

Madison River Foundation

*Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting
February 13, 2017
First Madison Valley Bank Conference Room*

Board Members in Attendance:

J. Dislchneider
B. Hageman
B. Richards
J. Mathews
S. Shows
N. DiMeola

Phone:

Brian Barker
Jim Dawson

Others Present:

Liz Davis – ED
Pamela Kimmey – EA
Chelsea Pardo – BSWC Member

Guests:

Todd Graham & Katie Meiklejohn – Ranch Advisory Partners, Inc.
Jeff Laszlo – MRF Steward & Granger Ranch owner
Terry Quirk – MRF Member & Visitor
Patrick Toalson – MRF member & Visitor

Guest Speaker: Todd Graham from Ranch Advisory Partners, Inc. provided a full power point presentation on the O’Dell Creek/Granger Ranch restoration project. (Power point presentation available upon request)

Guest Speaker: Jeff Laszlo presented an update on the Granger Ranch/O’Dell Creek project, partnership and the improvements to date. (see handout) J. Laszlo also kindly agreed to write an article for our website that serves as a testament regarding our conservation efforts on ranchlands.

President’s Report: Joe Dilschneider officially resigned from the MRF Board, this being his last meeting as president. A round of applause followed, from the Board, in appreciation of his dedication and service to the Foundation for so many years.

Minutes: August 15, 2016 – S. Shows made a motion to accept, J. Mathews seconded, motion carried.
December 12, 2016 – B. Richards made a motion to accept, N. DiMeola seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Clean Review by RUDD & Co. It was recommended to track staff office hours by allocating time spent on specific projects. It will be determined at a later date if a presentation by RUDD & Co. is necessary. The 2017 Budget Proposal was presented and voted upon as follows: J. Mathews made a motion, Sherri seconded, motion carried. General Funding needs to improve. Jackie suggested giving members ownership of projects so they have more of a vested interest.

Executive Director's Report (See Agenda)

- Chelsea Pardo: Focus will be on community outreach along with a new section in the e-newsletter featuring Young Anglers. A Board Spotlight column will also be added in June after the Annual meeting and election of officers.
- Fish Screen Survey sent Jan 31st: Discussion followed pertaining to moving forward with the Bubble Screen project. The footprint is small and the equipment needed can easily be removed from the water. There are several sources for funding. J. Dawson made a motion for the MRF to move forward with a Bubble Curtain on the West Madison Ditch as a pilot project. J. Mathews seconded, motion carried.

New Business

1. Open Meeting Discussion: All in favor of transparency by welcoming the membership and public at large to the regular Board of Directors meetings. The BOD may call for a closed session as the need arises to discuss sensitive issues.
2. Annual Membership meeting: June 17, 2017 @ MVPL 10am-Noon
3. Ballots for voting: Nominations for the BOD to date – Terry Quirk & Tim Bozorth. There might be another member from the upper Madison group that may show interest as well. Send out email to the membership to change the Board of Directors number from nine to eleven. Bruce will reread the By-Laws and let us know if that's a possible avenue.
4. Interim President: Jackie Mathews was nominated and accepted the position until the June 17th Annual meeting. N. DiMeola made a motion, B. Richards seconded, motion carried.
5. Ruby Habitat Foundation: Request for funding for boot washing stations was declined by the BOD.
6. Steward/Lifetime member reception: Jackie suggested asking Tim & Denise Weglicki to host it July 13th or July 20th.
7. MOU with Granger Ranches Limited Partnership: Vote to approve final revised MOU – S. Shows made a motion, J. Mathews seconded, motion carried. One correction needs to be made: #10 should read "Granger Ranches."
8. Website: Parker Redmond will be hired to build a new website for the MRF which will cost roughly \$5000. Completion date in May 2017.

No further business. Meeting was adjourned.