

East Slope Back Country Horsemen General Membership Meeting
May 10, 2018 7 PM
Pondera County Courthouse EOC

President Fred Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order. Attending are Debbie Ries, Joe and Helen Suta, Clete and Patsy Gregory, Zane and Casey Drishinski, Bob and LeAnn Hermance, Fred Fitzpatrick. The minutes were published in the monthly newsletter, no changes, they are accepted as published.

LeAnn gave the Treasurer's Report. We had three checks written last meeting and all cleared. Bills presented were Debbie Ries for \$200, convention registration that Joe and Helen used, Zane and Casey Drishinski, \$200 for convention registration. Zane and Casey requested their reimbursement be donated to the State BCH of MT Youth Program. It was also decided that the club will only reimburse for the convention registration and not the train ride. From last month's reimbursement \$75 will be reimbursed to the club. Clete Gregory moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills, Bob Hermance 2nd the motion, motion carried.

No State or National committee reports. It was note that the State Board meeting on May 19th has changed location to Gold Creek.

Bob Hermance submitted a news article to the Decker Dispatch and LeAnn sent information on the updated INCI website. This will be published also in the next newsletter.

June 1st and 2nd is Whoop Up Trail Days. It was requested by a member of the Lions Club that ESBCH help with entertainment at the rodeo. Different suggestion was removing boots, pants and shirt while on your horse, ride around a barrel and put clothes back on, or have chairs mounted on skis and being pulled by a horse around the arena, or removing boots, putting on coveralls over clothes, putting your boots back on then riding around a barrel. After discussion it was decided to do the coveralls at the Saturday rodeo. LeAnn will put together the rules and send out to club members for review. Zane Drishinski moved that we put up \$100 for prize money, winner take all, Clete Gregory 2nd the motion, motion carried. Rules are you must remove your boots, put on the coveralls, and put the boots back on, without getting off your horse. If any clothes hit the ground, you must start over. There will be a 15-minute time limit and whoever is ahead will win. This year the Lions Club is doing a Friday night and Saturday rodeo.

Antelope Butte project. We need to look at how much snow is still to come out and when we will be able to ride the area. Ryan Rauscher FWP, Travis Rixford BLM would like to also ride into the area. Fred brought a picture of a fence that Judith Basin BCH put in which was shown at the state convention. Supplies will be paid for by the BLM.

Since the first work project is scheduled for June 15th, which one to do first was discussed. It again depends on the snowpack and high-water levels. Tentatively the work on the Antelope Butte gate should be the easiest to get to. Next would be the Swift Dam trails repair work. Fred will get ahold of Travis Rixford and Bob will contact Ryan Rauscher. Helen volunteered to be camp cook.

Renewal membership for Marty Metz was approved.

Casey Drishinski asked about the status of the trail reroute behind Swift. During hunting season, private land owners have closed trail 121 from Birch Creek crossing at Swift, north along the North Fork of Birch Creek trail to where it connects to FS lands. Has this been an issue and who has been denied access? We might want to revisit the project once we do some research.

Next meeting is Thursday, June 14th, 7 PM at the Courthouse EOC.

No further business to discuss, Helen Suta moved to adjourn the meeting, Clete Gregory 2nd the motion, motion carried.

Submitted by;
LeAnn Hermance

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