

**Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting**  
**July 27, 2010 2:00 PM**  
**Big Sky Owners Association**  
**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Jon Holtzman Holtzman at 2:05 pm. Also in attendance were directors Sue Barton, Ron Edwards, and Mindy Nowakowski.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Mindy moved and Sue seconded to approve the minutes from 04-27-10. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Mindy moved and Ron seconded to approve the minutes from 07-27-10. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Old Business**
  - a. TMDL update (Kristin)
    - i. Draft Nutrient TMDL: Pete is expected to complete the draft nutrient TMDL. Kristin will send to the board and to the Watershed Advisory and Technical Advisory Groups.
    - ii. Watershed Advisory Group /Technical Advisory Group (WAG/TAG) meeting: BWTF held a WAG/TAG meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010. In attendance were Pete Schade (MTDEQ), Lisa Kusnierz (MTDEQ), Taylor Middleton (Big Sky Resort), Ron Edwards (Big Sky Water and Sewer/ BWTF), Jon Holtzman (BWTF), and Kristin Gardner (BWTF). Pete and Lisa discussed the results of the nutrient, E.coli, and sediment TMDL assessments. Minutes are available on the BWTF website.
    - iii. Public TMDL meeting: The Public TMDL meeting is set for Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm at Bucks T 4. Prior to the public meeting, BWTF will hold its annual meeting from 6 - 7pm.
    - iv. Leftover TMDL money: Approximately \$20,000 of TMDL money will be leftover and moved to the MTDEQ restoration section for BWTF to use on restoration projects. At the next BWTF board meeting following the TMDL meeting, the board will discuss how to move forward on the Watershed Restoration Plan for the Upper Gallatin watershed.
  - b. Bylaw amendments – Articles XIV and XV vote (Kristin): Mindy moved and Sue seconded to change the BWTF budget year (Article XIV) from the Calendar year to July 1<sup>st</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried unanimously. Mindy moved to change Article XV to BWTF “will have a conflict of interest policy that matches IRS requirements” and Sue seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
  - c. Big Sky Resort Area District grant (Kristin): Kristin reported that BWTF was granted \$20,000 from the Big Sky Resort Area Tax District (BSRAD). In discussions at the appropriations meeting the BSRAD

board stated that BWTF had \$30,000 in reserves. Kristin noted that BWTF has approximately \$19,000 in cash reserves. Next year, Kristin will note in the resort tax application budget what money is restricted or earmarked for projects so that the actual cash reserve amount is clear.

- d. Water quality sampling data/ real-time (Kristin): Kristin conducted a quarterly water quality sampling event. There were no red flags. Real-time streamflow, water temperature, and conductivity are now available on the BWTF website under the "stream data" tag.
- e. Water sampling blog ([www.mtstreamteam.blogspot.com](http://www.mtstreamteam.blogspot.com)) (Kristin): Kristin earned \$100 for the BWTF volunteer water quality monitoring program by writing a blog for the Montana stream team blog spot. The blog also put BWTF into a raffle for a \$500 prize.
- f. Macroinvertebrate report (Kristin): BWTF received the macroinvertebrate report from Rhithron for the September 2009 and April 2010 macro samples. As in the past, bug populations indicated elevated nutrients in the West Fork. In addition, bug populations indicated increased fine sediments at the Up, Down2, and West. Kristin stated that this could be caused by construction projects on Highway 191. Jon asked if there was enough information to write a press release for the paper. Kristin replied that Elizabeth Severn-Erikson asked if BWTF would write an article for the September issue. Kristin will write an article about the macroinvertebrate results for the Big Sky monthly for September. Kristin stated that the Lone Peak Lookout is going to write an article about the real-time stream data.
- g. Wastewater solutions forum update (Jon/Ron): Jon told the board that a group of the Wastewater Solutions Forum went to Helena to meet with the Director, Assistant Director and General Counsel of the MTDEQ to discuss allowing an exception to the permitting process for the snowmaking pilot study. Mindy suggested that they send a letter to the Director repeating the expectations from the meeting. Jon will talk to Scott Bosse about sending a letter.

## **5. Upcoming Events**

- a. July 31<sup>st</sup> 10:30-4:30 - Country Fair
- b. Tuesday August 17<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm - Public TMDL meeting
- c. September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2pm – BSOA Annual Meeting
- d. Next board meeting date: The next board meeting date will be August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm before the TMDL meeting.

## **6. Open Discussion**

7. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 3pm.