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East Slope Back Country Horsemen regular meeting  
July 26, 2018 7:00 PM  
Courthouse EOC

President Fred Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order. Attending were Zane and Casey Drishinski, Clete and Patsy Gregory, Joe and Helen Suta, Ron and Debbie Ries, Bob and Le Ann Hermance and Fred Fitzpatrick.

Treasurer's report – no changes from the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Le Ann did get the new check blanks for Fred and Helen will get their bills paid. No new bills presented. Clete moved to accept treasurers' report, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Unfinished business –. This might be a concern in the years to come. Where riders are going off trail, they cut trees and stacked brush on the area. Bob reported on the Swift Dam work project. There were three wash outs on the south side of North Fork and Birch Creek, but the previous wash out looked good. These were fixed and also noted was on the south side of Birch Creek, the hill side is starting to slide. This area is approximately 100' long and there was about 6" of mud

On Sunday Marty, Lisa and Bob went to look for the trail. Fred gave the coordinates and once on top you can see the start of the trail. Some parts are still 8' wide and there are some burned trees. Recommend that on one portion of the trail to angle it up the hill side. Good alternative for west side of Swift trail where the hill is sluffing off.

The Poker Ride is Sunday, August 5. Debbie brought the boxes with the cards and supplies. Fred will print off release papers and station papers. LeAnn will make sure we have everything for the riders and sponsor lists. Stations will be manned by Casey and Zane, Clete and Merlyn, Bob and Marty. Ron will cook. Debbie will get the food ready for the workers and poker ride.

Fred passed out chain saw certificates. He would like to send Mark and Wes a gift card and thank you note for doing the training.

Boone & Crocket youth horse camp is August 9<sup>th</sup> and Greg needs to know who is coming. Let Fred know so he can email Greg.

Casey Drishinski addressed the forest plan. Comments are due September 6<sup>th</sup>. She will send out more information. The bikers are getting organized to allow bikes in the Badger – 2 Medicine. Also Senator Daines has sent out a letter to Sunny Purdue on opening all air strips in the Helena Lewis & Clark Forest. There are 8 strips in the area. More information will be sent out when we receive it.

NEXT meeting August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, Courthouse EOC.

Ron moved to adjourn, Zane 2<sup>nd</sup>, meeting adjourned.

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