

BikeNet Annual Meeting March 1, 2007

In Attendance:

Rob Hunter, Chris Schmechel, Robert Mackin, Nancy Boyer, Tom Weeks, Brad McCall, Ron Tussing, Kim Prill, Bruce Larsen, Suzanne McKiernan, Sarah Keller, Joe Kane, Bobbi Kane, Ed Thurner, Darlene Tussing, Kathy Aragon, Mick Ohnstad, Spencer Stone, Laura Estes, Nick Bailey, Kevin McGovern, Dennis Dinardi, Pat Parker (Land Design, Inc. for Stacey Robinson), Delores Terpstra, Michelle Johnson,

Welcome – Rob Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Approval of the 2006 Annual Meeting Minutes:

Tom moved to accept the 2006 Annual minutes. Kim seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Financial Report:

Ed gave the financial report. Sponsorship for AFT 2006 was up significantly making this event the most profitable yet with proceeds \$31,947.33. This is a significant increase of about 89 percent over the 2005 AFT event. BikeNet received \$1715.57 in unsolicited contributions. As of December 31, 2006, BikeNet's account balances were:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1 st Interstate Bank	71,024.14
BikeNet Endowment	261.82
Billings & Yellow. Tr. Endow.	19,250.26
1 st Interstate Bank COD	<u>51,362.50</u>
Total Assets:	\$141,898.72

Kim moved to accept the financials as presented. Spencer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ales for Trails 2006 Report:

Kim reported that this year's event was the most profitable to date. Again, this was attributed to an increase in sponsors. The event followed the same format as previous years with the exception of utilizing the passenger room where both ticket sales and food were held. Kim recommended that we keep growing this event. The public seems to enjoy it and 100 percent of the money goes back into trails.

Election of 2007 BikeNet Board of Director Nominee:

A motion to accept the slate of Board of Directors as presented was made by Spencer. Kim seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The 2007 slate is:

Tom Weeks, Brad McCall, Bruce Larsen, Kim Prill, Rob Hunter, Ed Thurner, Spencer Stone, Jay Marschall, Zoe Smith, Mick Ohnstad, Jim Downs, Sarah Keller, Jim Collins, Chris Cook, Cheryl Cook, Laura Estes, Michelle Collins, Paul Collins, Robert Mackin
Ad Hoc Members: Terri Walters, Darlene Tussing

State of the Trails Report:

Darlene gave a presentation regarding The State of Trails in Billings. Progress is being made in numerous areas throughout Billings. Also advocating for trails in Billings are Yellowstone Valley Cycling Club (YVCC) and Yellowstone Rivers and Parks Association (YRPA). The Eagle Mount Bike Program has used the trails extensively.

Several new area developments are implementing trails in their subdivisions. Some of these new subdivisions are: King's Green, Josephine Crossing, Falcon Ridge, Ironwood, and Rehberg Estates.

Swords Park is perhaps the signature piece for the Heritage Trail network. With additional funding the trail will continue east and as part of the Airport Road project it will eventually connect to Boot Hill, Alkali Creek, and the west side of 27th Street.

The first phase of the Big Ditch Trail was completed this summer. BikeNet contributed \$21,000 to this trail segment. BikeNet has consented to help seek out additional financial support for Phase 2 of the Big Ditch Trail that should be constructed in 2007. The culvert at Chandelier Court will provide a connection for the neighborhood to the south to link to the main trail. By constructing this culvert, additional funding may be needed to extend the trail all the way to 46th St. W. and provide the link to Rimrock West Park. It is also hoped with the contributions, to provide an interpretive sign along the trail regarding the history and interesting information about the Big Ditch.

The Stewart Park trail now extends through the park and around the ball fields over to Monad.

Guest Speakers:

Sarah Keller and Kathy Aragon discussed the "Go Play" campaign that Sarah's upper-level class on media for social change came up with. The goal is to propel people out their doors and into healthier lifestyles. The marketing campaign will appear on billboards, in television spots and in brochures designed by the students. The students held focus groups and worked with a professional advertising agency to design and produce marketing materials.

Heritage Trail Partners Awards:

Mayor Ron Tussing and Councilwoman Nancy Boyer presented the following individuals and businesses with a signed plaque for their generous support of area trails. Those recognized were: Nick Bailey from the city engineer office, the Yellowstone Valley Cycling Club, Kevin McGovern of CMG Construction, Dennis Dinardi of Fisher Sand and Gravel, Stacy Robinson of Land Design, Joe Kane and Suzanne McKiernan.

Other Business: Rob Hunter recognized Kim and Chris for chairing Ales for Trails 2006 and Bruce was recognized for his outstanding commitment to building trails.

Meeting Adjourned 8:10pm