

**Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
October 24th, 2007 3:30 PM
B.S.O.A Conference Room**

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Holtzman at 3:35 pm. Also in attendance were directors Sue Barton, Ron Edwards and Mary Jane McGarity. Absent were directors Eric Becker, Jack Crowther, Caroline Henley, Mindy Nowakowski, Simon Trautman and Paul Wagner.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** 9-26-07 Minutes were not officially approved because there was not a quorum.
- 3. Financial Report**
 - a. Accept unaudited monthly reports: Financial reports were not officially approved because there was not a quorum.
- 4. Old Business**
 - a. TMDL update (Kristin)
 - i. Outreach event date is set for Wednesday, December 5 at Bucks T4: Kristin reported that the TMDL Outreach event is scheduled for Wednesday, December 5 at Bucks T4 in the BigHorn room at 5:30 pm following a BWTF board meeting at 4pm. Pete Schade has confirmed that he will attend the board meeting and give a presentation at the outreach event. Kristin urged the board think about any TMDL questions they may have for Pete, in particular the issue of TMDL match money. Mary Jane suggested that we put announcements for the meeting in upcoming BSOA and Big Sky Chamber newsletters. Jon suggested that we put an announcement and the agenda on the BWTF website.
 - ii. Discuss outreach event agenda - A tentative agenda was discussed. Presentations will include:
 - Jon Holtzman - Introduction,
 - Intereim High School and Ophir 4th Grade - school studies on the Gallatin,
 - Jeff Dunn, PBS&J, - TMDL biological study,
 - Kristin Gardner – TMDL nutrients, and BWTF Bugs,
 - HKM/Ron Edwards – Gallatin Wastewater Feasibility Study.
 - b. Invitation to join high school/ophir field study days (Kristin): Kristin invited the board to attend the following field day events with local students:
 - i. High School - Monday, October 29th, 8:30 a.m. at East Slope Anglers for stream sampling and Monday, November 5, 11:15 Basement of Big Sky Chapel for mapping exercise.

- ii. 4th Grade – Thursday, October 25th, 9am – meet at Ophir in Mr. Harder’s classroom for stream discharge measurement in the Gallatin, Porcupine and Beaver Creek.

Kristin will contact Alexis Mante from the Lookout to attend the High School field event.

- c. Fish, Wildlife and Parks meeting (Kristin): Following up on the *Catch and Release* discussion at the 9-26-07 BWTF board meeting, Kristin suggested that we have a representative from Fish, Wildlife and Parks come to Big Sky give a presentation at a board meeting or public meeting. Mary Jane suggested that Kristin contact John Leeper from BSOA trails committee to co-host a meeting about *Catch and Release*. Recently, BSOA trails committee have discussed the possibility of *Catch and Release* for “fish city” on the South Fork

5. New Business

a. Grant Proposals

- i. USGS (104b): Kristin reported that she submitted a preproposal for a USGS 104(b) grant for ongoing nutrient data collection in the West Fork watershed and data collection to determine the West Fork groundwater contributions to the Gallatin. Check out the website for more information on the USGS 104(b) grant:

http://watercenter.montana.edu/pdfs/104bRFPP_Sept2007.pdf

- ii. Kristin reported that she will be working with Hatton Litman from the Big Sky Interim High School to apply for a *Partners in Science* grant from the Murdoch Charitable Trust. For more information on the grant check out the website:

<http://www.murdock-trust.org/grants/partners-science.asp>

6. Upcoming Events

- a. Next board meeting date: The next board meeting grant was set for Wednesday November 28th at 3:30pm in the BSOA conference room.
- b. TMDL outreach event date: Wednesday, December 5 at Bucks T4 in the Bighorn room.

7. Open Discussion

- a. Wastewater Solutions Forum Update (Jon Holtzman): Jon reported that the HKM contract was approved for the Gallatin Canyon Wastewater Study. There was a press releases in the Lone Peak Lookout, the Big Sky Weekly, and the Bozeman Daily Chronicle. Jon announced that there were three conservations groups contributing to the project: American Wildlands, the Greater Yellowstone Coalition and the Madison-Gallatin chapter of Trout Unlimited.

- 8. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:05 pm.