

Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative Board Meeting Notes

November 9th 2015

In attendance: Ginni Greer, Jara Johnson, Jennie Gannon, Beth Nielsen, Sheila Skaggs & Roz Aceto

Also in attendance: Cara Doyle & Leah Lentz

- I. Call to Order at 6:30 pm
- II. Approval of September minutes
 - a. Jara motioned to approve September meeting minutes; Jennie seconds.
- III. Financials
 - a. Cara will find out if we have RAC \$\$; funding has been bumped back
 - b. SPNHA grant opens on Jan 15th; how much do we want to ask for?
 - c. Jara estimates that the 2016 budget will be about the same as 2015 except for new grants. Jara & Cara will put together budget after this Thursday's RAC meeting. Cara mentioned that we need to have the budget finished by the end of 2015 but that we can amend it later. Look for email vote on 2016 Budget.
 - i. Cara would like to expand our EE programs to include programs for kids 6-10 at Beaver Ponds. Maybe guided hikes (wildflowers, geology ect.). Possibly we could pay someone to do the hikes. **Ginni mentioned that Linda Carr would like to talk about hikes for next summer (not part of the kids program, hikes would be for everyone.)
 - ii. Income: \$95,550 – estimate based on 2015
 - iii. Expense: \$95,350 - estimate based on 2015
 - iv. \$1,571.64 currently in the bank. We are waiting on a big check from SPNHA (\$15,000).
 - v. Poker Ride income was \$777.30. \$300 in food costs still owed to Jara. Made about \$500 on this event this year.
- IV. Colorado Gives Day
 - a. Approved for this year; posted online and on our facebook page. We need help writing thank you notes to donors. 12/8/15. Cara asked board to hang flyers.
- V. Alpine Flower project update
 - a. Monitored known Eutrema locations from previous years to see how the populations are doing. Leah added that it would be good to look at different locations at different times of the year to look for plants. Went up Silverheels possibly too late this year. 310 miles hiked; 376 acres scouted; 880 volunteer hours.
 - b. Trail maintenance with Wildland Restoration Volunteers – transplanted 1,500 plants. 118 acres of road closures in 2015. WRV was pleased with the project and wants to work with MRHI again. Possible project would be to close illegal parts of road which continues on where the legal road ends in Trout Creek. WRV would bring in heavy equipment. MRHI & vols would do post project rehab.
 - c. Noxious weeds – 205 miles hiked, 250 acres covered

- VI. Land Transfer – Leslie Flaks – CUSP
 - a. 7 mining claims (55.41 acres) were transferred to the Coalition for the Upper South Platte from Leslie Flak. Leslie wanted to give these to MRHI but the liability was too much and CUSP has more capacity to handle these properties. This is a land holding until the land can be transferred to the Forest Service. Leslie wanted the public to have access to these lands.
 - b. There are more properties with tax liens and MRHI should take a look at what other properties we can set up for holdings by CUSP. Cara needs help looking at the claims. 1st choice would be land surrounded by or next to USFS land. Needs list by Friday. CUSP is willing to hold more land while it is being transferred to FS.
- VII. Holiday Bazaar
 - a. New Merchandise – need more MRHI t-shirts with embroidery. If we order a higher quantity it will be cheaper. Cara will order. Need more adult hoodies with maps. Need smalls. More ballcaps (old style not mesh) with embroidery. Need mugs. Sheila will send out a volunteer sign up.
- VIII. Adventure Series
 - a. Cara is working on adventure series. Waiting to hear back from a few people.
 - b. New idea – workshop on snow safety to reduce youth injury in the mountains. Tie Hack Trail history. International focus, local history.
- IX. Rural Philanthropy Days
 - a. 1st mtg for location was held. Added new counties (Summit, Clear Crk). RPD will be held in Summit in 2016 since Summit has more resources they won the vote.
- X. RAC – covered in the Financial section
- XI. VISTA Application
 - a. SPNHA will put up full \$8,000 for VISTA fee. MRHI will have to cover rent. Cara put in VISTA application but it needs to be edited. Beth will help with the revisions. This will be our 4th VISTA however due to VISTAs starting late and leaving early the Western Hardrock Watershed Team is considering this MRHI's 3rd VISTA.
- XII. Website Merchandise Updates
 - a. We need to reinventory. Sheila will help Ginni with that sometime this week.
- XIII. Strategic Plan
 - a. Public input meeting at Alma Townhall at 10:30am this Saturday.
- XIV. Misc Business
 - a. Moonwalk – less people this year (320 people) due to reverse 911 in relation to unfortunate death in the area. The volunteers did great and the event was still a hit bringing in \$1,115 in donations. Increase in donations from last year with less people in attendance. Suggestion to put up no smoking and drinking signs at the event next year. Costume shop donated \$300 and only charged us \$100. Sheila found a deal to purchase 3 costumes from a shop in Salida for \$75. It will save us money for materials for this event in the future. Jara made a motion for MRHI to purchase these costumes. Jennie seconds.
 - b. Poker Glide – will be held on March 12th 2016 on the Tie Hack Trail

XV. Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm by Sheila.