PCFC Meeting Minutes

May 5th, 2021

Tri Pro Conference room

Attendees: Jim Stevens, Steve Linton, Jill Cobb, Carl Wright, Jeff Connolly, Seth Callos, Amy Encinas-Yount, Mike Lithgow, Tanner Linton, Liz Johnson-Gebhardt. Guest: Jonathon Shine

Old Business

**April meeting minutes ~** Jeff made the motion to approve the minutes as they are. Seth seconded the motion. Unanimous.

**Expo ~** First of all, Liz mentioned that Mike and the Kalispel Tribe have been super, bringing folks in to help with fisheries and wildlife. Thank you!

Site: Jim reported that Mike Reynolds has been piling the brush and grading the main site. It looks great. They are still planning on going in and mulching some of the brush. Liz asked about the dust and jokingly asked if anyone has a water truck. Jeff mentioned that he could make that happen. Liz, Mike, Jim, Steve and David G. went up to the harvest site and looked that over as well. There is a good plan in order there as well as plenty of room for a port-a-pottie and a bus parking area.

Straw bales: Liz spoke to a couple board members about bringing in straw bales for the ‘group area’. We could form an amphitheater for the intro and lunchtime. Liz checked with Mary’s Feed and it should be about $350. Liz’s thought is that we can stacked and tarp the bales for future use, if Jim and Margi are ok with that.

Hats: They are good to go and be distributed to the schools. Idaho Forest Products Commission also sent some extra materials for the students.

Food: Liz is going with Mac’s again and the food is on order.

Forest Products: Steve will get all the needed station folks. (*He all ready has*) We will need a generator and Jeff said he could bring one. Liz will find an extension cord but she does want to set this up so the generator isn’t drowning out any of the other stations.

Harvest: Liz will get the compliance ready to go with the state. Though Steve and Mike didn’t think there will be enough slash to worry about, Liz would like us to keep slash in mind in case the state requires us to manage that. Steve also mentioned that the Linton family is willing to donate the logs to PCFC. Super generous!!

Signage: *Total update!! Jamie with ITD went up there with Liz. He will be setting the reader boards up the week before to give folks (mostly the locals) the info. He believes they will help to slow down the rest of the crazies. He will set cones up for the buses as well. He also has his PR team ready to go up there once an hour during the days to make sure all is running smoothly.* Jamie is doing really great!!

Recreation: We talked about some options. Liz said she would get a hold of ACOE to see if they would participate. Otherwise Seth said he could think something up with possible ATV’s (oh my gawd!). *Taylor Johnson at ACOE said they would be glad to participate and they have it on their calendars.*

**Website ~** Tanner gave us a prelim on the website. It is crisp and clean and looking good. Easy to navigate. EVERYONE NEEDS TO GET THEIR BIO’s AND PHOTO TO HIM. (Otherwise, Jeff, you will not have the most exemplary byline.) Liz and Jill are still working on more project photos. There are more activities that we are missing. Liz will check on PFC photos we could use and Liz will get a version of the Hughes video that has the sound. (Though no one was too sure they needed to hear all off Jill’s verbs.) Tanner and Liz talked and they will try and get it all finalized right after the Expo.

**Other updates ~** Joslyn seems to be slower than expected so Jeff and Liz were going to work their contacts. We all feel it is imperative that this goes down and is complete before Jim leaves office so that is the push. Also with KLT wanting to help there may be some grant timelines we need to be aware of.

**Financials ~** Liz suspects they went out sick the day before so nothing was sent out. But, EJ is doing great and the checking account is hanging in there. That is what we should keep an eye on.

New Business

**Chamber ~** Amy is aiming (get it?) to bring some of the more active groups in the community together so we can work on the most pressing concerns: housing, economic development, etc Liz will be attending that meeting for PCFC.

We are also going to bring our booth for timber Days down to the West Bonner Park during the logging events. Liz will head that off. Getting more interesting forest focused info down there while the events are going on is a great idea. There will need to be some others involved at the booth, but we will deal with that later.

PORP Trail

**Innovia grant ~** Liz heard from Innovia the day after the meeting. They have extended our timeline to September 31st. They were super gracious about it.

**Boardwalk contractor ~** There was quite a bit of discussion about this ~ how to pre-pay?, who might be a choice to contact?, the timeline. Jill mentioned that she knew a dock builder up at the Lake (Mo Martin) that may be interested. Pre-paying a contractor is iffy if we don’t know them very well and especially if they don’t know us. So, we sort of dropped that idea for now.

**Walk the trail ~** Most of the group did walk through the trail. What Jay has accomplished looks great. Tanner needs to contact Jay to show him where to take the slash, and there is quite a bit of it. Also, there is a mess load of disintegrating railroad ties that will need to be dealt with. They can’t be burned and they are not in good enough shape to use, so …

**Next Meeting: June 9th, probably at AJ’s**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:39 am**