



Board Member Application

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To: Ronan Cooperative Brewery <ronancoopbrewery@gmail.com>

Dear Board Members,

Please accept this email as my application to continue on as a Board Member with the Ronan Cooperative Brewery

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1) Why are you interested in serving on the Board of Directors of the Ronan Cooperative Brewery?

My husband and I moved to Ronan from Anchorage 5 years ago for my job. My office is in Missoula, but we chose to live in the Mission Valley because of the beauty, peacefulness, and rural community. We believe in the vision of a community-owned brewery, where people can gather, meet new neighbors, and contribute to revitalizing downtown Ronan, and became members in 2018, before the brewery was open. I am interested in lending my skills and hard work to make our brewery successful.

2) What qualities and/or past experience do you have for serving on the Ronan Cooperative Brewery Board of Directors? What do you believe you can best contribute to the Board's strength?

I have served as a board member for 1 year and so am familiar with the operation of the brewery and responsibilities of the board. Separately, I have developed a strong background in program management, and possess a broad range of transferable skills, including communication and collaboration skills, strategic planning, supervision, and community outreach. I'm adaptable, a fast learner, and am willing to put in hard work wherever needed to make the brewery a success. I would be thrilled to have the opportunity to continue serving on the board and put my skills and/or hard work to use.

For the last 12 years, I've worked for the US Fish and Wildlife Service to recover species under the Endangered Species Act. I currently manage the Grizzly Bear Recovery Program for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In this position, I work closely with the tribes, (including CSKT), federal and state agencies, and non-governmental organizations in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, and Washington to recover grizzly bears in the lower 48 states.

3) What goals would you like to see Ronan Cooperative Brewery achieve in the next year? Five years?

In 2024, I would like to see RCB:

- Break even
- Increase sales by 25%
- Add 150 new members and sell 200 shares of preferred stock
- Bring music events and talks back on a regular basis

By 2029, I would like to see RCB:

- profitable
- expand the tasting room
- incorporate outdoor seating.

4) What is one way in which you'd like Ronan Cooperative Brewery to stand out from other local brewpubs?

I want RCB to stand out from other brewpubs by brewing good craft beer (we need to emphasize our awards) and for brewing different styles not found in other brewpubs.

I also want the brewpub to stand out for its friendly, community atmosphere.

5) What is your favorite Co-operative Principle and why?

Voluntary and Open Membership. The members are the most important part of a cooperative. Success of the co-op hinges on dedicated and participating members. Without membership, RCB is just another private business.

Thank you!
Hilary