PCFC Meeting Minutes

June 9th, 2021

AJ’s café

Attendees: Jill Cobb, Jim Stevens, Seth Callos, Carl Wright, Mike Lithgow, Tanner Linton, Amy Encinas-Yount, Liz Johnson-Gebhardt

Liz brought the meeting to order at 6:35.

Old Business

**May meeting minutes:** Seth made the motion to approve the minutes with no changes. Amy seconded the motion. Unanimous.

**Website update:** Tanner has not gotten any further on the site ~ Expo delay. He and Liz need to set a date to get the work done. Some of the Board have not sent their bio’s and photos.

**Joslyn and Landsite updates:** Steve Gill called Liz with updates. The Joslyn legal team change has taken place and things are moving again. But there are a couple of statements in the environmental covenant that they are working through. Steve believes all the paperwork etc. should be okayed by September. We’ll see…

The Alta group will be up on the land site June 28, 29, and 30 to conduct the test borings. We should get results by August. Again, we’ll see …

**Expo follow-up:** First, Liz shared a letter the Junior High sent PCFC. It was truly inspiring. We also talked about the pros and cons, but all in all we agreed that the 2 days went really well. As far as emergency preparedness, we will continue to talk about it, but we agreed on some things: always have extra food on hand, have a cot, etc. The fact that this is the first time we have had a small issue is a plus, but also a learning experience to keep in mind.

Another discussion was about the Expo spreadsheet that Liz has updated. We are still missing a few costs and we don’t know what the Vaagen’s load will come to. Liz also told the group that Mike Reynolds doesn’t want to charge PCFC for his harvesting costs. Liz is determined to get around that if possible. We came up with a bunch of ideas, because we all know that Mike is Mr. Donate, but we all agreed that it just would not be right for him to put all that time and money into our program all on his own. *(Liz did confront Mike after the meeting and threatened to arm wrestle him ~ didn’t make a big impression.)*

Another point of discussion was the updating of the workbook. Liz brought up the fact that she developed the workbook 15 years ago and there are obviously things that change ~ our forests, etc. are dynamic. Also nothing is being discussed about climate change or the differences in water protections, etc. Anyway, we decided that we should go over a few things during the next meeting. Liz will bring copies of the workbook for everyone. We also agreed that we have time to deal with this.

One other conversation we had was how to thank some of the folks that went up and beyond: ITD for instance. We discussed gift cards but Liz was told to check with Jamie to see if that was appropriate.

**Financials:** As mentioned, the spreadsheet for Expo is a work in progress. In that regard, we had a small bank overdraft. Liz thought we would make it ~ at least to the meeting ~ but apparently we overdrew by about $200. Amy took care of it for us but we also decided to make a transfer from EJ to the checking account of $ 5000.00. Liz will be invoicing the RAC funds for $8000.00 to cover Expo, but we cannot count on that coming through very fast, so this should cover us for the time being. Jill made the motion to transfer $5000 and Jim seconded the motion. Unanimous.

New Business

**Schweitzer donation:** Tanner just gave us quick overview about a donation program through Schweitzer. They are ”auctioning” off old ski lift chairs and the payment is a donation to a 501©3. Apparently they had a list of “acceptable” 501©3’s. PCFC wasn’t on it. Steve wants to get a chair and make the donation to PCFC, so they are checking into that. Pretty cool program, actually.

**City Development committee:** Amy gave a summary on what this ad hoc community committee is trying to do. Mostly it is about the housing, jobs, and vitality concerns for Priest River and who can help and what can be done. At this point, we have chamber folks, Jim Martin and Kevin Wiley, Jeff, Liz and Seth talking ideas. We’ll give updates as they happen.

**Kalispel update:** Mike told us that he and Megan were headed to Idaho Hill to do a carnivore awareness program for “really small people”. (Not sure what grade.) We all agreed that was excellent because we are all working to get students aware and involved with natural resources.

Also Brittany Morlin is working with the Kalispels on the Vital Grounds project at Priest Lake and apparently may be looking for some support from PCFC. Liz said she would get a hold of Brittany.

PORP Trail

**Phase 2 update:** Tanner and Jay are supposedly removing the slash created by the clearing and grubbing but that seems to be taking way too long. Otherwise the basic prism of the trail is complete. Next is the fabric, gravel and compacting. We need to get this done ASAP.

**Boardwalk:** Liz showed everyone a design she had found on a wetland trail in Washington. It is very similar to what we are looking to do on our wetland area. Liz still needs to have the landowner agreement signed by Herb and Holly. Tanner said he would remind his Dad about that. The rest of the discussion was about the rising cost of materials and what that might mean for the grant budget. We decided we may have to work on getting some material donations, or something like that.

**NEXT MEETING: July 7th, 6:30 am @ Tyee Coffee Shop**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 am