

**Blue Water Task Force  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, July 28, 2004, 6:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

In attendance: Chair Jon Holtzman, Vice-Chair Mary Jane McGarity, Secretary/Treasurer Mindy Nowakowski, Eric Becker, Caroline Henley, Brad Parsch, Ron Edwards, and Coordinator Katie Alvin.

- 1. Call to Order:** After a change in venue, the meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Caroline moved and Mary Jane seconded to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with the correction of two typographic errors: those in attendance included Car“o”line Henley and Ron “Edwards”.
- 3. Organizational Issues**
  - a. Board of Directors: There were no new additions to the Board. Meg O’Leary had expressed that she might have difficulty coming to the meetings if they were held at night. She would prefer mornings. The rest of the group prefers evenings. Katie will talk with Meg and see if she could make it to one evening a month, and if not, ask if she might have to find another representative for Big Sky Resort.
  - b. Bylaws: The Board reviewed the draft bylaws that Mindy and Katie had crafted. There were several edits including:
    - i. All Directors will serve one-year terms. After the first year, we will review the policy.
    - ii. In general, a super-majority will be required for any vote that relates to Directors or personnel issues.
    - iii. Proxies will be not be allowed.
    - iv. Change “Chairman” to “Chair”
    - v. The meeting needs to be announced in three locations.
    - vi. Directors that want to address the media just need to specify that they are speaking as a citizen.
    - vii. Our regular meeting time will be the fourth Wednesday of each month, at 6 p.m. in the summer, and 5 p.m. in the winter.Katie will make all final edits and review with Mindy. She will then email out a copy so that each Director may review them before the meeting. We will approve our bylaws at the next meeting.

**4. Financial Report (See Account Report):**

- a. Checks Received (income):
  - i. None
- b. Invoices (these should almost always be for expenses you’ve already approved):
  - i. GoDaddy – web address setup & first month \$27.85
  - ii. Harland Checks \$7.20
  - iii. Katie’s Invoice \$390.00
- c. Expenses to approve:
  - i. Fair Booth \$35.00

- d. Accounting with Office Resource Center: Katie updated the group about her meeting with Amy Sand. Amy will prepare the books for us on an as-needed basis. Because of our simple accounting, she estimates it may only take a half hour to complete each year.

Mary Jane moved and Mindy seconded to pay the bills and approve the expenses.  
Motion carried.

#### **5. Scientific Report:**

- a. Katie shared that she received a message from Michelle that clarified some of the testing protocols from the past. Katie would like to review the parameters that the BWTF will test, as well as testing locations before ordering supplies. Katie will assemble an ad hoc Technical Advisory Committee to assist with this review.
- b. Status of Outstanding Resource Water designation: Katie briefly updated the group on the status of the ORW designation. It appears that the process is stalled due to the requirements for an expensive environmental study that the state won't approve. There may be opportunities for collaboration on this in the future, but right now, the future of the ORW designation is unknown.

#### **6. Public Relations Report:**

- a. The Board appointed Katie to act as the BWTF representative for the Greater Gallatin Watershed Council
- b. Directors signed up to sit at the Country Fair ECEF Booth, but there are still some time slots toward the end of the day. Contact Katie if you can participate.
- c. Mary Jane is working on updating the BWTF brochure. She will have something in time for the Country Fair on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August.
- d. Web Site update: MT Water Center is sending the files and will help with posting them correctly once they are edited. We have "www.bluewatertaskforce.org" for our site name.
- e. Community survey: Katie will forward some general questions to the group, but we need to specifically address what we want to find out about the community through this survey. It is unlikely that Katie will be able to compile a survey by the Country Fair, but will have one prepared by the BSWSD Open House on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the meantime, please let Katie know if you have any ideas.
- f. Jon wrote up a preliminary press release to announce that the BWTF is back in business. Eric asked if we ought to have some more information about what we're doing and why. Jon felt it best to keep this first announcement simple and then follow up with details in later communications. Eric pointed out that whatever we do, we need to focus on making this effort relevant to the community of Big Sky. The Board all agreed.

#### **7. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

**The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.  
in the BSWSD conference room.**