

East Slope Back Country Horsemen  
April 19, 2018 meeting minutes  
Pondera County EOC

President Fred Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order. Members attending were Kurt Dyer, Bob and LeAnn Hermance, Merlyn Huso, Joe and Helen Suta, Dennis Garcia, Fred Fitzpatrick, Lisa Schmidt and guests Bob and Juli Fleming. Due to the snow storm on the 12<sup>th</sup> the meeting was postponed till the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Minutes of the previous meeting were sent out by email and were approved as published. LeAnn gave the Treasurer's Report and there were three bills presented. Merlyn Huso, \$200 for convention registration, Bob Hermance \$270 for convention registration and annual report (\$20), Kurt Dyer \$125 for convention registration. Helena Suta moved to accept Treasurer's Report and to pay bills, Bob Hermance 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion carried.

Bob Hermance reported that he received a call from Gale Gustafson to request help with the Whoop Up Rodeo on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. The club had helped with entertainment in the past. At convention Bob talked to other clubs to ask if they had done rodeo entertainment. One suggestion was to have riders change clothes while on their horse. They had to remove their pants, shirt, and boots then put them back on and ride their horse around a barrel. Of course they would have colorful underwear on. Discussion followed and Lisa Schmidt motioned we provide entertainment at the rodeo, Bob Hermance 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, approved. More information will be given at the next meeting.

Bob attended the state board meeting on Friday before the convention. He reported that BCH of MT received a training grant from the Forrest Service for chain saw and 1<sup>st</sup> aid certification. This must be done by a certified trainer and there is approximately \$7,000 left in the budget. Kathy Huntley gave a presentation on training opportunities and travel etiquette. When hauling stock and you have traffic behind you, pull over and let them by as a courtesy. Check out the state web site for dates and times of trainings. There is a new chapter to be approved at the convention meeting, TROUT CREEK, which has 21 members. They are a break off from White Horse Plains BCH. ESBCH needs to present an article for the state newsletter, due May 10<sup>th</sup>. Dan Marsh recommends Word Press web page program for chapters having issues with their website. Contact him for information. We also need to keep contact information up to date for the state newsletter. The youth resolution presented by BCH of A will be voted on at the convention meeting. Also at the convention meeting clubs will vote on the BCH of MT constitution revisions.

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, BCH of MT will be taking the acting Regional Forester for Region One on a pack trip. On June 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a pot luck dinner for all members of the BCH of MT and they would like to see a large turnout. Nominations for state officers is Rich Carl, chairman, Sheri Lineberger, Vice Chair, Keni Hopkins, Secretary, Dan Marsh, Treasurer, Mark Himmell, National Director. These nominations were voted on and approved. Also the membership approved the TROUT CREEK club, passed the updates to the BCH of MT constitution and the junior membership resolution by BCHA was **not** approved. Basically each chapter already has junior membership status in the club bylaws.

Greg Schatz is going back to Mongolia in June and is looking for an old all wood framed army cot. If anyone has one they would like to donate, contact Greg. When ESBCCH hosted the state convention, we made new metal signs for each club and donated one sign for each club to the BCH of MT for use at state convention. With the new chapter, they need to have a sign. Bob motioned to pay for the 1<sup>st</sup> sign for the new chapter "Trout Creek" to be used by BCH of MT, Joe Suta 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion carried. Also, we will find out the cost if another chapter wished to order more for their club. Fred has the new website working, please look at it and give Fred your feedback.

Two projects we discussed was the alternate route on the North Fork of Birch trail and the Antelope Creek/Blind Horse trail. Maps of the North Fork trail area was handed out. This would be reestablishing a trail surveyed in 1907. The Antelope Creek trail needs to have a gate put in at the State/BLM fence line. Travis Rickford, BLM, has been discussing this project with Bob. Once the snow has melted, members will ride up to the area and see what size gate is needed.

The news article for the BCH of MT newsletter is due May 10<sup>th</sup>. Bob volunteered to write an article on the proposed reestablished North Fork trail. Fred brought up a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that has been requested by the BLM. This is for trail maintenance on Trail 153. You can request a copy from Fred. Lisa Schmidt moved to accept the MOU with the BLM, Fs and FWP on maintenance of Trail 153, Bob Hermance 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion carried. Fred will let Travis know we have agreed to the MOU.

Three new membership renewals were voted on. Approved are Merlyn and Linda Huso, Kurt Dyer, and Dennis Garcia. Next BCH of MT board meeting will be May 19<sup>th</sup> in Dear Lodge. No further business, Helen Suta moved to adjourn, Dennis Garcia 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Submitted by, LeAnn Hermance