

Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors,
Board of Directors, Big Sky Country National Heritage Area
August 23, 2021
4:00 PM

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

In attendance: Lynette Scriver-Colburn, Jane Weber, Ken Robison, Ellen Sievert, Carol Bronson, Rich Ecke, Gayle Fisher, Connie Jenkins

Ex-officio: Sam Long, Murry Moore

Excused absences: Jerry Lehman, Renee McDonald, Mary Willmarth, John Taillie

Absent: Chris La Tray

Also in attendance: Bill Bronson, legal counsel

Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest: None.

2. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes from the June 28, 2021, board meeting passed unanimously.

b. Ratification of Executive Committee actions taken between meetings:
Weber briefed the board on discussions held by the Executive Committee concerning board matters.

3. New Business

a. Decision to cancel September board meeting

A motion was made to have a short board meeting after the conclusion of the September 18, 2021, retreat and to cancel the September 27, 2021, meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Decision whether to hold future board meetings via Zoom

A motion was made to allow the Executive Committee to monitor the situation and decide whether we meet in-person or go to Zoom. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Old Business

a. Strategic Planning Session

The dates are set for Friday, September 17 from 2-5 p.m. and Saturday, September 18 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Please make every effort to be here, as this is an important strategic planning session as we look to make goals for the next 12-18 months.

b. Committee Reports

Marketing Committee

Ecke reported that letters are coming in. Thank you to all who have contacted people. Keep 'em coming!

Marketing Committee is continuing to post at least monthly on the BSCNHA Facebook page. The committee will develop a plan for the page (posts, frequency, etc).

Feasibility Study Task Force

Weber reported that our consultants are working on the final touches of the feasibility study, and the task force is also working on clarifying certain portions of the study based on community feedback.

Finance Committee

Weber reviewed the financial statement for the month. It has been placed into the record.

Ecke mentioned that we will have an expense of printing the final feasibility study later this year. He will look into the costs of doing that.

Lehman will start working on the CY 2022 budget in the coming weeks. Committee chairs need to determine what their budget requests for 2022 will be.

Fundraising Committee

Weber reported that the committee isn't moving forward with the calendar project for 2022. We could look into it for 2023.

Projects Committee

C. Bronson reported that we haven't had any PPF applications yet, but we are still working on getting the word out about the program.

Audit Committee

No report.

Heritage Database Committee

Weber reported that she contacted a GIS specialist to discuss the possibility of helping us access the Heritage Database, as we do not have that capability.

5. Announcement from the Board Members

The Monarch Rocks event for this year is canceled.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.