

**Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Annual Meeting**  
**January 27, 2010 4 PM**  
**Big Sky Owners Association**  
**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Chair Jon Holtzman at 4:05 pm. Also in attendance were directors Ron Edwards, Mike Richter, Eric Becker, Sue Barton, and Jack Crowther and guest Betsy French.
2. **Approval of Minutes** Sue moved and Ron seconded to approve the minutes from 12-08-10. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report** Jack moved and Sue seconded to approve the financial report from 01-27-11.
4. **New Business**
  - a. "Season of Water" Series with BSI (Kristin): Kristin is working with BSI on a series of workshops through the next year themed the "Seasons of Water." The first workshop, "Avalanche Safety and the Dynamic Science of Snow" will kick off the series. The workshop will begin with a day on the slopes learning about current avalanche conditions and snow structure, digging snow pits, and a conducting a beacon search. The field-work will be followed by a panel discussion in the Talus Room of the Summit Hotel.
5. **Old Business**
  - a. Watershed Restoration Plan (Kristin)
    - i. TMDL Recommendations and brainstorm Activity (Kristin): Kristin handed the board the list of recommendations from the TMDL for watershed restoration projects to improve water quality. The board decided their first priority would be to develop a master plan for the Meadow Village area to address nutrient issues in the South Fork and West Fork. The master plan would facilitate collaboration among major players in the Meadow Village area to minimize nutrient loading to streams. Major players include but are not limited to: Big Sky Water and Sewer District, Gallatin County, Big Sky Owners Association (BSOA), Town Center, Spanish Peaks, and other homeowner associations within the area (e.g. Firelight, West Fork, South Fork). Betsy suggested that the two ponds on the West Fork between Little Coyote and Two Moons could serve as a filter ponds nutrients. Ron stated that BSOA is in the process of restoring the ponds. Recently they tried to dredge these ponds but ran into water rights issues. Presently, BSOA is moving forward with a project to restore the natural channel of the Upper West Fork just upstream of Little Coyote. Kristin will invite Mary Jane to the next board meeting to get the board up to speed on BSOA's pond restoration efforts. Mike suggested

that we look into filter islands for nutrient uptake. Kristin will research filter islands for the next board meeting. Eric suggested that road sand be a priority. Kristin will set up a meeting with MDT to discuss possible projects to reduce road sand and will research what other communities have done to address excess road sand.

- b. Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration (Kristin): Kristin met with the Greater Gallatin Watershed Council and Madison Watershed Partnership to discuss writing grants together to fund the volunteer water quality monitoring programs. Kristin is currently working on a plan to modify the current BWTF volunteer water quality monitoring program.
- c. Big Sky Door Hangers (Kristin): Big Sky Resort contacted Kristin to see if BWTF would like to contribute again to the cost of replacing door hangers that promote water conservation, BWTF, and Big Sky Resort. The board thought this was a good idea and also suggested that Kristin contact other Big Sky hotels to see if they would be interested in using door hangers to promote water conservation and BWTF.
- d. Water Quality Monitoring Event (Kristin): Kristin, Jon, and Mike conducted a quarterly water quality sampling event last week. There were no red flags in the stream chemistry data.
- e. Board articles schedule:
  - December: Kristin
  - January: Jon
  - February: Jack
  - March: Eric
  - April: Sue
  - May: Ron
  - June: Mike
- f. West Fork Nitrate Monitoring Sampling Analysis Plan (Kristin): Kristin uploaded a draft sampling analysis plan for nutrient monitoring in the Upper West Fork for the board to review. She has submitted the draft to the Montana DEQ's Quality Assurance officer and our 319 grant manager, Mark Kelly.
- g. Wastewater solutions forum update (Jon/Ron): no update this month

## 6. Upcoming Events

- a. February 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>: Nutrients and Water Quality Workshop in Salt Lake
- b. Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – “Avalanche Safety and the Dynamic Science of Snow”
- c. Next board meeting date: March 9<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

## 7. Open Discussion

- 8. **Adjournment** Jon adjourned the meeting at 5:30pm.