

**Beaverhead Trails Coalition Board of Directors Meeting**  
**September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, 5:30 – 7:00pm**

**BTC Board Members Present:** Dan Downey, Ed Mooney, Dan Pence, Joyce Connors, Alan Weltzien, Celine Beaucamp-Stout

**BTC Members Present:** Larry Skiles, Steve Sievert, Pat Carrick

**BTC Guests Present:** Nate Owen

**BTC Executive Director Present:** Brandon Parker

1. Call Meeting to Order 5:37
2. Review/Approve Minutes from August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - a. Motion passed.
3. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Joyce gave the report.
    - i. Report found at the end of minutes.
4. Grants Update
  - a. On X Grant: Dan, Joyce, and Brandon worked on the grant. Brandon submitted it on Aug 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. T Mobile Grant: Apply in December for Feedlot restoration and trailhead creation
  - c. United Way: \$3,000 for feasibility study for high trailhead
  - d. Great Harvest: Nov 1-3 10-2
    - i. What to apply for 2024? Possibly apply for Normal ST. Bridge?
  - e. Steel Rheese Foundation: Joyce will call to investigate which of our projects is the best fit.
  - f. M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust: Probably not a good fit for any of our projects. Will investigate more.
  - g. Treacy Foundation: Joyce will check into it for Normal St. Bridge.
  - h. RTP and Stewardship:
    - i. RTP:
      1. Approximately \$1.5 million is available each year.
      2. Minimum Award: \$100,000
      3. Match Requirement: %20 of total project cost
      4. Funds: Construction of new recreation trails, development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages.
      5. Opens in November 2023, due in January 2024.
    - ii. TSP:
      1. \$955,000 awarded in 2023
      2. Minimum Award: \$75,000
      3. Match Requirement: %10 of total project cost

4. Funds: New trail and shared use path construction. Rehabilitation and maintenance of trails and paths, including winter grooming. Construction and maintenance of trailside and trailhead facilities.
      5. Opens in November 2023, due in January 2024.
    - i. Other grants discussion:
      - i. Speak with Kathleen about looking into reclamation grants
      - ii. Ask Megan Terry about possible grant for reclamation
5. Project Reports
  - a. High Trails
    - i. Brandon will meet with Pat Fosse in October to start on a weed management master plan for the High Trails.
    - ii. Letter to Ben Pauley on Sept 13<sup>th</sup> giving him his 30-day notice to the end of the grazing lease.
    - iii. Dan spoke with Tim Anderson on Tuesday morning. They should start on the fence this week.
  - b. Benches
    - i. Michael Mhoon's Bench
      1. Setting up a meeting to discuss locations next week.
    - ii. Tim and Cathy's Bench
    - iii. Steve and Gretchen Burke's Bench
      1. Antelope Junction preference
      2. Will install on Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00am
      3. Larry will assemble it beforehand.
  - c. In-Town Trails (ask ed for report)
    - i. Noble Ave Dedication (Going to wait until spring, need to add Great Harvest to the sign)
    - ii. Normal ST. Bridge.
      1. Previous estimate: \$70,000 average
      2. Current estimate: \$90,000-\$100,000 due to increases concrete prices
    - iii. Noble Ave. Trail workday on September 27<sup>th</sup>. BP will set up.
6. Executive Director's Report

- a. Brandon presented the report.
  - i. Discussed attending the Montana Outdoor Recreation Summit in Butte on October 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Discussed expired memberships and sending letters to everyone. 126 total expired memberships since 2017.
- 7. Board Action Items
  - a. Brandon attending the Outdoor Recreation Summit on Oct 12<sup>th</sup> in Butte: Motion Passed
    - i. BTC will pay for registration and time. BP to give report after the conference.
- 8. Other Items/ Discussion
  - a. Dan met with Montana FWP at Cornell Park. They are going to add a jackleg fence in winter and begin bank restoration in the spring.
  - b. Dan talked to Roxxanne at UMW. No materials to be brought in for M. Dan suggested that they pull up weeds and whitewash the M.
  - c. Chamber Halloween Event (Celine, and possibly Joyce.) going to be downtown on 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - d. Giving Tuesday (Money going towards operations expenses)
    - i. Have a concurrent membership drive.
  - e. BTC Christmas Party
    - i. Friday 15<sup>th</sup>: Potluck hors d'oeuvres. Possibly at Joyce's house.
  - f. Next Meeting scheduled for October 19th
- 9. Adjournment 7:05

AUGUST		2023 FINANCIAL REPORT			
BALANCE SHEET					
General Funds:	Unrestricted		37,697.00		
	Sponsorships		2,200.00		
	Sponsorships - HT		75.15		
			<u>39,972.15</u>		
Restricted Funds			23,897.28		
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	Current Assets			63,869.43	
Land:	High Trails		676,367.00		
	Total Land			<u>676,367.00</u>	
			TOTAL ASSETS	740,236.43	
MONTHLY PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT:					
Income	Memberships			100.00	
	United Way 2023	TH Feasibility			
	Sponsorships				
	Events	Race		1,270.00	
	High Peaks Foundation	General		2,900.00	
	Donations	In Honor Of...		1,500.00	
				<u>5,770.00</u>	
Expenses	Supplies - Operations			706.26	Race
	Advertising			191.60	Race
	Outside Contracted Services			100.00	
	Office			1.75	
	MtNonprofit,Grant			135.00	
	Insurance - Dir & Officers			851.00	
	Payroll Expenses			1,289.43	
				<u>3,275.04</u>	
			NET PROFIT	2,494.96	
September will include the \$7,500 from the Sloan Family Foundation for Normal Street Bridge					