

# Beartooth Back Country Horsemen Trail Tales

## PRESIDENT'S PEN

Greetings,

I hope you all had a good April fool's day. It was great here at our house. I saw my horses running and jumping, practicing social distancing. They thought they knew something that I didn't. I believe it is called Spring, even though it snowed most of that 21° day. Fool's day was moved on to the 2nd day of April, more snow, and cold. But the 3rd started out as a real joke, 1° is not spring. But here in the afternoon a beautiful sunrise from this AM sent warming sunray's 93,000,000 miles down here to my back yard. I am sure you all got a share also. It's been beautiful weather, all day. The horses just stand in the warm rays of sunlight. It's easy to catch them on these type days. A good brushing does them and us wonders.

I have to feel that this summer, we as a group should be able to get out in the back country sometime. Hopefully the pandemic will be in reverse by then. I am sure some folks will still be vulnerable. I do think the social distancing is a good rule to follow. But you realize when you are setting on your horse, you are several feet from your neighbor,

I want to think positive like David Kallenbach did when he wrote his first work project for this 2020 summer for the A B Wilderness. It is one up the West Fork of the Stillwater July 23-27 he wants help packing in his crew's food and personal gear in and out. I would hope that some of our BBCH folks could make that pack trip and also be able to camp over for the few days there. The A. B. folks are going to work on the main trail # 90 lopping/sawing brush and trees out of the pathway, plus doing some tread work.

There is an old trail near there that leaves the Breakneck Park and follows up the hill North/West passing to the North of the rugged Breakneck Mountain. It disappears near the wooded divide on top. The trail is steep and collects lots of snow blown off the top in the fall/winter, when the Sun shines on it all day it melts and turns to ice. I took a real merry-go-round trip coming down there one winter day, many years ago. The divide above sends some drain water back south through the timber to the Stillwater, the other drainage goes West through a brushy timbered hillside toward Miller Creek and Holly creek and both dump into the main Boulder River. The drainage to the north is just west of Iron Mountain it wanders through the open meadow of Placer Basin and then out of sight in the timbered

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area turning into the East fork of the Boulder river. I have visited with some Forest Service folks lately and they would like to clean and rehab that old trail at some future date. There is a trail starting at the swinging bridge near the Church camps coming up from the Boulder side that it appears this side trail could be connected to.

I have many fond memories of the mile-long Breakneck Park and area; lots of Moose lived there at one time, they usually would hang out in the summer and fall. One-year Marilyn and I camped there and were entertained for three days by 4 bulls and 2 cows and one calf. The Cow with the little calf was the Mean, Queen of the meadow, she was so protective of the calf, it was a bit of a twist on the Cinderella story. One morning she chased a small bull up through a camp of young Outward-Bound kids. I had told them they better camp further up the meadow, but they said don't worry we are fast on our feet. They had to prove that later in the day when the bull ran up and over their tents and camp stove.

There sometimes are a few Black bears that hang around but the only trouble they are is to steal food that has not been safely stored. One can walk back down the river trail a mile or so and fish for Golden trout that have rushed down the steep water way of Lightning Creek that exits from Lightning lake.

♥ Take care, Don't holler WHOA in a bog hole. John Simmons

P.S. The board voted on and passed a motion to send an extra \$500 dollars to the Fishtail Community Club, and to send \$250 to each of the following food banks: Absarokee, Columbus, Joliet, Laurel, Red Lodge; and \$500 to the Billings food bank. The board felt we should help out some of our fellow citizens.

There will NOT be a GENERAL MEETING in April!

Stay tuned and stay safe. We look forward to gathering...when the gathering is good.

### 2020 BBCH Dues – are Due!

Individual: \$35    Family: \$45

Business: \$50, which includes your Business Card in the Newsletter

Our Treasurer, John Jenkins, will gladly take your checks at the next General Meeting, or drop your check in the mail:

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"March 29, 2020, Cooney Reservoir."

Please send any submissions for the Newsletter to Robin Morris,  
[junkerette@msn.com](mailto:junkerette@msn.com), by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thanks!

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*Have you visited <http://www.bchmt.org/> lately? There is a lot of useful information and the latest Back Country Horsemen of America [newsletter](#) and BCH Montana Decker Dispatch [newsletter](#) are available! Click on the links and check it out.*

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WILDERNESS FOUNDATION

# Absaroka Beartooth Wilder News

*"It is the mission of the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness Foundation to support stewardship of the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness and to foster appreciation of wild lands."*

## Thank you, Beartooth Back Country Horsemen

Each year the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Foundation and the Custer Gallatin National Forest team up on a handful of trail maintenance projects. Volunteers arrive from varied locations to assist on these important trail building and maintenance projects. But there's often a third partner, equally important. The monumental task of getting the supplies to the area where everyone will be working belongs to our long-time partners, the Beartooth Backcountry Horsemen (BBCH) and makes our projects possible. If not for these great horse-savvy volunteers, the ABWF's projects simply would not happen. To ask everyday volunteers to pack in heavy food, tools, and



camping gear would be so exhaustive that

most people would be so spent before the work ever got started. The BBCH allow our volunteers to show up at the trail head and hike into the location of the project carrying just a reasonable sized daypack, rather than a load-monster backpack. The ABWF's trail projects would not be anywhere near as successful without the assistance of the Backcountry Horsemen.

This is a special shout out to the outstanding members of the Beartooth Backcountry Horsemen. The ABWF failed to acknowledge them properly in our Fall Newsletter.

In 2019, the BBCH assisted on 5 major projects that helped the ABWF and the Custer Gallatin National Forest:

From the West Fork of Mill Creek trail, the BBCH packed out numerous leftover planks from a previous puncheon project of the CGNF. John Jenkins, and Randy, Nancy, and Josie



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Thomsen from BBCH all volunteered to pack out this sizeable load. Their contribution was a donation of 24 hours of their total time, plus 4 total stock days and 600 miles of vehicle travel.

In July the ABWF worked a project to September Morn Lake above the Lake Fork of Rock Creek. **John Simmons, John Jenkins, Mary Sybrant, and Wendy Galvin** packed all of our stuff in, and then out again at the end of the 5-day project.

The ABWF did a return trip in 2019 up to the Red Lodge Creek Plateau to do some trail work on the trail down to Crow Lake. **Randy Thomsen and Mary Sybrant** packed us both in and out, and **John Jenkins and Dale Olson**, helped on the front and back ends of the project respectively.

On the West Boulder River, **Dave Heinle**, and **John and Sean Chepulis** packed our High School kids in and out so they could work on clearing this pretty trail southwest of Big Timber in early August.

At the end of August, Backcountry Horsemen helped us with a big project off the Main Boulder River to Meatrack Meadows and the Fourmile Trail. Packers on this trip included **Dave Heinle, John and Bonnie Chepulis, John and Louise Jenkins and Brad Molnar** on the pack in, and **Randy Thomsen** helped on these folks on pack out.

John Jenkins from the BBCH estimates in total these projects add up to **47 stock days, 3661 miles of stock handling, and 260 hours of packing time!** He wrote about the summer of projects working with the ABWF in the Decker Dispatch, the Newsletter of the Montana Backcountry Horsemen. The link to this article is here:

<https://abwilderness.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Backcountry-Horsemen-Newsletter-2020.pdf>

The ABWF greatly appreciates all the BBCH does to ensure trail project supplies arrive safely to project sites, lessen the amount of personal equipment volunteers must pack in and out, and meticulously pack out everything at the completion of each project. They allow the Forest Service personnel, the trail crew leaders, and the volunteers to focus on the project at hand rather than the difficult logistics of getting to and from the projects.

We are forever grateful to the Beartooth Backcountry Horsemen and look forward to working with them during the 2020 trail project season!

***The Beartooth Backcountry Horsemen are based in Absarokee/Fishtail, MT. They donate their time, their stock, their trailers and fuel, and all packing equipment for the noble cause of trail stewardship.*** FIND MORE ABOUT THEM HERE: <https://bchmt.org/wp/beartooth/>



John Jenkins leads a pack horse on the Fourmile Trail. Randy Thomsen helps Heather & ABWF load up a horse.



## BBCH 2020 - Work Projects/Schedule of Activities

Any changes or additions will be emailed to all members and updated in the Newsletter monthly.

**March 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>**, BCHMT State Convention - **Canceled**

**March 28<sup>th</sup>**, Chainsaw Recertification - **Canceled**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Spring Clinic - **Canceled until Fall unless there is a major turnaround in the virus**

*John Chepulis reported that the Forest Service **has cancelled** all the work for the month of May.*

**Thus, the following will most likely have to be rescheduled:**

**May 9<sup>th</sup>**, BCHMT (State) Meeting, recon of West Fork or Stillwater Trail

**May 16<sup>th</sup>**, Clearing Stillwater Trail or West Fork

**May 18<sup>th</sup>**, BBCH General Meeting

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>**, Memorial Day weekend clearing of West Fork

**May 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>**, Clearing Stillwater Trail

Face of the Mountain, Line Creek, and Meyers Creek still to be determined.

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**Beartooth Back Country Horsemen** has committed to provide stock support for the ABW projects highlighted in "green." Local contacts to sign up for those projects will be listed as they come up on the schedule. The ABW is looking volunteers for each of the projects that follow. It is a great opportunity for members that do not have horses and/or no longer ride, but still want to spend time and help in the Back Country. To volunteer for any of the ABW projects, sign up is on their page: [www.abw.org](http://www.abw.org) under "Volunteer."

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### **June 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday - South Fork of Deep Creek #388—National Trails Day**

- Location: South of Livingston—Yellowstone District
- Work: Sawing out trees across the trail; treadwork (widening and grading the trail)
- Description: National Trails Day occurs the first Saturday of June every year. The ABWF and Custer Gallatin National Forest have made a tradition of kicking off the season by working on one of our popular local trails. Local groups like the Livingston Bike Club and the Park County Environmental Council have traditionally added their volunteers to make this a great team effort.
- Group size: Unlimited; we'll split into small working groups in the wilderness; bring a friend!
- Meeting time & location: 8:30 a.m. Yellowstone Ranger Station, 5242 Hwy 89 South
- Bring: water, lunch, snacks, sun protection; a friend

**June 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday/Sunday - Line Creek Trail #7A – Community Trails Day**

- Work: Sawing out trees across the trail; treadwork (widening and grading the trail)
- Description: This may well be a trail few people know about, so add this trail to your bucket list and learn more about it by helping improved it! It's on the south side of the Line Creek Plateau and starts outside of Clark, Wyoming. (If you went up and over the plateau from the Corral Creek Trail/Piney Dell Resort, you'd end up at the Line Creek trailhead. Every year the ABWF calls upon the Red Lodge/Billings communities to join us for some trail repair and improvement
- Group size: Unlimited; this one is outside Wilderness; bring a friend!
- Meeting time & location: 8:00 a.m. Beartooth Ranger Station, 6811 South Hwy 212.
- Bring: water, lunch, snacks, sun protection; bear-spray; a friend. Pack for car-camping if you intend to stay over. There's good camping in the area and we'll plan on grilling on the campfire.

**July 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, Thursday-Monday - Pine Creek Trail #627 to Palmer Mountain**

- Location: Northeast of Gardiner/Jardine—Gardiner District
- Work: A lot of Brushing and extensive treadwork; adding fill to rutted trail; might need to shift the trail over in some places; tree-clearing as needed.
- Description: A multi-day project, with nearby camping in Timber Camp site.
- Camping: We'll car camp for the duration in the Timber Camp undeveloped site (there is a toilet) up the Bear Creek Road. All Food is provided.
- Group size: 10 max
- Meeting time & location: 9:00 a.m. Gardiner Ranger Station, 805 Scott Street, Gardiner.
- Bring: Boots, long pants, day pack, work gloves. Car camping.

**July 23-27, Thursday-Monday Trail: W. Fork Stillwater Trail #90/Breakneck Meadows**

- **Location:** West of Nye, Montana (Stillwater Mine/Absarokee area)—Beartooth District
- **Work:** A lot of Brushing (lopping/sawing brush growing over the trail; Sawing out trees across the trail as needed. Plus, tread work (widening and grading the trail)
- **Description:** We'll be hiking up the beautiful and reclusive West Stillwater Valley 8.5 easy miles along the W. Fork of the Stillwater River to Breakneck Meadows where we'll set up camp for four nights. Each day we'll be working within roughly 2-miles of camp. We'll be doing a lot of brushing and trail grading. There will horse-packing support to carry in our heavy food, tools and camping equipment. Breakneck Meadows is a gorgeous destination!
- **Difficulty:** Moderately strenuous. Hike in is moderate. **BBCH Horse Support.** **Elevation:** 7500'
- **Group size:** 10; this project takes place in Wilderness;
- **Meeting time & location:** 8:00 a.m. We will gather together at the Old Nye Picnic Area just before you get to the Stillwater Mine. Then we'll carpool/caravan to the Trailhead, which is a very rough road for passenger cars as it winds up and above the Mine to Initial Creek Campground and the W. Stillwater TH.

**July 31–Aug 3, Friday-Monday (4 day) Trail: W. Fork Boulder River Trail #41. High School only!**

- **Location:** Southwest of Big Timber/McLeod; SE of Livingston—Yellowstone Ranger District
- **Work:** Extensive brushing of lodgepole saplings obscuring the trail; Sawing out trees across the trail. Age appropriate work. This area burned a decade or so ago, and the lodgepoles came back with a vengeance!
- **Description:** This trip is for High School kids only! This is the fourth time the ABWF has successfully led a group of high school aged kids into the wilderness backcountry to engage in this type of service-learning work. Our group will be hiking about 6 miles before we set up camp in pretty meadows along the stunning West Boulder River for 3 nights. From camp we'll hike 2-miles or less each to where we'll do our work to make this trail much more passable. We'll also spend time in the evenings talking about conservation issues and the value of our public lands and wilderness. **BBCH Horse Support** to carry in our heavy food, tools and camping equipment.
- **Difficulty:** work is Moderate. Hike in is moderate **Horse Support:** YES **Elevation:** 6300' ft.
- **Group size:** 10; this project takes place in Wilderness
- **Meeting time & location:** 9:00 a.m. at the West Boulder Trailhead/Campground, which is at the end of the W. Boulder Road just past McLeod. Easy to Google Map.

**Aug 19-26, (8-days) Trail: Fourmile/Meatrack Trails #22-23 w/ American Hiking Society**

- **Location:** South of Big Timber, along the Main Boulder Road at Fourmile Creek. Yellowstone RD.
- **Work:** We will pull non-native hounds tongue, construct water bars, build check dams and retaining walls out of stone and wood; and finish everything off by brushing the corridor. This is an all-around quite strenuous work project, as we will be working with stone, locally sourced logs, and standard trail tools (shovels, Pulaskis, picks, crosscut saws).
- **Description:** This is our annual project with the members of the American Hiking Society. Our trip starts at the Frosty Freeze in Big Timber, MT. From there we will carpool/caravan up the Main Boulder River to the Fourmile Trailhead. The first and last night of the trip, the crew will camp at the Fourmile Trailhead. On the morning of Day 2, we will hike in the 5 miles and establish a basecamp for the rest of the week. The Beartooth Backcountry Horsemen will pack in our heavy stuff—food, tools, tents, etc.—so volunteers only need to carry a day pack with their clothes and personal items. This is an American Hiking Society trip; you must be registered for through their website: <https://americanhiking.org/volunteer-vacation-trip/absaroka-beartooth-wilderness/>. The road down the Main Boulder River gets quite rough beyond 4-mile; most passenger vehicles can make it to the 4-Mile bridge, but it's slow going.
- **Difficulty:** The work is Strenuous. Hike in is moderate to fairly strenuous. **BBCH Horse Support** **Elevation:** 8000 ft.
- **Group size:** 11; this project takes place in Wilderness.
- **Meeting time & location:** Whether you are driving yourself or catching a ride from the airport, we will convene at 2:30 p.m. at the Frosty Freeze in Big Timber and drive to the trailhead together. **This one we need BBCH to pack us in on August 20th in the morning, and pack us out on August 25th, in the afternoon.**



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## HOW TO ENJOY THE OUTDOORS WHILE STAYING SAFE AND PROTECTING OTHERS

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### TIPS FOR HIKING RESPONSIBLY DURING COVID-19

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Here are a few tips to help you get the outdoor time you need while keeping you and your fellow Montanans healthy and safe (photo by Sara Schroeder)

On March 26, Montana Gov. Steve Bullock issued a stay-at-home order that [made exemptions for essential services and outdoor recreation](#) — as long as physical distancing is practiced.

Public lands are extremely important for our physical and mental well-being, especially now. But if we don't enjoy them responsibly during this health crisis, we will be putting our own health, and our neighbors' health, at risk.

If you choose to head onto public lands in search of fresh air, exercise, and solitude, please do so safely and respectfully. Here are a few tips to help you get the outdoor time you need while keeping you and your fellow Montanans healthy and safe.

1. **Stay close to home.** Enjoy public lands in your backyard, and don't risk health and safety by traveling unnecessarily. [Find trails near you](#) with our Hike Wild Montana hiking guide. Remember to check the managing agency's website before you go to ensure it's open to the public at this time. Note that while many of our public lands are still accessible, state and federal agencies have [closed facilities, campgrounds, and national parks \(including Yellowstone and Glacier\)](#) in an effort to curb large gatherings.
2. **Avoid crowds.** Stay away from busy trails and trailheads and maintain at least six feet of distance between yourself and others. Don't meet friends at the trailhead, either – hike with those you live with.

3. **Don't take unnecessary risks.** Our hospitals, medical staff, and first responders are facing, or are going to be facing, a monumental workload. Let's not add to that load by getting ourselves hurt.
4. **Avoid using toilets, sitting on benches, and using other facilities at trailheads** and anywhere else on public lands. This might be a good time for a refresher on [how to dispose of your own waste](#) when out on public lands.
5. **Respect closures.** If parks, trails, or other sites are closed, go somewhere else.
6. **Be a good steward.** Our public lands belong to all of us and it's up to all of us to take care of them, now more than ever. That means packing out your trash and following the other [Leave-No-Trace principles](#).
7. **Be kind.** We're all in this together, and showing kindness to fellow hikers, agency staff, and everyone else can go a long way.

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#### ENJOYING THE OUTDOORS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Staying close to home is a simple way to protect public health while enjoying some fresh air. Here are some ideas for close-to-home activities that can provide important outside time.

- Go for a walk around your neighborhood [while practicing physical distancing](#)
- [Check out these webcams](#) featuring public land across the state or [take a virtual tour through a national park](#)
- [Read up on bird watching for beginners](#) and learn about [Montana's birding hotspots](#) to visit at a later date
- [Plan your wildlife-friendly garden](#). It's not only a great stress reliever, but you'll also be helping to combat habitat deterioration.

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April 3, 2020

Hello John and Beartooth Back Country Horseman,

I am sorry to just be getting back to you. I had a family emergency around the first of March and was gone for 2 weeks. I am now at home adjusting to social distancing and tele-working.



The BLM participation in the Fiddler Ridge Good Neighbor project has been placed on hold until different access is secured. No public project scoping announcement was released on the 16th of March as planned. There was concern by the BLM with the access road impacting the trail. Additionally, public safety was a concern and building the access road up the steep hillside on the BLM lands that intersects the county road. If access is secured through one of the existing roads through private lands, requiring much less road building therefore less impacts, then the BLM will restart developing the project and your organization will receive a project scoping announcement. I enjoyed visiting with you folks during the February meeting.

Kenneth Reed

Beartooth Back Country Horsemen  
Board Meeting Minutes - February 6, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:11 at Jenkins home.

In attendance: John Simmons, John Jenkins, Nancy Thomsen

Via Teleconference: Mary Sybrant, Randy Thomsen, and John Chepulis

January Board Meeting Minutes: John Jenkins moved to accept minutes as amended. Seconded by Randy Thomsen, motion passed.

Officers Reports:

President John Simmons- A letter was sent to Ken Coffin, District Ranger, in reference to the Greater Red Lodge Forest and Habitat Management Project, letter is in Minutes.

-A letter was sent to Jane Darnell, Deputy Regional Forester Region One, in reference to the Explosives Program, letter is in Minutes.

-John Simmons reached out to Rebecca Hammargren, Yellowstone Ranger District, in reference to her request of a support letter for an RPT grant. No response was received.

- Discussion on Robert's Rules of Order.

-John Simmons is requesting pictures of deceased members. These pictures will be used to memorialized past members on the website.

Vice President Randy Thomsen- A letter of intent was sent to Allie Wood, Beartooth Ranger District, in November, written by Randy Thomsen, out- going president. Allie Wood accepted the letter, as she needed it for her RPT grant.

Treasurer John Jenkins- Treasurer's Report in Minutes. Balance \$25,004.37. Paperwork was filed with the MT Dept of Justice for automatic deposit of the monthly license plate checks into the Yellowstone Bank Account for the Beartooth BCH. With no additional information/email response regarding qualifications, the license plate renewal is ready to file. A request will be made at the February General Meeting for volunteers for an Audit committee. Nancy Thomsen moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Randy Thomsen second, motion passed.

Secretary Nancy Thomsen- A form letter, request for donations was received from ABWF. Letter was turned over to the Treasurer.

Committees:

Activities- John Chepulis and John Jenkins have started a tentative schedule.

March 20-22 BCHMT State Convention

March 28 Chainsaw RE- certification

April 18 or 25 Island Lake trail clearing or fun ride

May 2 Spring Clinic

May 9 BCHMT meeting, recon of West Fork or Stillwater trail

May 16 Clearing Stillwater Trail or West Fork

May 22-25 Memorial Day weekend clearing of West Fork

May 30,31 Clearing Stillwater trail

Face of the Mountain, Line Creek, and Meyers Creek still to be determined.

John Simmons has been in contact with Dave Kallenbach, ABWF. Kallenbach has nothing on their schedule as of yet.

-Education- Marilyn Simmons – February General Meeting speakers from the BLM, are Dave Lafever, Ken Reed, and Jenny Alexander. They will address topics of the Fiddler Ridge Restoration and Line Creek.

-Issues-John Simmons- Ken Coffin has been contacted about the Fiddler Ridge Restoration. Ken Reed will be holding public meetings about the Fiddler Ridge Restoration. Discussion was held on the Fiddler Ridge Restoration.

-BCHMT- State Convention, Chapter will have enough delegates with the members registered now. History of the Chapter delegates was usually 4 Board members and 4 general members. Due to lack of attendance this was changed. Payment of delegates was discussed, and will be mentioned at the general meeting.

Randy Thomsen moved to appoint Mary Sybrant as chairperson of a committee to research an emergency satellite GPS messenger for the Chapter. John Jenkins second, motion passed. Randy Thomsen will help with the research.

Convention Display Board- The bifold with current pictures was displayed at the Board meeting. Also, to be displayed at the State Convention will be Chapter brochure, business cards, both banners, the ABWF book, a laptop and a monitor to show year end slide shows.

Website- Jessica Erickson agreed to update the chapter website, with the help of Dan Marsh. This will include updating Board members, and changing side board. John Chepulis moved to pay Jessica Erickson's membership fee for one year, in return she will update and manage Chapter website. John Jenkins second, motion passed.

New Business-

Poker Ride committee is needed. Event will be addressed at General meeting.

John Chepulis moved to set a deadline for membership dues of June 1, non -paying members will be removed from Newsletter mailing list. Randy Thomsen second, motion passed

Amendment to motion- Newsletter will still be sent to pertinent Government agencies.

Stillwater County Chamber of Commerce is having a trade show March 21. John Simmons asked Dan Aadland and Lee Schmelzer to attend and do a packing demonstration.

A resolution was not sent to BCHMT on the subject of including in each brochure the origin of the BCH.

Mary Sybrant moved to nominate one of our members for the Founders Award that is given out by the BCHMT at state convention. John Chepulis second, motion passed

Meeting adjourned 9:53

Next General Meeting February 17, 6:30 potluck in Fishtail

Next Board Meeting March 6, 7pm at Thomsen home.

**Thank you to these local businesses for their continued support!**



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