

**/Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, February 19th, 2015, 4 pm
Big Sky Owners Association
MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Ron Bowlin called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. Other directors in attendance included Rich Addicks, Ben Almy, Jack Crowther, Mike Richter, and San Schwalbe. Absent were directors Ron Edwards, Nancy Sheil, and Tom Spruance. Also in attendance were BWTF staff, Kristin and Andrea, and Big Sky Watershed Corps member, Stephanie Lynn.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Mike made a motion and San seconded to approve the minutes from January 13th 2014. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Kristin presented the financial report. Jack made a motion and San seconded to approve the financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **New Business**
 - a. Jack's Resignation (Kristin): Jack resigned from the board in honor of his 90th birthday.
 - b. Vice Chair Position (Kristin): Jack nominated San to be Vice Chair and Mike seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Jack nominated Mike Richter to be Treasurer/Secretary and San seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Social Media/Website (Kristin/Rich): Kristin and Rich encouraged the board to promote the Task Force and our work on the river through the Task Force social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and a new blog). Kristin will resend the board the login information for these accounts. The board can either post themselves or send Kristin, Stephanie or Rich pictures/text to post. Rich gave the board a hashtag 101 lesson and stressed the importance in expanding our audience with free marketing. Examples of relevant hashtags depending on the content could be #bigskyresort, #visitbigsky, #gallatinriver, #flyfishing, #bigskymontana. Rich presented a new modern user-friendly visually appealing website design. At the next board meeting, Rich will return with estimates to get a new website up and running.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. New Board Members (Kristin): San made a motion to bring on Rich Chandler as a board member and Jack seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Board MOU (Kristin): Mike made a motion to accept the Board MOU and Jack seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Kristin will email the finalized MOU to the board.
 - c. New Office Space (Kristin): Kristin discussed recent developments in a new office space. John Haas is planning a new building next to the new building south of Roxy's. A section of this building would be devoted to nonprofit office space. The cost will be approximately the same per square foot as the current office space. Kristin requested double the current office space (300 square feet). The space should be ready by January 2016. Kristin will update the board with any new developments.

- d. Community Park Whitewater Feature (Kristin): Kristin, Ron, Mike, and Rich met with Nick and a few local kayakers about their interest to develop a whitewater feature on the Upper West Fork just downstream of the bridge over Little Coyote. Task Force representatives stated that they would like to be involved in the planning to assure that the feature has no impact on water quality. Big Sky Community Corporation will decide whether or not they want to move forward on the project.
- e. Board Retreat (Kristin): The board retreat will be held on Friday, March 20th at the Ridgetop Cabin at Lone Mountain Ranch. Kristin and Ron will be meeting with Lori Addicks on Friday morning at Ousel and Spur Coffee to develop an agenda. Kristin will send updated information and directions to the board.
- f. Big Sky Watershed Corps Update (Stephanie): Stephanie presented to the board the projects that she has been working on over the past month, which include: 1) the new Task Force blog, 2) a water quality themed interpretive trail at Ousel Falls in collaboration with BSCC, and 3) Trout in the Classroom.
- g. Wild and Scenic Business Leaders Roundtable (Kristin): Kristin, Ron, Rich, Andrea, and Stephanie attended the Wild and Scenic business roundtable at Lone Mountain Ranch. The biggest concern was the designation's impact on development. Next steps will be for Montanans for Healthy Rivers to develop a citizens' letter to political leaders and a public meeting in the spring.
- h. Fundraising report (Andrea)
 - i. Membership levels: Andrea has had suggestions from community members that we should develop higher membership levels. Andrea and Kristin will get back to the board with suggestions for new levels and names.
 - ii. Membership contest: Andrea has secured a gift certificate from the 320 ranch for a second board membership contest.
- i. Wastewater Solutions Forum (Ron/Kristin): Cross Harbor has hired a consultant to determine buildout needs for water and wastewater. They are expecting to find a deficiency in the ability for Big Sky Water and Sewer District to store wastewater in the winter. One of the options that will be considered is direct discharge into the Gallatin.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. Monday, February 23rd at 5 pm at the Riverhouse: Fly-fishing festival committee meeting
- b. March 8th to 15th: Groundwater Awareness Week
- c. March 11th, 11am to 2pm: Well testing kits at the Big Sky Post Office
- d. March 17th-18th (tentative) Drought Management Planning Workshop
- e. Friday, March 20th: Board retreat at Lone Mountain Ranch
- f. Tuesday, March 31st – Thursday, April 2nd: Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) Workshops (101 & 201) hosted by the BWTF.
- g. Late May/Early April TBD: Water quality sampling event
- h. April 1st – April 15th: Mother's Day Flower Sale at School

- i. Monday, April 6th – Resort Tax Application Due
- j. Next board meeting date: Kristin will send out an email to coordinate.

7. Open Discussion

8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.