

Madison River Foundation

Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting

Date: 5/18/2015

Location: First Madison Valley Bank, Ennis

Board Members in Attendance:

J. Dilschneider

B. Richards

S. Shows

R. Clark

B. Barker (via telephone)

J. Goetz (via Telephone)

Board Members absent:

J. Montag

M. Petroni

N. DiMeola

Others Present:

Liz Davis – ED

Minutes

Through a clerical error, the Minutes from May 18, 2015 were not transmitted to the Executive Director and so were not available for review. Ray will get the Minutes to Liz for distribution prior to the next meeting and comments or changes.

Executive Director's Report

- Executive Director provided a complete report, here attached. Further comments are shown below:
- Ken Hall's proceeds from the Sundog Art Show on August 15 will be donated to MRF. The Board agreed that two comp tickets for the Gala should be presented to Ken for his generosity.
- For those Board members interested in working to set up the Gala, it was requested that you not come before 3 o'clock to allow time for the tent to be erected. Liz will contact volunteers with this message, as well.
- Nick Peterson from Troutstalker will help out at the Gala as needed.
- Joe will welcome everyone and present the Friends of the Madison Award to the Brickers. There will be a brief mention of the BPP, then Joe will hand off to Liz who will be Master of Ceremonies. Everyone was concerned that we keep speeches and

comments very short. Liz will cut off the Silent Auction as dinner is winding down. Pat will recruit “spotters” from our ranks, if he needs them.

- Ray summarized progress on the Science Advisory Committee. Bill Tietz remains committed to trying to get this established. He brought Gretchen Rupp to a recent meeting of the Committee in Ennis, with Sunni and Ethan also in attendance. Ray and Brian believe the next steps will be to find specific “questions” that will engage our science resources. Bill believes that if we came to him with an urgent “septage-type” question, he could find the right scientists to advise MRF.
- Following a question by Jim Goetz about the current low flows on the Madison, Brian and Bruce suggest a brain-storming session to include Brent Mabbot, hosted by MRF, to discuss flows and management strategies.
- Good news from Liz about the Varney Gauge (see ED report).
- Liz presented the preliminary lineup for the Fly Fishing Festival (see ED report).

Old Business

- Fly Shop membership program is going slowly, due to other priority commitments.
- June 21, joint event with Troutstalker and the Gravel Bar – guide appreciation night.
- June 25, similar event at West Yellowstone (6-9 p.m.). LIZ – LOCATION???
- June 27, MRF Annual Meeting at Library – 9 a.m.
- July 25, Stewards/Lifetime Members Reception at Clarks home.
- August 15, Sundog Art Gallery Bozeman, Ken Hall event.
- Bruce gave a report on the Business Partners Program. A draft “Pitch Packet” will go out to the Board very soon for comments. Bruce, Liz, and Pam will work on the final look and enlist Kate to help with graphics.

New Business

The Ex Comm will meet to discuss new candidates for nomination. A July meeting date will be determined. Liz will distribute list of Stewards/Life members for possible consideration.

There was enthusiasm for Kelly Welch working on our website. More conversation about a budget and financing this effort will be needed.

Proposed Audubon recycling site for monofilament was generally discouraged as not appropriate or needed for our fly fishing community. It was left that Liz would contact them with advice on where spin fisherman congregate, but MRF would not be further involved.

There was discussion about the Annual Meeting. Joe will host. Liz will invite Abby from the Madisonian.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MEETING ADJOURNED

