



BIG SKY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Monthly Newsletter

September 2022 NEWSLETTER

Thank you for attending the 50th Annual Meeting!



August 26, 2022 - A big thank you to all the members, vendors, volunteers, staff, banquet services, and Board of Directors for participating in the BSOA's 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting and Election. After a two-year hiatus from in-person meetings, we were so grateful to once again get together for the meeting and a fun night at the resort. The meeting, held in the Talus Room of the Summit hotel, covered BSOA achievements in the 2022 Fiscal Year, future projects and programs, and the 2023 balanced Budget. We were joined by Commissioner Heckler from Madison County to learn about the sufficient completion of the Jack Creek Road Improvement project and other updates in Madison County. Commissioner Heckler informed the membership that he will be running for reelection in 2022. He aims to support county-wide initiatives that address impacts from growth and increased developments. Taylor Middleton, representing Big Sky Resort, gave a presentation on Big Sky data projections and future installments at the resort. The night concluded with a lively reception at the Huntley Dining

Room.

Thank you, Out-Going Directors!

We would like to express our gratitude to the outgoing BSOA Board members for their long-standing commitment to serving the BSOA membership and carrying out meaningful projects for owners and the community of Big Sky. Thank you to John Gladstein, Grant Hilton, Gary Walton, and Kevin Daily for all of your contributions to the BSOA.

[View Meeting Recording Here](#)

[View Big Sky Resort Presentation](#)

Election Results

Member Interests Eligible to Vote:	2,419
Necessary for Quorum (obtained):	604.75
Total Quorum (at least):	606

Board of Directors Votes:

Walt Andrews	<i>Elected</i>	515
Morgan Brooke	<i>Elected</i>	528
Michelle Horning	<i>Elected</i>	551
George Mueller	<i>Elected</i>	529

Big Sky Architectural Committee:

Brad Reiersen	<i>Elected</i>	520
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[View Full Ratified Election Results Here](#)

Meet Your Newly-Elected Board of Directors!

Morgan Brooke

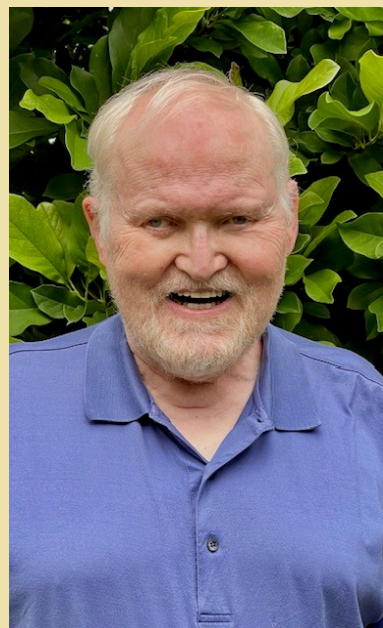


Growing up in Missoula, Morgan loved family ski trips to Big Sky a couple of times a year and has been coming back ever since. Now a few decades later he is fulfilling a dream of living full time in Big Sky with his wife, Joy, and their two children, Maguire (15) and Penelope (13). Morgan received his BA from Colorado State University and also studied International Business in Australia. For over twenty years he worked in government contracting for a shelter manufacturer in the Seattle area where he managed contracts and traveled extensively working with clients around the world. After a couple of years in Ecuador they returned to their roots of Montana and lived in Livingston and Missoula until their recent move to Big Sky. Morgan has assisted with multiple fundraising efforts for different organizations such as the Seattle First Book and Livingston Skate Park. Morgan and his family enjoy spending time together skiing, hiking and traveling to different corners of the world.

Michelle Horning

Michelle earned her BS and MS degrees in Recreation Management from Ohio University. She taught wilderness survival and backpacking classes in college and became a white water rafting

guide in North Carolina. With her eye on the mountains and a love for the outdoors, she eventually moved out west and has lived in Big Sky with her husband and daughter for 28 years. She was the founder/operator of several Big Sky daycares & preschools, was the business manager for a Big Sky construction company, taught children's ski lessons at Big Sky Resort for a short time and ultimately ventured into real estate in 2003. As a real estate agent for almost 20 years in Big Sky, she has learned a great deal about development, architectural review, construction and the importance of community involvement in our small unincorporated mountain town. As a long time community member and now an owner in BSOA, she would like to give back and contribute her time in an effort to care for our community's growth in a responsible way, while protecting it's future.



George Mueller

George Mueller was recently appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board after volunteering this past year on the Sustainability Committee. He and his wife, Pat, first started coming to Big Sky in 2003, and soon discovered that they enjoyed the summer activities as much as the winter sports. George is an avid wildlife photographer, and Pat is a regular on the Big Sky Golf course. Mostly retired as an attorney who concentrated in environmental and municipal law, George believes those skills can serve the BSOA well as it confronts sustainability, traffic and safety issues related to the ongoing development of the area. He believes that the size of the BSOA gives it an important voice in interacting with other stakeholders to address those issues.

Walt Andrews

Walt was born and raised in rural New Jersey. He went to Medical School at Boston University, general surgery training in Denver CO, and then Pittsburgh, PA for pediatric surgery and transplant surgery training (finished 1984). In Nov 1984, he performed the first successful liver transplant in the Southwest. He is a Pediatric Surgeon and has run two highly successful Pediatric Transplant programs at the Children's Medical Center in Dallas and at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kanas City. As a family they have been coming to Big Sky for Summer and Winter recreation since 2004. They purchased two Shoshone condos (2004 and 2014) and a home in Aspen Groves in 2016. He retired from active practice in March 2020 and, as of March 2022, he is now in Big Sky full time. He is very interested in and looking forward to becoming actively involved in the Big Sky Community.



Important Notice Regarding BSOA Dues

The New BSOA Fiscal Year begins 10/01/22.

Annual Assessment Invoices (\$420 per property) will be **either emailed** (preferred) **or mailed** to your current address on file, depending how you are set-up in our system.

Invoice Preferences: If you have not called our office to have your assessments invoiced to you via email, you will be receiving the invoice by mail. You can opt in to emailed assessment invoices at any time throughout the year. Feel free to call our office or email us so we can update your preferences.

Please provide any updated information to Kyle@bigskyoa.org (406-813-6561).

If you choose to pay your assessments through emailed invoices, you have the **capability of paying the amount as an EFT/ACH payment** (by entering your banking information: routing number & account number). It's that easy!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS: Our records indicate that some members have requested both email & mail. We discourage this practice as often times it results in double payments (or, "Didn't I already pay this?"), but we will continue to do so upon request. If we have a cc: email (in our records), they too will receive the invoice. Please inform us if you would like the cc: email removed.

Bottom line, please don't put this payment 'off'. The follow-up for payments not received is time-consuming and costly. We appreciate your cooperation and value your membership.

Thank You!

BSOA Staff

Sustainability Spotlight

We went to Mountain Towns 2030 Climate Solutions Summit. Here's what we learned!

In mid-September, Emma Lawler, our Sustainability & Administration Coordinator, attended the Mountain Towns 2030 Climate Solutions Summit in Breckenridge, Colorado. She joined representatives from Big Sky Resort, Lone Mountain Land Company, the Yellowstone Club, and Big Sky SNO for a three-day conference. The summit consisted of panel discussions, trainings, and participatory workshops centered around two things: mountain living and the preservation of our way of life.

Here are some key highlights from the Summit:

Community Growth and Future Development

Jason MacMillan, Mayor Pro-Tem, Town of Crested Butte CO; Morgan Mingle, Director of Sustainable Tourism, Park City, UT; Johnny Ziem, Town of Jackson, WY

Panelists discussed growth trends brought on by climate migration, the acceleration of remote work, tourism, and the search for affordable housing in rural communities. In thinking about temporary, seasonal, and permanent growth, the panel indicated that development must be equitable, resilient, and just. It is up to community leaders to preserve the "small-town feel" as they have done in places like Crested Butte. Unplanned growth is unsustainable growth; that's why planning and zoning is so important to lay out a clear path forward on what our place-based identities,



Electrification

Luis Reyes, Kit Carson Energy; Sam Whelan, Holy Cross Energy; Hollie Velasquez Horvath, Xcel Energy

Being on track to achieve broader electrification efforts in rural mountain communities, utility providers discussed how they are helping locals do

community, and culture might look like in Big Sky.

To note: There were so many take-aways from this panel discussion so there will be a Sustainability Spotlight article devoted to the topic of growth and development in coming months. Stay tuned!

Mountain Collaborative for Climate Action

Darcie Renn, Alterra Mountain Company; Jay Scambio, Boyne Resorts; Raj Basi, POWDR; Kate Wilson, Vail Resorts

Leaders from Alterra Mountain Company, Boyne Resorts, POWDR, and Vail Resorts discussed their efforts to make a meaningful impact on our fragile mountain ecosystems since their joint efforts were first announced at the inaugural MT2030 Summit. During the panel, the speakers shared how these leading companies continue to work together to advance climate objectives, especially around waste management programs.



FINAL THOUGHTS:

This was a great opportunity to learn what other mountain communities across the U.S. are doing to minimize impacts to natural resources, to balance growth and conservation/preservation, and put sustainable land stewardship into practice.

We connected with folks from Missoula County Commissioners office, Missoula City Council, Town of Jackson's Office of Ecosystem Stewardship, Mayor of Frisco, Walking Mountains Science Center, Town of Avon Office of Sustainability, Teton Conservation District and many other key names in the region. An overarching theme was that mountain towns may not have it all figured out when it comes to sustainable destination management or land stewardship but at least there are some amazing leaders in the mountain community who are identifying common issues and setting goals to address them.

What sets Big Sky apart, is that we operate without a municipality, unlike other mountain towns that were represented at the conference. Although Big Sky operates as an unincorporated township, our community exercises the ability to self-organize and self-govern, but only to an extent. In terms of addressing long-term ecological and community issues, it adds an additional layer of difficulty to

the same on a residential level. There is a need across the board for more substations and powerlines to fully support an electrified mountain resort community. Right now, rural power grids can't handle the amount of electric vehicles and appliances coming on-line to make impactful change. Utility companies on this panel discussed pilot projects like low-income solar gardens, rebate programs, community grants, and residential power storage.

Town of Eagle & Climate Leadership

Mayor Scott Turnipseed, Town of Eagle, Geoffrey Grimmer, Town of Eagle, Larry Pardee, Town of Eagle

This conversation with decision-makers and leaders from Eagle, CO highlighted the importance of strategic planning and goal-setting for future projects and programs that benefit the community and the environment. It is crucial to identify key leaders, shared goals, and a joint resolution where there is overlap for a path forward. Its better to plan, collaborate, and "fail forward" rather than not try at all.



implement consistent policy, enforcement, and encouragement.

What we're working on: the BSOA Sustainability Committee is working on a BSOA Best Practices Manual, rooted in encouragement and residential education, and is meant to be an all-encompassing informational resource on national standards for wildfire protection and prevention, green building codes and design, land management, water conservation, and rural mountain community resilience.

Need more information about BSOA's sustainability initiatives? Contact Emma at emma@bigsky.org for more info!

Gallatin River Task Force Annual River Clean-Up



Thank you to the BSOA Members that came out to participate in the Gallatin River Task Force Annual River Clean-Up. We had a great time clearing golf balls and trash out of the river and along the stream bank.

This year's volunteers collectively extracted 1,768 pounds of trash from the Gallatin and tributary streams.

For more info on how to get involved visit: gallatinrivertaskforce.org/

Community Week 2022

October 3-7



More info:

Resorttax.org

The Big Sky Chamber of Commerce and Big Sky Resort Area District have partnered to host a line-up of events aimed at increasing civic engagement this fall. Both organizations have traditionally offered independent events working to increase Big Sky's collective knowledge. In response to community feedback, they have collaborated to bring more flexibility to participate and take that understanding to the next level.

This robust week of programming offers a mix of formal, informal, virtual, and in-person choices. The goal is to give citizens the tools they need to be informed and engaged.

Upcoming Meetings

Oct 3, 2022: Big Sky Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting | Virtual | 9:30 AM

Oct 3-7, 2022: Community Week (see above agenda)

Oct 6, 2022: BSAC Meeting | Virtual/BSOA Board Room | 9 AM

Oct 18, 2022: Water & Sewer District Meeting | WSD Board Room | 8 AM

Oct 20, 2022: BSAC Meeting | Virtual/BSOA Board Room | 9 AM

Oct 21, 2022: BSOA Board of Directors Meeting | Virtual/BSOA Board Room | 9 AM

Oct 31, 2022: Madison County Planning Board Meeting |

Have you moved?

Call or email our office to update your preferred contact information.

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Big Sky Owners Association | 145 Center Lane, Unit J, PO Box 160057, Big Sky, MT 59716

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