

Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
April 27, 2010 4:15 PM
Big Sky Owners Association
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Mindy Nowakowski at 4:15 pm. Also in attendance were directors Sue Barton, Eric Becker, Ron Edwards, Mike Richter, and Jack Crowther. Absent was director Jon Holtzman.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Ron moved and Sue seconded to approve the minutes from 03-23-10. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Jack moved and Eric seconded to approve the minutes from 04-27-10. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. TMDL update (Kristin)
 - i. TMDL brochure/postcard: TMDL brochure was completed and copies are available at the BWTF office, Ophir School library, the Chamber of Commerce, and Big Sky Owners Association. Kristin will be sending out copies to BWTF funders and supports
 - ii. Draft E.coli and Sediment TMDLs: Kristin sent the board draft E.coli and Sediment TMDLs, which will be discussed at the Upper Gallatin Watershed Advisory Group/ Technical Advisory Group (WAG/TAG) meeting. In addition, the findings of the nutrient assessment will be presented.
 - iii. Watershed Advisory Group/Technical Advisory Group (WAG/TAG) meeting: Kristin and Pete will be planning a TMDL WAG/TAG meeting in early-mid May.
 - b. Bylaw amendments (Kristin): Kristin talked to Marjorie Knaub about changing the BWTF fiscal year from the calendar year to July 1st – June 30th to match the fiscal year of BWTF's primary funders (MTDEQ and BSRAD). Marjorie said that BWTF would have to fill out an application to change the budget year and file a short period year with IRS the year of the change. The budget year is article XIV in the BWTF bylaws and will be voted on at the next meeting. Mindy stated that the board should also change article XV concerning conflict of interest to match the new IRS form 990 requirements. Mindy suggested that since the board will potentially be changing Article XIV and XV of the bylaws, it would be a good opportunity for the board to review the rest of the bylaws. At the next board meeting, the board will vote on changing article XIV and XV and discuss any other potential changes to the BWTF bylaws.
 - c. IRS Form 990 Document Requirements (Mindy): Eric moved and Ron seconded to accept to adopt the public disclosure and conflict of interest documents. Mindy and Kristin are working on a draft resolution for the retention of BWTF records.

- d. Resort Tax Grant (Kristin): Kristin handed out the BWTF Resort Tax application for \$31,750 to fund watershed operations. The amount may decrease if BWTF receives any funds from a Yellowstone Club foundation grant that Kristin submitted for \$11,000. The board reviewed the resort tax application. Ron asked about the large discrepancy in the budgeted expenses versus actual expenses in the budget vs. actual table. Kristin stated that those funds were set aside by the DEQ for the Upper Gallatin TMDL but will most likely not be used. Ron suggested that we clearly state that those funds will revert to the MTDEQ not to BWTF. Kristin will fix the budget and Ron volunteered to review the budget tomorrow morning. Ron moved and Sue seconded to accept the resort tax application with the budget changes.
- e. Race for the Rivers (Kristin): Kristin handed out sponsor sheets to the board and suggested that each board member find a sponsor for the Run for the Rivers race scheduled on May 29th. The proceeds from the race will benefit BWTF, the Greater Gallatin Watershed Council, and the Montana Watercourse. Proceeds will be divided on how much time each group spends on planning and implementing the race. Kristin asked the board to get the word out about the race. Posters will be placed around town, a blip was put in Ophir Schools Tuesday Tidbits, and Kristin will send out an email.
- f. Water Quality/Macroinvertebrate Sampling Event (Kristin): Sue, Mike, and Kristin conducted a quarterly water quality sampling event and biannual macroinvertebrate event on Sunday, April 11th. There were no red flags. The macroinvertebrates were sent for analysis and BWTF will receive a report discussing the results of the April and September samplings later this spring.
- g. Wastewater Solutions Forum update (Jon/Ron): Ron stated Scott Bosse sent an email to Hal Harper to see if there had been any further discussion about the snowmaking pilot project. Scott has not heard back from Hal yet. Sue stated that she put in a good word to a friend of Hal's. There are no further updates.

5. Upcoming Events

- a. April 28th – Resort Tax Applications Due
- b. Early-mid May – Upper Gallatin WAG/TAG meeting
- c. May 26th – Resort Tax Q&A – 1pm Big Sky Chapel
- d. May 29th – Run for the River
- e. June 9th – Resort Tax Appropriations Meeting – 1pm Big Sky Chapel
- f. July 5th – Fly fishing festival – town center. Eric moved and Mike seconded for Kristin to spend up to \$100 for a booth at the fly-fishing festival.
- g. Next board meeting date: The next board meeting date will be the annual meeting which will be the same day as the public TMDL meetings.

6. Open Discussion

7. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.