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Dear ESBCH Members,

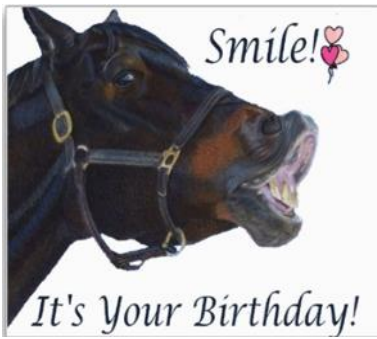
I know we have had a relatively lackluster work project summer this year. It seems we had quite a few members that had some major things going on in their lives this year which made it extremely difficult in getting out. The Elk Creek work project had to be cancelled because of lack of people. We were able to hold the Green Gulch and Swift Dam work projects along with our poker ride which turned out quite well. I would like to thank those of you that were able to participate in some of the local parades this summer also. It is nice when we get out and show our support for some of these local events.

Some things that we need to be thinking about for next year is our First-Aid certifications. LeAnn is going to get some dates for some time in January or February, so please try and plan on attending this worthwhile training. Also a few of us will have to get recertified for chainsaw before next summer's work season. We also have a state board meeting coming up on October 8th.

I hope and pray that everyone is going to be healed for next year, we have defiantly had our share of medical problems and accidents happen to us this summer. As this year starts to wind down and hunting season will be starting next month let's remember to be careful out there we surely don't need anyone getting hurt.

I had an interesting call the other evening about a former member of ESBCH of which I know some of you may remember, Doc Mishler. It seems he has been arrested in New York for animal neglect. I am sure we will be hearing more about this in the future.

When in doubt, let your horse do the thinkn'
Fred



OCTOBER

Debbie Ries
Abbey Hutton
Bill Poser

JULY

Bob Hermance
Kim Norman
Ron Ries
Susan McNeal
Brenda Ries

AUGUST

No Birthdays

SEPTEMBER

Patsy Gregory
Beau Lindberb
Connie Manning
Joshua Snow

East Slope Back Country Horsemen

Regular Meeting

Conrad Public Library

July 14, 2016

President Fred Fitzpatrick called the regular meeting of the ESBCH to order at the Conrad Public Library on July 14, 2016. There were nine members in attendance: Joe and Helen Suta, Fred Fitzpatrick, Ron and Debbie Ries, LeAnn Hermance, Connie Manning, Dick Kinyon and Bill Poser.

The minutes from the June meeting were not published, and the Secretary failed to bring them, so they were not read or approved.

Treasurer's report.

LeAnn reported that there were not any deposits or withdrawals from the checking account so they balance was the same as last reported. She did give a check to Fred for payment to Allegra, and that should be in the next statement. There were no bills reported. Ron made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, 2nd by Dick. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Ron gave a report on the State meeting. John Chepulis, National Director, reported that Na-

tional BCH is asking for an increase in fees in the amount of \$5 per club per month.

There was discussion about how to help the Forest Service get more funding. Because of the increasing cost of fighting fires, there has been less money for trail maintenance.

Ron said the Regional Forester Joni spoke about the saw policy. She said the policy should be out in 4 to 5 weeks. She said miners were not allowed to use cross cuts.

Ron reported that Fred Fitzpatrick had resigned from the issues committee, and Chuck Miller had taken his place. Deb Schwartz brought up the issue of allowing mountain bikes and motorcycles on wilderness trails. There was a motion to not allow them in the wilderness, but it was rescinded because there is more bike use now than horse use. A couple of the clubs have been working with the bike groups and want to continue to work with them. There was a vote to not allow motorized bike use in the wilderness.

The issue of the transfer of Federal Lands to the States was again discussed with a vote to not allow transfer of lands.

The Land Allocation Model has been scrapped and will be started over. In our area, the money was very poorly allocated due to the model used.

The National BCH meeting will be held in Great Falls in 2017 and Spokane in 2018. If anyone is interested in attending, this would be a good opportunity.

Unfinished Business

The South Fork Teton trail maintenance work project was then discussed. There are eight members signed up to attend. We will go up on Saturday and work the Green Gulch area as it is not in wilderness until you get over the divide. We have limited equipment due to chain saw restrictions. Fred talked to Ian, and the first two miles have been cleared already.

Fred reported that the paperwork we filled out at the first of the year is invalid as the Forest Service has new paperwork.

Grizzly Days will be the Saturday before the poker ride on the 6th of August. Fred will talk to Lisa about doing the grizzly bear demonstration at Grizzly Days in Dupuyer.

The Poker Ride work project was discussed. We will have a meeting the Thursday before the poker ride to make sure we have enough hands to man stations and work at the campground. Dick said he could make the beans for the poker ride, and Connie will get burgers and supplies. It was decided that the cost of meals after the poker ride would remain the same as in the past. We will plan to go to Swift Dam on the 30th of July to ride the trail and make sure it is cleared for the ride.

It was reported to LeAnn, by the people who worked the weed spray project, that the shelter at Swift Dam has a leaky roof around the chimney.

The next meeting will be held at the Conrad Public Library on August 4th. Fred asked for a motion to adjourn. Ron made a motion, 2nd by Connie. Motion passed.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Helen Suta, Secretary

East Slope Back Country Horsemen

Regular Meeting

Conrad Public Library

August 4, 2016

President Fred Fitzpatrick called the regular meeting of ESBCCH to order at the Conrad Public Library on Thursday, August 4, 2016. There

were 11 members in attendance: Fred Fitzpatrick, Ron and Debbie Ries, Joe and Helen Suta, Bob and LeAnn Hermance, Dick Kinyon, Bill Poser, Lisa Schmidt and Connie Manning by phone.

Minutes

Secretary Helen Suta read the minutes of the July 14th meeting. Fred had one correction to the minutes. The National BCH is asking for an increase in fees in the amount of \$5 per person per year instead of per month as stated in the minutes. Minutes were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer LeAnn Hermance gave the Treasurer's report, and reported the current balances in the accounts. The check to Allegra has cleared. There was a deposit of \$93 in membership fees. Fred asked if there were any bills to present, but there were none. LeAnn asked if she should pick up cash for the Poker Ride, and Fred said she should and would be reimbursed from the Poker Ride proceeds. Treasurer's report approved.

Vice President's Report

Lisa Schmidt said that Clete was going to set up an electric fence as a demonstration in Dupuyer, but he won't be here for Grizzly Days due to a family emergency. Since there were no other volunteers, it was decided that we would not help with the Bear Aware project at Grizzly Days.

Correspondence

LeAnn brought a BCH newsletter from Bitterroot club, but there was no further correspondence to present.

There were no State or National Committee reports to present. The next State meeting will be October 8.

Work Projects

Sue McNeal and Keith Alltucker rode the Green Gulch trail to within a mile or mile and one half of the junction of Deep Creek. There were only 5 or 6 trees or limbs that needed to be cut out of the trail.

The Swift Dam trail clearing was done by Fred Fitzpatrick, Dick and Lucky Kinyon, Marty Metz, Clete and Patsy Gregory and Joe and Helen. The group split up and rode up both sides of the trail, mostly clearing overhanging limbs from the trail and erecting a sign out of Haywood Creek. There was also some erosion damage on the north side where the fire went through last year.

Grizzly Days

Fred asked if anyone was going to ride in the parade. Greg and Deb Schotz plan on being in the parade, as well as Joe and Helen Suta.

Poker Ride

It was decided by those present which stations would be covered. Ron and Debbie will cook dinner Saturday night and breakfast on Sunday Morning. Bob will get some games together for the kids. Zane will be coming, so we will go through the donated items and pick out auction items. Connie and friends will be coming up on Sunday and she will make up signs for burgers. There are also three cases of water left over that will be brought as well. Dick will make the beans.

New Business

LeAnn said she had been asked if the club would donate use of our tent for a benefit for Mary Johns. It will be looked into to find out more information.

The next meeting will be September 8 at the Conrad Public Library. Ron made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Fred. Meeting adjourn.

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Helen Suta, Secretary

East Slope Back Country Horsemen

Regular Meeting

Conrad Public Library

September 8, 2016

President Fred Fitzpatrick called the regular meeting of ESBCCH to order at the Conrad Public Library at 7:10 P.M., September 8, 2016. There were 11 members, one prospective member and one member by phone in attendance: Fred Fitzpatrick, Ron and Debbie Ries, Joe and Helen Suta, Clete and Patsy Gregory, Bob and LeAnn Hermance, Dick Kinyon, Lisa Schmidt, Dennis Garcia, Connie Manning by phone, and Chad Scarborough guest.

Minutes

The minutes were read by Secretary Helen Suta for the August 4 meeting. Fred asked for any corrections to the minutes, but there were none. Minutes approved as read.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer LeAnn Hermance gave the Treasurer's report. She read the balances to the members of the checking after the poker ride earnings and current savings account totals. Ron made a motion to approve, 2nd by Lisa. Fred asked if there were any bills to present. Debbie presented a bill for groceries from the start of the summer in the amount of \$69.55. Fred presented a bill for groceries for the work project at Swift Dam and the morning of the poker ride in the amount of \$191.72. Connie presented a bill in the amount of \$191.70 for food to sell after the poker ride. Clete made a motion to pay the bills, 2nd by Ron.

Vice President Report

Vice-President Lisa Schmidt did not have anything to report.

Correspondence

LeAnn presented a newsletter she had received from the Bitterroot club.

Committee Reports

Ron Ries said he did not have a report, but the next State meeting will be the 8th of October.

Fred received an e-mail from BCHA concerning the dollar amounts of the donated time from the combined BCHA chapters in 2016. The amount was over \$1.36 million. That included skilled and unskilled labor, horse use and mileage.

Unfinished Business

Greg and Debbie Schatz and Joe and Helen Suta rode in the Grizzly Days parade in Dupuper on Saturday the 6th of August. The parade was a success as usual.

LeAnn gave a rundown of the dollar totals from the poker ride. One hundred twenty-one hands were sold. The payouts were \$150 for first, \$75 for second and \$50 for third. After the payouts, we made \$935. We took in \$295 for the meals sold less the cost of the food for a net of around \$100. There were also 12 donations to the club. LeAnn took \$200 from the checking for change for the poker ride which was reimbursed from the proceeds.

The Mary Johns benefit was then discussed. It was decided that we would put up the club's tent for use at the benefit to be held at the Conrad Country Club. There were several who volunteered to set it up the night before and to take it down after.

New Business

Fred read an e-mail concerning Elk Smith Scoping. This is concerning a proposed prescribed burn in the Elk and Smith creek drainages. He sent around a map and information to the members so they could send a comment if wanted.

Most of the thank you cards to business who donated items for the poker ride were sent out. Ron said he thought in the future we should

hand deliver the thank you cards or print certificates as we have done in the past.

Since we were not able to do an auction after the poker ride, it was discussed what to do with prizes held back. Some of them were gift certificates. It was decided to contact the donors and see if they wanted to have them back or if we could hold them until next year.

Our first aid certificates have expired, so we will need to schedule a class to get them done. It was agreed it would be better to do them in January or February. LeAnn will talk to Ruth and get it scheduled.

Fred got an e-mail concerning the delisting of the Grizzly bear in Yellowstone. A comment can be done online, and Fred gave the members the website address. Need to comment by October 7.

The BCHA sent an e-mail concerning proposed regulations in Yosemite Park. Some of the concerns in the e-mail were visitor capacity and stock use. Even though it doesn't concern us directly, it was decided that we should comment about stock use anyway. We want to assure stock use will continue anywhere it is in danger. Chad and Fred will get together and work on a comment from our club.

Since there hasn't been a newsletter for a couple of months, Fred said he would try to get one out this month.

The next meeting will be October 13th at the Conrad Public Library. There will not be a meeting in November due to hunting. The Christmas Party and meeting will be held at the Kinyon's on December 11 at 4 P.M.

Ron made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Lisa. Meeting adjourned.

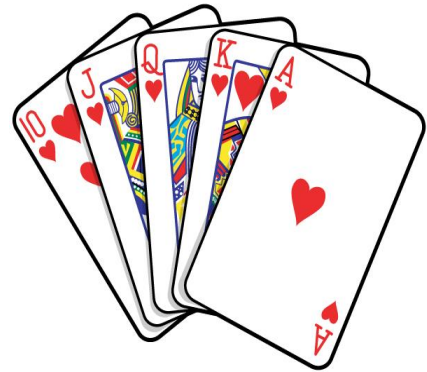
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Respectfully submitted,

Helen Suta, Secretary

Poker Ride Prizes and Sponsors

Front Range Supply-Choteau - steel toed muck boots size 9
RPH Irrigation-Choteau - lawn sprinkler
Grizzly Sports-Choteau - t shirt
Pure Bliss Cycle-Conrad - \$25 gift certificate, 2 hats, 2 water bottles
Conrad Builders-Conrad - 25 ft magnetic tape measure, 2 pack of press & flip utility knives
Allen's General Store -Augusta – Stainless Flask
Hoglund's – Great Falls- Koozy cup holders
Grizzly Saddlery-Great Falls-Red, white and blue grooming brush
Fleet Supply- Great Falls-Black & Purple Bag
Fleet Supply- Great Falls-Silver lining herbs
Fleet Supply-Great Falls-Q-Baby Hat
Fleet Supply- Great Falls-2 Fly Masks
Fleet Supply- Great Falls-Reducine
Fleet Supply- Great Falls- Thrush-XX
Skyline Vet Clinic-Great Falls-20 -Squirt guns and (wrapped)
Breyer Horse
Tri-State Equipment-Great Falls-2 hats and stainless steel coffee mug
CHS-Valier-Bag of pack pellets
Fitz Repair-Valier-Kids Gloves
Fitz Repair-Valier-Lead Rope
Sage Electric-Valier-Purple Halter and lead
Ben Taylor-Valier-Small Leather Gloves
Ben Taylor-Valier-Large Leather Gloves
Jere VandenBos- Valier-Horseshoeing Certificate
Ben Taylor -Shelby- \$50.00 Gift Certificate good at all Ben Taylor locations
Shelby Paint and Hardware- Shelby- Fishing Rod and Reel
First State Bank of Shelby- Shelby- Caps-Water Bottles- First Aid Kits



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Poker Ride Summary and Deposit

We deposited a total of \$1242.00 this was after we took out the prize money for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places which was \$275.00. The poker ride brought in a total of \$1210.00 as we sold 121 hands.

The breakdown is as follows

\$935.00 for Poker Hands less prize monies
\$295.00 for food concessions
\$12.00 donations
\$1242.00 Total Deposit



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The concessions food cost us \$191.70 this included 3 cases of 3to1 hamburger patties, 2 packs of quarter pound hot dogs, hot dog buns, hamburger buns, cheese, pop, ketchup, mustard, pickles, relish, potato salad and Dr. Dick furnished the baked beans.

We were un able to have the auction after the poker ride due to unforeseen circumstances. This would have brought in a little more money, but all in all we good turn out and Thanks to all who helped out.

Thank You

I just want to take this opportunity to thank all of my ESBCH friends for all the help I received on Poker Ride Sunday. There is a lot I don't remember for a time after the accident, but from what Joe told me, I was in very good hands. I do remember sitting on Zane's horse and he was adjusting the stirrups for me. He led me out followed by Casey and Joe who watched me to see I stayed upright in the saddle. I remember going up a switch-back, and looking back at the concerned faces of my BCH friends.

I won't name anymore names because I will forget someone, but I do know there were a lot of calls, prayers, flowers, muffins and visits. Thank you all for being there for me even if you weren't there physically. ESBCH friends are the best!

Helen



I also want to send out a thank you to everyone who helped setup and take down the clubs tent for the Mary Johns benefit. It was also a good reminder on how to set up the tent after much discussion. To Fred Fitzpatrick, Ron and Debbie Ries, Dr. Dick Kinyon, Clete and Patsy Gregory thank you. This tent has been used for many benefits for both club members and others in need. We can be proud of our community involvement that helps others.

LeAnn



Do you know—it's 74 days till Christmas and only 57 days till the Christmas Party. Again Dr. Dick graciously offered his home for the party on December 11th at 4 PM. It will be a meeting followed by a potluck dinner and gift exchange. There will be no meeting in November so please mark you calendars. Hope everyone has a safe and successful hunting season.





Green Gulch Work Project (Clearing a downed log)



Lunch Break (Keith, Sue, Patsy, Clete and Joe)



Stopping for an equipment adjustment



Dr. Dick and Fred



Sue



Joe and Helen