

**Beartooth Recreational Trails Association (BRTA)  
Board of Directors Meeting  
May 12, 2021**

BRTA Board of Directors meeting held at the Red Lodge Area Community Foundation, 122 Hauser Avenue South, and jointly via Zoom. Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m. by President Drinkwalter.

**Board directors present:** Jennifer Drinkwalter (President), Derek Stiegemeier (Vice-President), John Clayton (Secretary), Bill Foisy (Treasurer), Doug Anderson, Marci Dye, Pete Hinmon, Marv Keller, Dan Seifert.

**Board directors absent:** Heidi Gilbert, Terry Jones, Tom Kohley, Anita Philipsborn.

**Announcements/upcoming events**

- **Annual meeting,** June 17, 4:30 pm at Red Lodge Ales, where a free band starts at 6. We can do a 15-minute show presenting one-page reports on financial and narrative highlights, then break into roundtables. Please invite BRTA partners to the event.
- **Grants:** We got two grants for Coal Miners Park. We also got the Winter RTP grant for \$19,000 (no porta-potties). Marv also got a \$5,000 grant from REI, with an auto-renewal for another year.
- **Oktoberfest.** Andy Simpson at Red Lodge Ales suggested John Roberts Y Pan Blanco as the band, for \$1500. The board loved the idea. John noted that this event committee may need reinforcements for Tom and Corey.

**Action items from last meeting**

- **Finance committee:** Dan moved, and Doug seconded, that we **form a finance committee** consisting of Derek, Bill, and Terry or Pete, to be later supplemented by outside members, with a charter to be finalized in their early meetings. The motion carried on a voice vote.
- **West Fork plowing:** Doug moved, and Jennifer seconded, that we change budget item 207.1 **from \$4,000 to \$5,500** due to revised estimates of plowing costs. The motion carried on a voice vote.
- **Microphone:** We had debated purchasing a microphone for outdoor/hybrid Zoom meetings. We no longer think it's necessary (John has one to borrow if needed.)
- **Retreat:** To replace our October board meeting, we will have a retreat October 9, 10, 16, or 17.
- **Summer trails survey:** To have survey results by the retreat, we will distribute about August 15. Jennifer will send a draft to Summer Trails by August 1.

**Guests:** no guests.

**Consent agenda/motions**

- **Minutes:** Bill moved, and Doug seconded, to **adopt the minutes** of April 14, as distributed to the Board. The motion carried on a voice vote.
- **Groomer machine recommendation:** Bill moved, and Jennifer seconded, that we **approve purchase of a piece of grooming equipment for \$24,000** in budget

item 2.6.3, with the Winter Trails committee to work out the details. The motion carried on a voice vote. Discussion had centered on a Honda Pioneer 1000. We have \$18,000 in a capital account, so this involves changing the budget.

- **Gear swap date:** Rather than an outdoor September event, as we did last year in the pandemic, we want to be indoors in October-November. Marci warned that demand will likely outstrip supply.

### Committee reports

- **Treasurer's Report:** John moved, and Dan seconded, to **adopt the financial report, including three changes to the budget.** The motion carried on a voice vote. The changes are:
  1. RTP income for 2021: change from \$20,000 to \$19,000, reflecting the grant award discussed above.
  2. Summer trails income: add \$5700 to reflect the Tourism grant award discussed above (the MTSGP grant has not yet been formally announced).
  3. Add \$5,000 REI grant discussed above.
- Bill walked us through the monthly budget, dominated by ski rental returns. We received \$490 from Red Lodge Events for the Turn Pedal Burn.
- Specifically, the report included:
  - Year to date profit and loss for the adopted budget, April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022, to include April/year-to-date income of -\$467 versus \$82,411 budgeted, expenses of \$1,150 versus \$78,000 budgeted, and net income of -\$1,617 versus \$4,410 budgeted.
  - Transaction Detail by Date and account, April 2021
  - Checking account report with a balance of \$19,761 as of April 30, 2021.
  - Savings account report with a balance of \$52,724 as of April 30, 2021.
  - Savings (capital reserve) account report with a balance of \$18,002 as of April 30, 2021.

### Standing committees

**Summer trails:** Supplementing a written report:

- Bill and Corey Thompson would like to step back as Adopt-a-Trail coordinators, and have it better integrated with the Summer Trails committee. They developed a job description to use in recruiting.
- Andy at the bike shop may not have enough parts to help us give away bikes; we'll scale back the pipeline.
- Anita must still be working on the Hart sign.
- District Ranger Ken Coffin enjoyed attending; Winter Trails should invite him to a fall meeting.

**Winter trails:** Supplementing a written report:

- There was a productive meeting with the Silver Run Ski Foundation (SRSF), which will take over youth ski instruction because they have certified instructors. More thought about roles and collaborations to come.

- There was much discussion about the 50-acre Pirtz property across the street from the Nordic Center. We are at capacity with space/trails/grooming, so would not be able to keep it groomed. Could it host ancillary non-groomed events? Problem: without regular grooming, wind might blow away all the snow. Maybe SRSF can use it? Or are there summer uses?

**Marketing:** no news.

**Outside committee updates**

- None

**Tabled items:**

- Bill will go to the Fun Run kickoff and will do administrative work. But we will need someone else on the day-of.

**Next meeting/adjourn:** We will meet on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 6:30 p.m., hybrid Zoom, with the in-person version at the Community Foundation building. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm by President Drinkwalter.

**Certification of minutes**

Minutes prepared by John Clayton, Secretary.

Certification of minutes approved by the Board of Directors:

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Jennifer Drinkwalter, President

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Date adopted by the Board of Directors