

BIKENET ANNUAL MEETING 2008

BikeNet held their 2008 Annual Meeting on Thursday, February 21st at 7 pm at the Billing's Clinic Conference Center. Kathy Aragon and Sarah Keller did a brief presentation on the continuation of the GO Play campaign through the MSUB Marketing Class. Darlene Tussing also did a power-point presentation on the State of the Trails in Billings, Montana with an overview of recent and future projects as well as an overview of 2008 events. During the overview, Kim Prill gave additional comments on the success of the 2007 Ales for Trails event.



Every year, BikeNet recognizes individuals or organizations that made significant contributions to trails in Billings. This year, BikeNet's "Heritage Trail Partners Awards" honored several individuals and businesses during the BikeNet Annual Meeting. Rob Hunter with the help of Mayor Ron Tussing presented awards to the following community members for their support of trails in the Billing's community.

BikeNet's 2008 Heritage Trail Partners Awards

Business:



Billings' Gazette -- Allyn Calton accepted the award for the Gazette. The Gazette has supported the development of trails and trail activities as well as the BikeNet Ales for Trails event over the past years. They have been willing to come through with coverage and advertisements to make the community aware of the importance of the trails network to our community.

Yellowstone Surgery Center -- Chuck Aragon accepted the award. Yellowstone Surgery Center has been supportive of the development of trails through their monetary support of the Ales for Trails Event as well as other trail activities. They have been willing to help whenever the need arises.



Government/Organization:



Nancy Boyer -- Nancy in her position as City Council member was supportive of the trails. In her City Council Ward, she was especially helpful with the Big Ditch Trail and supporting the neighborhood fundraising effort.

Individual/Community:



Bruce Larsen -- Bruce has been a dedicated trail builder at the grassroots level. He personally mows, clears brush and manicures the trails in Two Moon Park and also in Earl Guss Park. He sets an example for all of us to follow.

Larry Fischer -- Larry Fischer started the BikeNet web site in 1999 and even after he moved to Bainbridge Island, Washington, a couple of years later, he continued to keep the site up and running by administering it long distance.

Kim Prill -- Kim has been the strength behind the BikeNet group as Vice President and also as the director of the Ales for Trails event. Kim also organized the Big Ditch neighborhood fundraising effort to secure additional funds to link the trail to the Rimrock West Park. Kim has done whatever it takes to help make BikeNet and the trails movement successful.



The new BikeNet Board of Directors was also approved as follows:

Bruce Larsen, Chris Cook, Cheryl Cook, Ed Thurner, Jenny Moellendorf, Laura Estes, Linda Byam, Lori Anderson, Maggie Chansler, Mark Soueidi, Mike Barry, Michelle Collins (until filled), Paul Collins, Mick Ohnstad, Rob Hunter, Sarah Keller, Spencer Stone, Jim Downs, Zoe Smith.