



Cut Bank Trails

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## **August Meeting - 8/2//2016 - Noon - Cut Bank Chamber office**

In attendance: Kari Lewis\*, Betty Salois, Larry Salois, Dave Jacobsen, Brittany Peterson, Amy Overstreet, Kim Winchell, Keelie Montalban\*, Dennis Seglem, Burke McCormick\*, Amie Allison, Larry Schwindt\*, Pat Murphy\*, Jan Haemig (\* denotes director)

Meeting was called to order by chairman, Larry Schwindt. A quorum of directors was established. Pat moved to approve the June minutes, motion seconded and approved.

Keelie gave the treasurer's report, current balance is \$41,010.15. Bills for trailhead signs, BBQ supplies, dog waste stations, downpayment on the fence from Mild Fence Co. (\$3,400), etc. have been paid. Keelie reported approximately \$10,000 of the \$12,500 Office of Tourism grant has been spent, she would like to get the remainder spent to close that process out. Pat moved to put the V-gate on the Brusch end of the trail, motion seconded and passed.

### **Committee Reports**

- Grants – Keelie reported we'll hear about the Fish, Wildlife, and Parks grant on August 18. Amy noted the committee is alternating reviewing grants that Visitors Center staff has completed.
- Fundraising – There will be an Oktoberfest planning meeting on Thursday, August 4 at noon at the Chamber.
- CTEP – Amie Allison said the last section of the CTEP project, from the sidewalk to the trail, hadn't been previously included, but the County Roads Department will provide the needed materials. The commissioners had seen the progress that morning, and the within two weeks the project behind the AJ school should be complete.
- Easements – Pat and Burke road with Mr. Fultz around his property and received the ok for Mild Fence Co. to drive in to install the fence. There was discussion that the trail needed to be marked better for future races (in regards to the Superhero Run that the 10Kers used) as there'd been reports of some runners on Love's property where they shouldn't have been.
- Routes - Larry reported the Coulee trail now makes a complete loop, Burke's employees installed stairs with millings (to prevent erosion) prior to Lewis and Clark days. There are snake signs up and dog waste stations installed on the

Coulee route. John Overcast has commented that there are a lot of people looking for the trail, but don't know where it is. Pat and Burke will coordinate with the City on having signs in the City pointing to the trail. Burke recommended glyphosate (Roundup) be sprayed on the trail to prevent the need for continual weed eating. There need to be additional signage added about staying on the trail, etc. There was again discussion on making sure to not move rocks that are a part of a teepee ring to use for trail markers.

- Public Relations – Amy suggested work nights be planned and advertised at least one week in advance so can be better promoted. She also suggested Jamie Freed may have some community service kids that could be used for work nights. Amy suggested we consider ordering more apparel to restock the inventory. Burke moved to set a \$1,000 budget for apparel purchases, motion seconded and passed. Members should suggest apparel ideas to Amy. Burke will work to get a movie of the trail produced that could be used on social media and the website for publicity.
- City Communication – No report
- County Communication – Dave noted that once we get to the route going to the Sports Complex near the Kevin Highway, we'll be working more closely with the Commissioners.
- Finances – No additional report
- Interpretation – Dennis noted most of his research is done, and he will begin working on a brochure next. His colleague, Sara, will look at the teepee rings in the area next week. Dennis noted the sandstone is also a feature that should be preserved.

#### Old Business

- Relay for Life – Kim encouraged involvement in the Relay for Life, which is next Friday, August 12, from 6 p.m. to midnight. There is no fundraising minimum and no cost to be a team. Larry and Betty Salois will lead a team of Trails members, interested parties should contact them to sign up. Those planning to participate should check with Amy on their shirt size so they can have a Trails shirt for the Relay.
- Board practices and insurance – Keelie has submitted two bids for insurance.
- Lewis and Clark Days - The booth at Lewis and Clark days sold about \$140 worth of merchandise.
- Trailhead signs - Larry noted the trailhead signs have arrived and are stored at Liquid Gold currently. The Lions Club has donated \$1,000 to the purchase of a trailhead sign, and would like it placed at Bruches.

#### New Business

- Oktoberfest – September 17 – The Civic Center is confirmed, the committee will meet Thursday, August 4 at noon to work on details. The committee is

Larry, NanC, Val, Kim, Jeff, Toni, Laurie, Betty, Larry, and Amy. Amy will send out a list of potential businesses we can ask for auction items from, and is asking everyone to submit 5 additional names of businesses we can check with. Jeff is working on having a brewery come for the event. It was suggested to put a Save the Date on Facebook.

- Public Comment – none

#### Announcements

- Meetings dates will be scheduled as the first Tuesday of the month at noon at the Chamber office
  - September 6
  - October 4
  - November 1
  - December 6

Meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m.