

Barr Lake/Milton Reservoir Watershed Association
 BMW Board Meeting
 May 27th, 2014 9:00am – 11:30pm
 Metro Wastewater Reclamation District, Denver, CO

Minutes

Board Attendance:

Sarah Reeves – Brown and Caldwell
 Shelley Stanley – Big Dry Creek WA
 Amy Woodis - Metro
 James Boswell – Thornton
 Tim Grotheer – Centennial (phone)
 Laurie Rink – FRICO
 Michelle Seubert – Barr Lake State Park

Blair Corning – South Adams W&S
 Dennis Stowe – L/E WWTP

Public Attendance:

Amy Conklin – BMW Coordinator
 Nicole Muelle – Brownstein Hyatt
 (phone)

Laurie welcomed the group and everyone introduced themselves.

Financial Policy Discussion – The Board discussed the Financial Policy, with Shelley Stanley leading the group through her comments. The theme of Shelley’s comments was about ensuring transparency in the organization’s finances. Laurie Rink explained that the proposed BMW Financial Policy was adopted from one developed by the Colorado Lakes and Reservoir Management Association (CLRMA), using an Accountant to guide them. After extensive discussion, the Board concluded that **Amy** should send out the revisions to the Board as part of the June Board meeting packet. *(Note from recorder: Leave it to the BMW Board to make a discussion about the wording of a Financial Policy humorous and entertaining. I am wedded to this comment and it is not a pile of carp.)*

Updates/Action Items

- Chair’s Report – The Chair had nothing to report.
- Treasurer’s Report - As of April 30th the BMW bank balance was **\$101,815.13**
 - Membership Dues invoicing – all invoices have been sent. Please let us know if you did not receive one. We have received 11 membership dues checks, totaling \$66,800. The Board discussed recruiting more members, concluding that it was a topic for future discussion
 - Budget – Blair Corning distributed a proposed budget for 2014 that also included 5-year projections. After a discussion about adjusting the Contingency line item, the Board voted thumbs up to adopt the budget as presented. It was noted that we are in the point source phase of the TMDL. Eventually, we will transition into the non-point phase. BMW may conduct pilot studies of treatment options, but additional water treatment will be implemented in the future, beyond the 5-year projections.
- Technical Committee – Shelley Stanley and James Boswell reported that there would not be a Technical Committee meeting this month.

- Limnocorrals – The limnocorrals will be assembled and installed in one day this year; **June 2**.
- In Canal Feasibility – ERD is preparing their report to summarize their results and make recommendations.
- Carp Removal – a baseline assessment has been completed for Milton Reservoir. Steve Lundt is leading a crew conducting a baseline assessment for Barr Lake today. There is still some work to be done to identify where the harvested carp will be disposed after the harvest in August.
- I & E - Michelle Seubert gave an update on I&E activities. Steve Lundt gave 2 presentations on BMW, one to Barr Lake State Park volunteers and one to volunteers at the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory (RMBO). BMW sponsored the Raptor Run in April by providing water bottles that included the H2Only logo. There were 63 runners this year.
 - Lake Appreciation Day – **July 12th**. Michelle will let us know what BMW will provide. **Amy** will be at the event, helping with the lunch.
 - Community Events – **June 7th** There will be a Culture Event in Brighton. **Michelle** will send out an email for volunteer opportunities. A River clean-up is being planned for the fall.
 - Update on give-aways –
 - Test out the heat press – Michelle handed out color on designs. The group colored two of the design and Michelle made T-shirts using the heat press to affix the designs. Michelle explained that BMW has purchased the heat press and will use it at events. The I&E Committee is working on purchasing stickers and tattoos. They have begun distributing Limnocorral postcards. They are also working on a newsletter, a universal booth kit, and educational signs for around Barr Lake.
 - Review of Brochure – The group expressed their appreciation to Steve Lundt for taking the initiative and producing a brochure in time to distribute at the bike/watershed tours. It is advisable to take a look at the brochure and be sure it reflects the messages we want to convey. The Board requested that the I&E committee review the brochure and add language about projects we're doing and things people can do to Keep It Clean. We'll use what we have now and replace the current one with the I&E revisions, once approved. **Amy and Susan** will prepare a draft of the brochure for consideration by the I&E Committee.
 - Update on website changes
 - Dropbox folder –Laurie set up a folder on Google Drive with a gmail account for BMW Board use, but we haven't migrated any documents there yet. The I&E committee will finalized that effort and let the Board know.
 - Files on website – the I&E Committee will continue to work on this item.
 - Laurie reported that she and Steve received an email from CU Boulder regarding the Water and Energy Resource Guide that includes information about sampling wells for oil and gas concerns. The Board concluded that BMW is not interested in posting their information.
- Coordinator Updates (Amy C.)
 - March minutes already approved. No minutes for April.

- Grants –
 - Stormwater Council – Amy reported that she is still working with the Stormwater Council on the messaging effort
 - Grant wrap up meeting is set for **June 12, 2014** at the Daniels Fund, beginning at 1:30. Amy handed out custom made flash drives loaded with the messaging files to the Board. More are available upon request. Amy reported that she has also purchased a Ghillie Suit for use with the messages. It looks just like an Algae Monster suit. **Sarah Reeves** volunteered to wear the suit at the June 12th meeting if **Steve Lundt** didn't want to.
- Report on Bike tour/Watershed tour – The event was such a success this year that maybe next year we should plan one from Chatfield to the L/E WWTP for next year. Comments were made that we should make sure that people know how to get back to the starting point, by making a map for people and let them know how to get their bikes back. We should also be sure to communicate parking options. **Amy** was directed to coordinate with CFWE and other appropriate groups. Other comments were made about the value of interacting with people outside our usual BMW participants and how that helps increase BMW's visibility.
- HOA Forums – There may be an opportunity for BMW to present information to HOAs at forums held by Div. of Real Estate (part of DORA). The Board concluded that it would be best to just monitor the activities this year. However, it is appropriate to have **Amy** have a conversation with DORE about who BMW is, this year.
- UW Partnership – The Board decided not to issue a letter of support to the Urban Waters Partnership for their grant application to the Bureau of Reclamation because they didn't have clear understanding of mission and vision of group.

Next Meeting

- Board meeting – **June 24th, 2014**
- Technical Committee meeting – **June 26th, 2014**
- I & E Opportunities – **Lake Appreciation Day – July 12th**