

Lolo Watershed Group
Board Meeting April 8, 2015
Lolo Dance Center and Campground

Meeting called to order at 6:15pm

Present – Bobbie Bartlette, Doug Harkin, Tom Morarre, Kascie Herron, Christine Brissette

1. Minutes from March
 - a. Tom suggested that the notes of future board meetings include more detail. Discussion was held and board decided they agreed on middle ground to include more detail but not all details.
 - b. Ask Brandon to post minutes online.
 - c. March minutes were approved as read.
2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Went over the most recent income and expenses
 - b. Montana Nonprofit Association fee needs to be corrected = \$110 to include Grant Station use. Kascie will fix.
 - c. Discussion was had on how to better track and more clearly show expenses. Tom will meet with Kascie and help set up a tracking system. Bobbie will also help give suggestions on how to better set up spreadsheet.
 - d. Bobbie motioned to pay off small bills and approval was given.
 - e. Tom has motioned we approve total expenses as presented and Doug seconded. Approval was given.
 - f. Bobbie reminded the board that we need to better track our match hours for grant purposes.
3. Old Business
 - a. History Grant
 - i. Wendy is working on status report to submit to the Missoula Historical Museum, no progress has been made in reaching out to new interested groups
 - b. DEQ 319
 - i. Task 1 – Bobbie will start reaching out to companies and contractors as well as private landowners and will take some pictures where possible to document projects.
 - ii. Task 2 – Kascie will send status report to Jed for review and get a hard copy of the signed CFC contract from Bobbie to add as attachment to the status report.
 - iii. Task 3 – Bobbie will follow up with WEN on putting together the contract as well as timeline for deliverables.
 - iv. Task 4 – Brandon will update and add to the status report. Next steps will be to acquire real documentation on what exactly the FS has done, what kind of monitoring WEN will be doing and what projects are slated between FS and CFC. Might reach out

to MDT to give them numbers and see if they have done anything, changed management, etc.

- v. Task 5 – Refer to new business below
- vi. Task 6 – Kascie will fix numbers on the billing statement and all board members will get her estimates for match.

4. New Business

- a. Call for new board members. There was discussion on how we add new members and what our bylaws require. Bobbie will look into our process and how we might go about adding a board member without a vote.
 - i. Bobbie asked Christine if she would be interested in joining and Christine asked what the job entailed.
 - ii. Discussion on job of a board member and other potential members.
 - iii. Bobbie motioned that we ask Christine to formally join the board and all were in favor.
- b. New membership rate structure: \$25, \$50, \$100 and \$250. Kascie motioned to approve new rate structure, Bobbie seconded and all approved.
- c. MACD and SWCD have approved our grant proposal for \$2,000 for sampling, education and data entry for Lolo School.
- d. Newsletter and membership/information card
 - i. Doug suggested name change to News from Up the Creek
 - ii. Brandon will keep looking into printing costs
 - iii. Edits to newsletter and information card were given to Brandon
 - iv. Our next Pint Night has been set for July 1, 2015.
- e. Symposium – May 6
 - i. John Bowe – NRCS field office to talk about snowpack
 - ii. Steve Shelly – FS weed expert
 - iii. Jed Whitely – dewatering of Lolo Creek
 - iv. Representative from Montana Climate Office – Montana climate summary and relation to wildfire vulnerability
- f. Calendar of Events
 - i. Weed Rodeo – July 18th Brandon talked with Forest Service and we have to draft a volunteer agreement. Brandon will follow up on drafting agreement.
 - ii. Lolo Community Council Meeting Tuesday, April 14th 7pm
 - iii. Crazy Horse, June 26-27
- g. Other Business
 - i. Michele Landquist mentioned that Missoula Electric Coop is considering burying power lines and might be interested in partnering on a project, perhaps we can get volunteers to help with revegetation.
 - ii. We should join Montana Watershed Coordination Council as a dues paying members.

h. Next Board Meeting

i. Stamping of newsletters next Thursday, April 16th at Noon

Adjourn at 9:00 PM