

BRTA

December 14, 2011

Bill, Les, Grant, Ray M, Bob, Ed, Cathie, Gretchen

Guests: Jeff Schmidt, Bill Zander

Minutes ok

Treasurer's report ok

Two \$1000 donations this month. Thank you notes will be sent.

RTP grant approved! Half funded immediately, other half hopefully coming in March

Winter Trails:

Jeff Schmidt, general manager of RLM:

- 1) RLM will continue to help groom the West Fork.
- 2) Plowing the West Fork road from Silver Run to gate closing (about ½ mile): Forest Service feels BRTA should get the permit, including the liability insurance (\$500 per season), and RLM will plow the road once a week before the weekend at a cost no more than \$1200/season. BRTA will be co-insured with RLM/JMA. Grant will connect with current Silver Run's plower to see if he is interested in plowing this area; if he is not, then BRTA welcomes RLM's assistance.

December's Moonlight Ski-perfect night!

Season passes: BRTA would like to present complimentary ski passes to groomers recommended by the grooming committee. BRTA would like Tom Kohley to have a season pass as well for all the work he's contributed, plus he is still BRTA's webmaster.

Kids' lessons. Planning will be done in Dec., training for instructors on Jan. 7, instruction begins on Jan. 14. Would still welcome more instructors.

Nordic Fest: Mary Ellen Magnus has lots of help organized, about 40 Cody kids may be coming, so the Nordic Ski fest is still on.

TAP (The Awareness Project) 365: This organization, which provides programs for all, but especially focusing on LGBT individuals, would like to use Nordic Center March 17 for a "Slide for Pride" day. BRTA may provide a few helpful people, but TAP would do all the organizing and run the day. This would be a fund raiser for TAP. After discussion, BRTA decided to set a policy regarding events at the Nordic Center

including putting a limit on numbers (parking issues), review insurance issues, and stating that BRTA is not an event co-sponsor.

Bob, Les, Ray, and Ed are forming a committee to research other potential future Nordic center sites.

Summer Trails: West Fork Road Rebuild project summarized by Bill. BRTA would like to make sure that it is pedestrian and non-motorized friendly.

Upcoming Events:

Winter Carnival date changed to March 2 and 3; Back Country Film Festival will be Friday, March 2

Pint Night Dec. 27. Promote "Let's Get Plowed" West Fork's plowing

Jan. Moonlight Ski will have a program by Forest Service

Feb. Moonlight Ski will have music

Other

BRTA agreed to spend \$100 to sponsor Eric Dye as Red Lodge Nordic Center ski team representative.

Volunteers: need a coordinator of a master list of volunteers. Cathie will volunteer to put together volunteer parameters, including jobs they would be willing to do, and times of the year and/or days they would be available.

Board regretfully accepts the resignation of Ray Swenson.