

**Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 22, 2004, 6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Chair Jon Holtzman, Vice-Chair Mary Jane McGarity, Secretary/Treasurer Mindy Nowakowski, and Directors Brad Parsch, Meg O'Leary, Caroline Henley.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Mindy suggested that the minutes be changed to reflect that the Coordinator Retreat cost \$100 and Katie received a stipend of \$200. **Mindy moved and Mary Jane seconded to accept the minutes as edited. Motion carried unanimously.**
3. **Organizational Issues**
 - a. Montana Watershed Coordinator's Retreat: Katie reported that the retreat was extremely valuable. She said that there were about 18 ½ hours of valuable work time, rather than the 10 hours estimated based on the agenda. Katie came back with materials to help the BWTF with strategic planning, fundraising, and personnel issues. At the end of the workshop, coordinators were asked to come up with three goals to bring back to their board. Katie came up with:
 - i. Develop a coordinator job description/contract
 - ii. Hold a strategic planning workshop
 - iii. Develop a fundraising planThe Board decided to have a strategic planning meeting to address the scope of the organization on Friday, October 1, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
4. **Financial Report (See Account Report):**
 - a. Checks Received: None
 - b. Invoices:
 - i. Katie's Coordinator Invoice: \$1190
 - c. Expenses to approve:
 - i. Equipment for sampling: Approximately \$500**Mindy moved and Brad seconded to acknowledge checks, pay invoices, and approve upcoming expenses**
5. **Scientific Report:**
 - a. Ophir Service Learning project update: Katie will be helping Sue Barton with a Bug Rodeo field day on Thursday, October 14 from 1-3 in the afternoon. Anyone who wishes to participate is welcome. It was recommended that Katie contact the Lone Peak Lookout to have them come too. Kristi Neptun from the Montana Watercourse is going to come down to Ophir on Monday, October 4 at 3:00 p.m. to give us a training session on doing these kinds of events with kids. Ross Rodgers, a long-time BWTF participant is also a resource for helping lead the sampling. Katie and Jon have been corresponding with him and will see if he can help.
 - b. TMDL Planning summary: Katie provided the Board with information about a pending state-mandated watershed plan for the upper Gallatin River watershed. See attached documents for more information on TMDL planning. The regional DEQ representative that is in charge of the upper Gallatin plan is Pete Schade. He has contacted Katie and asked if the BWTF would be the fiscal sponsor for the effort. There is a significant amount of money available to coordinate and carry out this

effort. The Board decided to discuss this further and decide whether or not to take on the coordination effort at the strategic planning meeting.

6. Public Relations Report:

- a. Lone Peak Lookout would like to do a feature article. The Board recommended we wait until after our strategic planning meeting and that we have Katie and a couple Board members participate in the interview.
- b. Rotary Club asked for presentation on Oct. 6th. Katie will attend.

7. Open Discussion:

- a. Katie: Sedimentation problems and reporting to DEQ. Katie talked with DEQ's Water Protection Bureau and got two phone numbers to call if anyone sees sedimentation problems. To check on whether or not someone has a permit, call 444-3080. To make a complaint, call 444-0379.
- b. Any news on Ramshorn water problem? Mary Jane reported that there is nothing dangerous about the water; it is simply discolored and smelly.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 19th, at 6:00 p.m. in the BSWSD conference room.
