

# Beartooth Back Country Horsemen Trail Tales

## *President's Pen*

The busy summer has ended and lent its efforts to the busyness of fall– closing of the garden, preserving foods, preparing for hunting season to feed our families during the holidays. It's been a great year, in the front country and backcountry. We are gearing up for elections at the November General Meeting. Please reach out to any of the board members to ask any questions about that responsibility of being on the board. It's a rewarding job and doesn't take up too much free time.

I am thoroughly excited for October's General Meeting. We will be meeting at Palladium Draughthaus in Columbus, MT. This is a new change and should bring a great energy to the meetings! We will be learning how to pack an elk out on horseback. 'Tis the season.

Cheers!

Melissa



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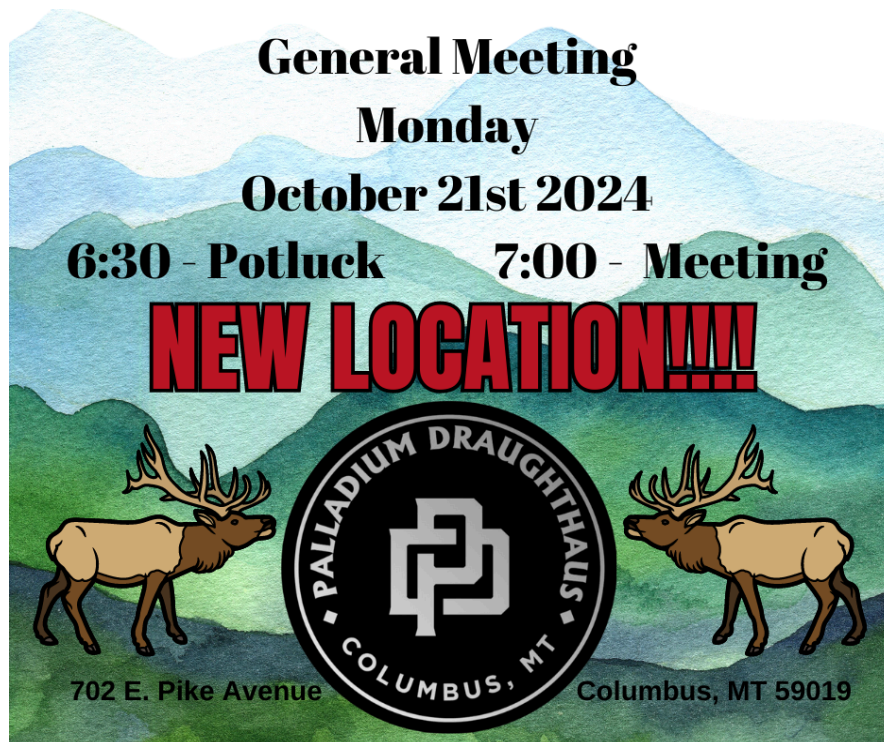
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**NEXT MEETING:**



**OCTOBER 21, 2024**

**Potluck at 6:30 - Meeting at 7:00!**

**Palladium Brewing**

**Education: Packing out elk**

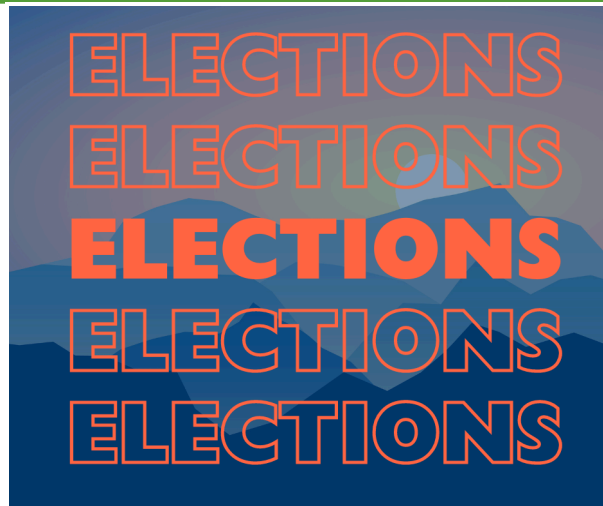
***2024 Membership dues:***

- Business Membership \$40
- Family Membership \$35
- Individual Membership \$25

**Please pay your 2024 dues! You can deliver them to Jon S. at our next meeting or mail them to PO Box 614, Absarokee, MT 59001. We are not raising our dues as we want to encourage new and existing members to stay active.**

Not a member yet? Application available for download [here](#).

## ELECTIONS



Elections will be held during our November General Meeting - Please reach out to Jon S. or Sarah L. if you'd like more information about joining the board! We would love to have you a part of the direction of the club!

## 2027 CONVENTION



### **WE ARE HOSTING CONVENTION IN 2027!**

Some of you may have already signed up for the committee. We will be working to get that initial meeting on the schedule soon. The initial meeting may need a trip to Billings to view prospective locations. If you'd like to join the committee, which will be subdivided into smaller committees after our initial meeting, please reach out to Melissa C. via email [codner.melissa@gmail.com](mailto:codner.melissa@gmail.com) or text 308-390-0465.

## JUNE MEETING MINUTES

### Board Meeting – June 6, 2024

Laura O'Connor – Secretary

#### Attendance:

*In person: Melissa Codner, Sarah Lewis, Jon Shamel, Bob Knutson, Sean Chepulis, John Chepulis, John Jenkins, Randy Thomsen*

Called to order 6:37pm

May '24 Meeting minutes – motion to approve by Sarah L, Randy 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved

#### President's report:

- o Action needed on board member insurance policy
  - \$500k-600k coverage

#### VP report:

- Need to print out applications

Secretary report: Minutes approved from May 2024 – see above

#### Treasurer report:

- 2024 budget
- Membership management discussion
- Motion to approve Tres. Report by John Jenkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Knutson
- Discussion over money market account
- Need to emphasize importance of filling out mileage in trail work reporting form\*\*\*
- D&O Policy voted on and approved during board meeting
  - o 1 million dollar coverage
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> by Jon S, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob k

#### Committee's report:

- Activities:
  - o Parades – Sarah, JJ
  - o Feedback from large trail clearing up the W. Fork of the Stillwater
- Communications:
  - o Discussed onboarding letter for beginning of season for FWP and ABW

#### New Business:

- Nothing noted
- Any changes in trail work project dates or adding new clearings - discussion

Meeting adjourned 8:23pm



## JULY MEETING MINUTES

### Board Meeting – July 9, 2024

Laura O'Connor – Secretary

*Attendance:*

*In person: Melissa Codner, Sarah Lewis, Jon Shamel, Sean Chepulis, John Jenkins*

Called to order 6:33pm

June '24 Meeting minutes – Minutes were not approved during the meeting, planned to return to approve

President's report:

- Club won 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Fishtail Family Fun days parade competition
- D&O policy is signed, bill will be forthcoming
- Discussed succession planning
- Discussed getting insurance on club trailer and also inventory on contents in trailer
- 4H Youth Fair is coming up, need to show support

VP report:

- Nothing to report

Secretary report: Minutes to be discussed at a later meeting to be approved, see above

Treasurer report:

- Report approved, motion by John Jenkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean Chepulis
- Looking into different accounting software's since QB is not going to be available next year

Committee's report:

- Activities:
  - Saw Sharpening
    - No longer can send to the state, will look into John Jenkins getting this done
      - Motion to have John Jenkins get saws sharpened by Jon Shamel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean Chepulis
  - Discussed feedback for ABW on Meatrack pack in and out
    - Need to give criteria for packing to help crews out to be more efficient
  - Discussed parades and booth attendance & volunteering
    - Will send out email for Nye Goes Nuts
- Education:
  - August meeting: Knot tying by Dan Aadland
  - Sept: General meeting at Rendezvous
    - Elections
    - Jason from USFS speaking
    - Prizes to be ordered by Laura
  - October – youth costume contest was proposed and discussed

- Communications:

New Business:

- Nothing noted

Meeting adjourned 8:33pm

## AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

### Board Meeting – August 8, 2024

Laura O'Connor – Secretary

*Attendance:*

*In person: Melissa Codner, Sarah Lewis, Jon Shamel, Sean Chepulis, Randy Thomsen, Bob Chepulis, Bob Knutson*

*Virtual: John Jenkins, Laura Oconnor*

Called to order 6:37pm

June '24 Meeting minutes – Minutes approved with changes (highlighted in copy of June minutes)

July '24 Meeting minutes – Minutes approved, 1<sup>st</sup> by Jon S, Sarah L 2<sup>nd</sup>

President's report:

- Club trailer discussion:
  - o No coverage on contents, only covered by driver's own liability coverage
  - o Proposed inventory of trailer contents at a general meeting over the winter
- Community involvement:
  - o Good recognition of club recently; Stillwater Co News is going to publish an article soon
- Elections:
  - o Each board member needs to write short explanation outlining duties and expectations

VP report:

- John Jenkins has been handing out trail etiquette cards recently and has gotten good responses from others on trail

Secretary report: See above, both June and July minutes approved

Treasurer report:

- Paid out \$3000+ in mileage for ABW related projects in July
- \$1500 received from license plate income
- Going to look at different software options for accounting more in depth next month
- Discussion about paying out mileage reimbursement
  - o Basic federal rate vs. including stock
- Volunteer hours discussion with USFS is coming up; need to submit hours to Bob C

- o There's been low involvement of club members posting on mileage form
  - Trail boss of work project needs to be responsible for this

Committee's report:

- Activities:
  - o Meyers Creek Rendezvous
    - Jon C will oversee food
    - Melissa to provide sign up and rsvp form
    - Need to finalize weekend schedule for packing competition
    - Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place for packing and crosscut
- Education:
  - o Dan Aadland confirmed for August meeting
  - o Jason from USFS WY confirmed for Sept Rendezvous meeting
  - o Need education for October > hunting related possibly
  - o Need education for November meeting
- Communications:
  - o Grant Applications open this Fall
  - o Need to work on Onboarding Letter for ABW/FWP projects
  - o 2027 Convention – Billings
    - Google drive folder created
  - o Flood Creek pack project – email will be sent out
  - o Discussion over sending out mass texts to club members to remind about upcoming projects

Meeting adjourned 8:09pm

**FOR SALE**

With the holidays coming, now is a great time to sell!

If you have a saddle or piece of packing equipment, please feel free to email the information to Rochelle at [ebenezerequine@gmail.com](mailto:ebenezerequine@gmail.com). The listing will be removed after 3 months unless you request otherwise.



## WINTER HAY FEEDING CHART

As the temperature drops, horses burn more energy to stay warm, therefore their energy requirements will increase. Hay is digested by the microbes in the large intestine and produce more heat than concentrates. The colder it gets the more hay is needed to keep warm.

The following chart is a guideline for how many pounds of hay your horse will need this winter as the temperature drops. Some horses may need more or less. It is based on feeding 2% of your horse's body weight in forage/.85 mcal per pound and digestible energy requirements from NRC. [Chart by: Custom Equine Nutrition, LLC](#)

Horse Weight	Maintenance				
	30° F	20° F	10° F	0° F	-10° F
500lb	10.2	11.1	12	12.9	13.8
700lb	14.2	15.4	16.7	15.2	16.3
900lb	18.4	20	21.6	23.2	24.8
1000lb	20.3	22.1	23.8	25.6	27.4
1,100lb	22.5	24.4	26.4	28.3	30.3
1,200lb	24.4	26.5	28.6	30.7	32.8

Horse Weight	Light Work				
	30° F	20° F	10° F	0° F	-10° F
500lb	12.2	13.3	14.3	15.4	16.4
700lb	17.2	18.7	20.2	21.7	23.2
900lb	22.1	24	25.9	27.8	29.7
1000lb	24.4	26.5	28.6	30.7	32.8
1,100lb	26.9	29.3	31.6	33.9	36.3
1,200lb	29.5	32	34.6	37.2	39.7

Horse Weight	Moderate Work				
	30° F	20° F	10° F	0° F	-10° F
500lb	14.2	15.4	16.7	17.9	19.1
700lb	18.9	20.6	22.2	23.9	25.5
900lb	25.7	27.9	30.2	32.4	34.6
1000lb	28.4	30.9	33.4	35.8	38.3
1,100lb	31.1	33.8	36.5	39.2	41.9
1,200lb	33.8	36.8	39.7	42.6	45.6

Horse Weight	Heavy Work				
	30° F	20° F	10° F	0° F	-10° F
500lb	16.2	17.6	19.1	20.5	21.9
700lb	22.9	24.9	26.8	28.8	30.8
900lb	25.7	27.9	30.2	32.4	34.6
1000lb	29.4	31.9	34.5	37	39.6
1,100lb	36	39.1	42.2	45.4	48.5
1,200lb	39.2	42.6	46.1	49.5	52.9

## RESOURCES

### *Life Flight Network*

Let's talk about the not so fun part of the backcountry. There are definite risks involved about being away from civilization and being self reliant if anything goes awry. If something bad happens and you are unable to exit on foot or horseback, the only option is via helicopter. It is incredibly expensive but there is some insurance for the just in case instance. Following is the link for informative purposes only.



PLEASE NOTE: This is NOT a sales pitch. This is a non-commissioned link.

<https://member.lifeflight.org/#lp-pom-block-370>

Membership is under \$100 and, according to the website, will cover the flight. There is also additional ground insurance.

### *Online Defensive Horsemen Information*

Website - <https://bchmt.org/wp/education/>

Scroll down towards the middle and you will see Horse Safety

This is good information and a great resource for new members that still need some defensive horsemen prior to doing any work activities this year.

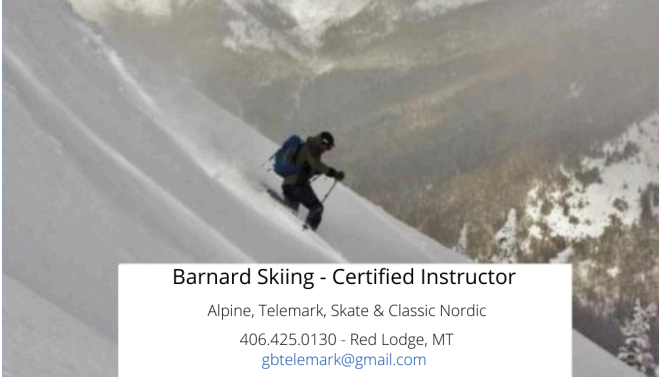




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