

Monthly Meeting
Beaverhead Trails Coalition
June 16th, 2022

BOD members present: Dan Downey, President; Joyce Connors, Treasurer; Adrienne Bull;
Dan Pence; Alan Weltzien

BTC Director present: Breanne Smith

BTC members and guests present: Larry Skiles

Convened at 5:30 pm by Dan D.;

1) Approve previous meeting minutes

May 19th, 2022

Dan moved to approve. All **Approved**.

2) Treasurer Report

• **Joyce's report for May 2022**

Total bank accounts: \$24,450.59

Unrestricted: \$40,011.29

Restricted: (\$15,560.70)

Land: \$714,034.25

Total assets: \$738,484.84

April Income: \$1,046.35

April Expense: \$45,442.55

Net income: (\$44,396.20)

**Showing a large loss due to \$39,908 payment to R.E. Miller for construction on Noble Avenue

**Money due to us: Stewardship \$27,500 and United Way \$2,250

• **Membership count as per April 30th:**

total membership: 92 total members: 107*

Patrons: 54 **Note: a family membership counts for 2 members*

Businesses: 15

Family: 15

Single: 8

3) Grant Updates

Received:

- **MWFCT:** Board approved the full \$38,000
- **United Way:** Received \$750 to be put toward the arborist work at Cornell Park

Applied:

- **Union Pacific:** Ed submitted application in May
- **Others:** Ed has sent both a Steele-Reese report and a Stewardship Trust report
 - Joyce has been attending American Trails Zoom meetings and may know of money specific to building trails across Federal land. She will contact Kathleen for search on fencing grant funds.

4) High Trails

- Land Bridge is still a go; will need to go out with BLM to see where they will be building the trail; speak with Lacy Decker in her new position; also build fence
- Wild Montana Crew helped maintain trails for three days in June w/ additional support from the Youth Challenge Cadets; completed remediation work on Tim's Ridge; widened Pete's @ the bottom; cleaned-up the Canyon Cutoff
- Adrienne will contact DNRC about Quick Gully re-route
- Coyote stalking dogs and bit a dog; we are researching best practices for having a coyote specific plan of action; potential to close sections; suggest people keep dogs under control; Dan D. has spoken with Kerry Wahl about mitigation; was suggested by PPLT that it is unusual behavior for a coyote and one they have never witnessed.
- Joyce put up signs about dog scat; is helping tremendously
- Met on Wednesday the 15th for weed management
- July 1st Dan D. will organize weed spray w/ backpacks starting @ 8:00 – 11:00 am; looking for 8 people; need to spray on Cliff Trail as well (in the future)
- Reports that bitterroots are blooming on Quick Gully trail
- Conservation district is working on signs for the trails; plan and mock-ups will be reviewed by High Trails Committee
- Letters to be sent to Ben Pauley regarding the end of the lease every couple of months; lease ends October of 2023
- Land will be transferred to Beaverhead County at some point in the future
- We are in favor of grazing the land, but land needs to recover
- Also land is for grazing and not for corralling and feeding on property
- Install is nearly complete for new bench
- Andrea's bench will be located off of the double track, a little bit to the East where Tim's Ridge comes up

5) In-Town Trails

- Noble is done...done
- Need to schedule a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate achievement
- June 29th will see a trimming party for Noble Avenue trail

6) Cornell Park

- County approved the subdivision
- Put up bird habitat sign
- Working on stream bed sign (slowly)
- Plat is signed
- Dan D. will meet w/ Alan about text for streambank sign
- Possible deed transfer after August to FW&P
- Cottonwoods look nice!

7) Other topics

- Pronghorn Pursuit: 15k and 5k need to be staggered; a 15-30 minute stagger
- Should have both Duckworth and Patagonia prizes
- Gear swap was rained out, but will reschedule possibly for September
- Lee and Bonnie Harry have sponsored an acre and Joyce will post for High Trails expenses

8) Next meeting

Thursday July 21st – 5:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm by Bre.