Rick Hartz will organize with the city but won't be able to participate on the 19th
 - o **WE NEED TO DECIDE what route to paint:**
 - Initial “Safe route to school” as painted a few years ago?
 - “Walking School Bus” route?
 - o Craig will contact Rick and get a group to make a decision, including:
 - Rick
 - Dan D.
 - Ed
 - Shannon
 - Jamie
 - Pam
 - o Larry suggests getting ALL signs from the city for Safe Route to School

- **Pronghorn Pursuit Trail Run**

- So far: 8 participants

Event	New Registrations	Total Registrations
5k Trail Run	0	4
Kid's 5k (Ages 10 and under)	0	2
15k Trail Run	1	2
Kid's 15k Trail Run (Ages 10 and under)	0	0
Total	1	8

- Celine and Adrienne talked about it this week.
 - Packet pick-up at Patagonia on the Friday evening: Celine talked to Beth this morning (May 20). The store will probably be on limited access so we are thinking about setting up a canopy in the alley (by the parking lot – by Max Hansen, we need to talk to him about it). We could use a projector to show trail-related movies from Patagonia’s video library)
 - Prizes: Patagonia will not give prizes for the trail run (they can only give once per financial year, so we are prioritizing Giving Tuesday). Need to go ask other businesses for small prizes (\$10-15 value), or BTC can buy gift cards.
 - T-shirts for the race: we could use the same design as 2019
 - Joyce can do awards.
 - Print certificate for kids
 - Asked Betty Iverson to help distribute posters and ask Football team and others to man stations again.
- Executive Director: BTC received 4 applications, interviewed 2 thus far. Application period ends on May 28th
- Hiring committee hopes to have a decision by late next week or early the following week.
- Note: Celine volunteered to facilitate transition and train the next person for as long as it takes.
- BTC T-shirts: can a board member volunteer to take care of ordering the t-shirts? Ask Greta and Celine for details. No takers, so Joyce suggests waiting for new Executive Director to come on board.
- **Be thinking about future projects now that Noble Ave. has an “end in sight”**
- Laknar Lane?
 - Sweetwater Road?
 - Review our Strategic Plan!

7) Next meeting

June 17th, 2021 – 5:30pm at the Sheriff’s annex

Note: The Sheriff’s annex conference room has been reserved for every meeting (3rd Thursday of each month) until the end of the year.

Joyce motions to adjourn, seconded by Alan. **Motion carried.**

Adjourned at 6:52 p.m. by Craig