

Keep Montana Green  
2017 Annual Meeting  
May 3, 2017  
MT DNRC Southwestern Land Office  
1401 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Missoula, MT 59804  
3:00pm – 4:30pm

**Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions – Tim Ryan**

Attendees: Tim Ryan, President; Crystal Beckman, Executive Director; Mike DeGrosky, Secretary  
Treasurer; Holly Ondrasek; and Larry Bush

**Review and Approve 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes – Tim Ryan**

Request for questions or changes to meeting minutes.

**ACTION:** Holly Ondrasek moved to accept 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes. Tim Ryan seconded, no discussion, all voiced aye, none opposed, and motion passed.

**Review Financial Report – Crystal Beckman & Mike DeGrosky**

- 2016 financials reviewed
- Where we are for 2017 was discussed
- Proposed 2017 budget was reviewed and discussed
- Transfer of funds from DA Davidson to First Security

**ACTION:** Tim Ryan made a motion to approve 2016 financials documents for Keep Montana Green. Mike DeGrosky seconded, no discussion, all voiced aye, none opposed, and motion passed.

**ACTION:** Mike DeGrosky made a motion to approve 2017 proposed budget for Keep Montana Green. Holly Ondrasek seconded, no discussion, all voiced aye, none opposed, and motion passed.

Group held a discussion about the history of the DA Davidson funds and where they came from, what the future of the State Fire Assistance Grants are and if Keep Montana Greens investments should be invested at a low or high risk.

**ACTION:** Tim Ryan made a motion to move \$3,000.00 from DA Davidson account to First Security account for Keep Montana Green. Mike DeGrosky seconded, no discussion, all voiced aye, none opposed, and motion passed.

The Era of Megafires Event was also a topic of discussion. Keep Montana Green was an event sponsor and assisted other sponsors by having them pay UM multiple payments. The board said that this pass-through money needs to be broken out and very clear in our records. A revenue line for when it came in and an expense line for when it went out.

**KMG Activities and Poster Contest Update – Crystal Beckman**

- 56<sup>th</sup> year for the art contest, 100 schools participated, 133 teachers involved, and 3,000 students submitted art work
  - Board supports using the calendars for 2018 to display the student's art work.
  - It is a goal of sustain the KMG art contest

- 2016 membership (Missoula Fire Dept., Marks Lumber, Republic Services, Red Lodge Fire and Rescue)
- Website, Twitter, Facebook are the digital and social tools for reaching students, teachers, fire professionals, and others who want to learn about preventing human-caused wildfires.
- Twitter has 189 followers, regular tweets are posted
- Facebook has 303 followers, regular posts are shared
- One Less Spark, One Less Wildfire was the 2017 prevention campaign across all partners and agencies
- Wildfire Awareness Month May, [www.keepgreen.org](http://www.keepgreen.org)'s website is the main source for all items WAM

**Membership Drive – Tim Ryan and Crystal Beckman**

- Desire to increase membership
- Target audiences – utility companies, big companies, railroads
  - NW Management – Mike
  - Wildfire Defense – Tim
  - Washington Incoop – Holly
  - Beartooth Rural – Tim
  - REI grants if needed – Larry
  - Town grants if needed – Larry and Crystal
  - NW Energy – Crystal
  - Ravalli Rural – Crystal
  - The Nature Conservancy - Mike
  - Weyerhaeuser Foundation
- Goal for May 2018 is to have raised \$5,000 in sponsors, grants and memberships

**ACTION:** Crystal will create a list and prepare the membership material for the board to make contacts. Crystal will also send out 2017 membership material to existing supporters.

**ACTION:** Tim will draft a letter on behalf of Keep Montana Green for memberships.

Board of Director’s continued discussion and shared ideas for future programs.

- Fish Wildlife Parks – share KMG signs
- Discuss fire prevention with large landowners – Triple Creek, Paws Up, Rock Creek

**ACTION:** Tim Ryan will send out a doodle poll for a fall conference call.

**ACTION:** Larry Bush made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Holly Ondrasek seconded, no discussion, all voiced aye, none opposed, and motion passed. **Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.**

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**President**

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**Date**