



BIG SKY COMMUNITY CORPORATION

Trails Committee Meeting Minutes January 16, 2008

The Big Sky Community Corporation Trails Committee met on January 16, 2008 at 9 AM in the BSOA Conference Room. Committee members in attendance included: John Leeper (Chair), Ryan Hamilton, Jeanne Johnson, Margaret Leeper, Barry Margetts, Denise Schmidt and Bill Olson. Kate Scott was in attendance representing the staff. Kristen Gardner was also present to represent the Blue Water Task Force.

1. Call to Order

John Leeper, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting – The December 19, 2007 Trails Committee Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

3. New Assignments – See attached agenda.

4. Committee Reports –

- a) Spur Road Trail – Bill Olson reported that the trail should be ready to get started by May 1st.
- b) Signage – After discussion with Towncenter, they would like free standing signs.
- c) Canisters – Nothing to report
- d) Grants – John reported that Mary Jane informed him of a grant and that he would look into it and begin working on it.

5. Sign Costs for Blue Water Task Force – Kristen Gardner of BWTF was present and wanted to know what the cost for signage would be at their sample taking stations (streams, Ousel Falls); Bill Olson informed Kristen that it would probably be about \$400 per sign. This number worked out well for Kristen because she is currently writing a grant application for \$1500, this money would be perfect for the signage. Bill also informed Kristen that he would be more than happy to give her his signage contact information.

6. New Business – Mary Jane informed the committee that the Arthur Blank Foundation (owner of the Falcons) has decided that their foundation's priority this year would be funding for Gallatin County parks and trails. Mary Jane thought that this might be something the committee would want to investigate.

Barry Margetts reported the survey results had all been tallied and presented each committee member with a copy of the results. Everyone thanked Barry for taking on and finishing this large monotonous task.

7. Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Trails Committee was scheduled for February 20, 2008 at 9 AM in the BSOA conference room.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.