



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**2022 MTRPA Quarterly Board Meeting**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 26 @ 3:30pm**

**3:30 pm Meeting Call to Order Mitch Overton**

**Item #1 Reading and approval of previous minutes Mitch Overton**

- 2022 Annual Meeting minutes presented. A few spelling corrections and changes were requested.
- With those minor edits, Jamie Saitta moved to approve the minutes
- Maria Butts 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Motion Carried

**Item #2 Secretary/Treasurer Update Chris Waite**

- Chris and Nick worked together to create a new checking account for the MTRPA at a new bank. The new checking account will allow access to more board members access to banks across the state of Montana. Chris and Cassie created a new PayPal account that links to a new checking account. These actions allow more access to make business operations easier for Secretary/Treasure and the transfer of the position.

**Item #3 MTRPA Membership Update Jamie Saitta**

- Jamie reported on membership numbers needing to rise.
- Jamie asked again for member ideas to engage new organizations to assist the growth of membership and connections.

**Item #4 Website/Communications Update****Danielle Beaudin**

- Danielle reported on the new website running smoothly. Danielle is working to find time with Cassie to get training on the new website features. She highlighted that members are using and enjoying posting jobs on the board only for members.

**Item #5 Board Vacancies and Proposed Positions****Mitch Overton**

- Secretary/Treasurer
  - Chris leaving the Secretary/Treasurer position.
  - Maria and Cassie volunteered to work together on Treasurer/Secretary duties in the interim.
  - Donna Gaukler moved to approve.
  - Steve Herrig seconded the motion.
- Student Board Member
  - A letter of interest for Student Board Member Bri Nochol was discussed.
  - Bri's application was accepted. Bri will officially be voted in by membership at the mid-year meeting in October.
- Tribal Board Member
  - The new Tribal Board Member position was discussed. Jenn Thompsen has ideas for someone to fill the position.
- Federal Land Manager Board Member
  - Moved to new business

**Item #6 2023 & 2024 Conference****Maria Butts**

- 2023 conference had been planned for Billings with Chris Waite as the conference committee head. As Chris is leaving the MTRPA Board, it was discussed to move the conference elsewhere. Maria Butts in Whitefish had already been working on her 2024 plans to 2023 to accommodate this change. Maria presented costs on 3 different hotels in Whitefish and discussed dates in the first week of April.
- 2024 conference was mentioned to possibly go to Billings or Bozeman. Will revisit in mid-year.

**Item #7 2022 Mid Year & Quarterly Meeting****Mitch Overton**

- MLCT Kalispell, Oct 5-7 as midyear meeting

- In an effort to meet more often, the board discussed a summer, or Q3 meeting. September 7th @ 3:30 via zoom is scheduled for the next board meeting.

**Item #8      New Business**

**Mitch Overton**

- Conference Debriefing
  - Steve Herrig debriefed the conference. He plans to send out a survey to all conference attendees. Also wanting to get resources, like Beth Shumate's presentation to share since she was not able to attend.
- Conference Track by Sub-categories
  - Many tracks were discussed for possibility in the 2023 conference. Urban forestry, aquatics, recreation/tourism, parks track and building facilities, trails track, wetlands/open space/conservation, nonprofit, professional, admin/leadership, and tribal tracks were all discussed.
  - Student track & student presented sessions were discussed.
  - Conference tracks will be finalized in the September meeting.
- Seasonal Membership Tier
  - Still working out what this idea looks like. Garden City has tiered costs that were discussed as an example. Cassie and Jamie will look into this more.
- 501(c)3 Non-Profit Project
  - Jodie and her connections with NRPA will be used to help create a nonprofit container for MTRPA.
- Legislative Session Preparation
  - Bob presented his press release to the Stewardship and Trails Grant to inform how money was used
  - Montana Outdoor Fund website draft to educate public and legislators.
  - Mitch will ask MLTC for legislative package
- Federal Lands Manager Board Position
  - A position for a Federal Lands board member was discussed. It was also discussed to fill an auxiliary position with a federal lands manager. Discussion tabled.

**Item #9      Adjourn**