

Blue Water Task Force Board of Directors Meeting
July 30, 2008 3:30 PM
B.S.O.A Conference Room

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Holtzman, at 3:35 pm. Also in attendance were directors Sue Barton, Jack Crowther, Ron Edwards, Mindy Nowakowski, and Simon Trautman. Absent were directors Eric Becker and Caroline Henley.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Jack moved and Mindy seconded to approve the minutes from 07-02-08. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Mindy moved and Jack seconded to approve the financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **New Business**
 - a. Big Sky Resort Water Conservation partnership (Kristin): Kristin reported that she had a meeting with Dax Schieffer from Big Sky Resort about a partnership program between Big Sky Resort and BWTF to develop, and install door hangers promoting water conservation in over 1000 of Big Sky Resort guest rooms. Big Sky Resort proposed that they split the costs (\$3,485). The board agreed that Big Sky Resort should cover more than 50% of the project since they are a for-profit organization and BWTF is nonprofit organization. Mindy moved and Sue seconded to pursue the project if Big Sky Resort will cover more than 50% of the project. Kristin agreed to contact Big Sky Resort to request that Big Sky Resort covers more of the project cost.
 - b. Watershed Bill Donation (Kristin): Tom Heinz, the board chair of the Greater Gallatin Watershed Council (GGWC), traveled to Washington D.C. to testify in support for Senate Bill 3085 - the *Cooperative Watershed Management Act of 2008*. The bill directs the Secretary of Interior to make funding available to local watershed groups. If passed, the bill would present an opportunity for BWTF to obtain funding. GGWC requested money for donation to cover part of Tom's trip to Washington. After reviewing BWTF 5013c documentation, Mindy discovered that the donation might be considered "lobbying expenditures" and thus, might threaten our 501c3 status. Consequently, the board voted against donating money for Tom's trip.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. TMDL update (Kristin)
 - i. Watershed Advisory Group/Technical Advisory Group Meeting: A Watershed Advisory Group/Technical Advisory Group Meeting was

held on July 22nd at the Bozeman Public Library. Minutes of the meeting are at:

<http://bluewartaskforce.org/docs/WAG072308slideshow.pdf>

Pete's presentation can be found at:

<http://bluewartaskforce.org/docs/WAG072308slideshow.pdf>

- ii. TMDL brochure review: The board to wait until we have results from the summer 2008 field season to pursue the TMDL brochure.

- b. WWSF Update (Jon/Ron): HKM has completed a draft report of the Gallatin Canyon Wastewater Feasibility study. The estimated timeline for completion of the final report is September 1st. Ron and Ray Armstrong (HKM) are planning on going to Helena to speak to the DEQ about the potential for a snowmaking option for wastewater disposal.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. August 7th – 815am GLWQD board meeting county courthouse community room
- b. August 9th - County Fair
- c. August 12th 7 pm – BSI Mountain and Minds: Science Talk – Big Sky Office
- d. August 29th 2-5pm – BSOA Annual Meeting at the Summit Hotel
- e. Next board meeting date: September 24th at 3:30.

7. Open Discussion

- 8. Adjournment:** Chairman, Jon Holtzman adjourned the meeting at 4:20 pm.