

## **Madison River Foundation**

*Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting*

*Date: 8/10/2015*

*Location: Foundation Offices, Ennis*

*Board Members in Attendance:*

J. Montag  
R. Clark  
N. DiMeola

*Board Members absent:*

J. Dilschneider  
B. Richards  
S. Shows

*By Phone:*

B. Barker  
M. Petroni

*Others Present:*

Liz Davis – ED

### **Minutes**

With several changes proposed, Brian moves and Nancy seconds approval of the minutes (as revised) from 7/22. Liz notes that she does not yet have remembrances of Storrs.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director provided a written report, here attached. Further comments are shown below:

- The final proof of a July "Print" newsletter went to Abby on July 30.
- Liz walks through an update of Festival arrangements and progress, including shirts, hats, and posters. Jeff said he would contact Tim Combs about the old cabin that sits jacked up, affecting access to a portion of the grounds where the Festival tents and vendors are situated. Plans and arrangements for the bucket raffle and PA system were discussed.
- Sun Dog Gallery show of Ken Hall's photos was discussed. We agree to donate (approximately) a case of wine, and \$200 toward the catering. In the future, we need to be more clear about the expectations placed upon MRF for such events, as well as the financial terms of all art offered to us for auction or sale.
- Liz announced that NW Energy has designated MRF as one of 3 recipients of the proceeds from sale of Monte Dolack artwork commemorating 100 years of hydro in Montana for NWE. This is a very nice honor!
- Discussion about Business Partners Program window stickers. It was agreed that some options are too expensive, but a decision will wait on input from Bruce Richards, subcommittee chair.

- Discussion about weedy areas along banks of Madison, particularly Access Sites such as Storey Ditch. Mark suggests that BLM will be very responsive, and he provides name of Mike Mooney, 683-2337. Liz will approach Margie Edsall (Madison County) and Melissa (MVRG) to see if she can engage these entities to work as a team. Jeff says MRF will kick in money but does not want to tackle this alone.

### **Old Business**

- More discussion about the logistical difficulties of the Free Memberships distributed through the local fly shops. We have 15 new Members through this program so far.
- The beaver trapping project will wait until later in the year.
- Next year's Gala set for **June 18** at El Western ("Dinner in the Meadow"); Bountiful Table is reserved as caterer.
- Kelly is working on the new website. There is discussion of trying to go "digital" with the newsletter and incorporate it into the website.
- Thanks to Steve Beaton for his work with Good Thymes.

### **New Business**

- New Fishing Regulations: to put it mildly, there is confusion surrounding the promulgation of new regulations. FWP cannot tell us when they will be issued. Liz has asked for advance notice if and when new regulations are released.
- MRF needs a new cellphone capable of taking credit card transactions for the Festival.
- It was agreed to use Moonlight Basin Bldg. again for this year's retreat. October 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> are suggested as possible dates.
- Brian Barker mentioned "birding" opportunities on Granger Ranch, down by the Odell project. He thinks they would present good PR opportunities for Granger and MRF, and be welcomed by the public. The Board was enthusiastic.

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**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MEETING ADJOURNED**