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BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN MISSION STATEMENT

1. To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's backcountry and wilderness areas.
2. To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
3. To assist the various government, state and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
4. To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise and sustaining use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
5. To foster and encourage the formation of new back country horsemen's organizations.
6. To cooperate with other B.C.H.A. organizations.

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A Message from our President

With January's weather, I thought winter was over. Have even been out riding. Guess I was wrong.

Our chapter continues to prepare for the upcoming project season. We are imagining 12 potential projects and will be talking with the Forest Service about those projects before our February General Membership meeting on February 18. We appreciate those that have signed up on-line for upcoming projects and encourage the rest of you to do so. Apparently, there is interest in all 12 projects, so we will start setting up project dates. Leaders for the Two Good Cabin project have already reserved the cabin for that project weekend. Other planning is in the works. Plan to attend the general Membership Meeting to keep informed about the upcoming projects.

A gentle reminder for those of you who have not renewed your membership. Please do so. If you need a copy of the membership form, you can download it from the chapter's website or contact Kathy Stroppel-Holl.

Although the 2021 MT BCH in-person convention has become a Zoom convention, the raffle will take place on March 27. Tickets are available for sale. Please contact Kathy or Nancy for packets of tickets. Also, raffle tickets can be purchased from the chapter website home page. Please buy and sell tickets now.

The newsletter is going back into print this month. We hope this helps all our members stay in touch and continue to participate in our meetings and activities. Please stay safe and healthy!

Gene Merrill, President

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Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen 2021 Officers & Board

Chapter Officers

Position	Name	Term	Contact
President	Gene Merrill	2021-22	208-310-6326
Vice President	Dan Brandborg	2021-22	381-5643
Secretary	Christy Schram-Duggan	2021-22	360-5947
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	Term	Contact
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Lionel Lavallee	2021-22	640-1242
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State Directors: Lionel Lavallee (2021) 640-1242
Taylor Orr (2021-22) 930-5838

Alt State Director: Chuck Miller (2021) 961-5453

February 18th BRBCH Monthly meeting to be on Zoom @ 7pm
Program Speaker: none

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ATTEND AND BE A WINNER!

As an incentive for members to attend the Bitter Root BCH Zoom meetings, each month a random drawing will award one attendee a \$20 gift. For the December meeting, the winner will receive a \$20 gift certificate. **January** winner was Kathy Stroppel-Holl.

2021 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Membership applications for new and renewed members are now being accepted for 2021. Memberships run from January 1-December 31. Forms can be downloaded from the BRBCH website (<https://bchmt.org/wp/bitterroot/forms-andpublications/forms/>) or contact Kathy to have one sent to you by regular mail. Please completely fill out the application form - it satisfies our insurance coverage. Renewals need to update phone number, email, and address as needed. Cost for an individual is \$30, families are \$40, and secondary memberships are \$10 (individual or family if your primary membership is with another chapter). Mail the form with your check to BRBCH, PO Box 1083, Hamilton, MT 59840. You can also contact Kathy to arrange to meet if you want to pay cash.

Thanks!
Kathy Stroppel-Holl
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406-961-0096



We are resuming the printed edition of the newsletter for those that indicated an interest. Special thanks to Brad Pollman, printed copies will commence again in the February issue.

2021 CONVENTION CANCELLED - Well, Pretty Much

In many ways 2020 is still biting at our heels. Vaccines are now coming available, but even with the most aggressive of timelines it isn't likely the number of doses given, and population reached will provide an environment where most would feel comfortable with an in-person convention yet this March. The Bitter Root chapter is disappointed to - yet again - have to say Montana's annual convention has been cancelled. Many hours were spent last year preparing an exemplary meeting: location, layout, speakers, breakout sessions, banquet, and of course the more social portions of evening gatherings, auctions, and vendors. We were excited to once again showcase the Hamilton area, which included a tour of the historic Daly Mansion. Our convention committee forged ahead again last fall with hopes that all would calm down and allow the 2021 convention to take place but, alas, it wasn't meant to be.

Though the convention has been cancelled, the State will host a board meeting via Zoom to conduct all necessary business. Primary participants of these meetings are the State Officers and State Directors, though any BCH member in good standing is welcome to audit the meeting. There has been a whisper of hope that perhaps a get-together could be scheduled later this summer; keep your fingers crossed and be ready to offer assistance should this work out.

There IS one portion of the convention that will still take place: the annual raffle! The Bitter Root chapter **will be donating all profits from the raffle to BCHMT**. The State usually receives the proceeds from the live auction items, which consists of an item donated by each chapter, plus its share of the 50/50 drawing. They lost funding last year, and the Bitter Root does not want to see that happen two years in a row. A packet has recently been mailed to each chapter, which contains raffle tickets and instructions. You can help in two ways: grab some raffle tickets to sell to friends and family - yes, strangers, too! -- and purchase some yourself! Contact Nancy Pollman (406-546-6492) or Kathy Stoppel-Holl (406-961-0096) to obtain tickets. We hope to make tickets available online; a link will be added to our website if we are successful. The raffle drawing will be held at 4pm Saturday March 27 via live feed. We invite you to join us online during the live drawing. There are three great raffle prizes available! Check the raffle poster in the newsletter for details. Let's work together selling raffle tickets to raise a boatload of funds for the State.

The Bitter Root chapter will now pass the convention baton to the next chapter in line. We look forward to seeing you all next year in a new location! Thank you for all your support through these trying times.

The convention committee wishes you and your loved ones a safe and healthy 2021!



2021 Back Country Horsemen of MT State Convention Raffle Items



3 CHANCES TO WIN!

ONE-NIGHT STAY AT TRIPLE CREEK RANCH

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- ✓ All-inclusive luxury ranch resort
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- ✓ Value: \$229
- ✓ Natural mineral water hot springs with fine dining
- ✓ Nestled in a majestic canyon on the Clark Fork River near Paradise, MT

MONTANA SILVERSMITH JEWELRY – NECKLACE, EARRINGS, BUCKLE

- ✓ Value: \$150
- ✓ Stunning ensemble:
heart earrings & necklace, double heart buckle
- ✓ What more could you want for yourself or your sweetheart?



Winner need not be present to win

Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20

Draw Date: March 27, 2021, in Hamilton, MT

Hosted by Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen Chapter www.bchmt.org/bitterroot

Need more raffle tickets? Questions? Nancy Pollman 406-546-6492 or npollman30@aol.com

All profits from the raffle ticket sale will be donated to Back Country Horsemen of Montana to help with annual operating expenses.

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Mustang Chronicles, part 3, Training Chica

By Sandra O'Brien

When I extend my long arm, which actually contains a lunging whip on the right side of Chica's face, she is supposed to move away, laterally. But I've held it too high, which means that she moves toward it, as I've taught her to side pass to me with a raised arm. She is knowledgeable and trusting. I say, "No." Just an affirmation that it is not correct. In some ways, it is more directed at myself than at my horse. Though she understands the "No". I need to ask her to reset herself so we can start again. It could be frustrating, but she is ever patient with my foibles. She does move off at one point, letting me know that she is kind of done with anything that isn't clear. And maybe too that she is feeling confident without me, that she doesn't need me to feel safe anymore. That makes me smile. It makes my heart grow twice as big as normal. I'm teaching her to do a spin away

from me. A process of moving her face and shoulder away, then to continue that circle around, past her blind spot and then back into view with a raised stick as a draw, to bring her back to me. She's done it quite a few times now. I try the other side, but it's too soon. I understand it's a pattern. It's not her idea to spin. And so, she gets half-way in the other direction and sees my raised arm too soon and reverts back to the wrong turn. We'll wait. We walk on to other tasks. Walking kind of releases any excess energy or any anxiety created by the ask.

I taught her to back over the bridge when someone was here a couple weeks ago and was challenging our abilities and knowledge. Now, if I even start to ask her to back up and over the bridge, she is rushing it. Up and over. "See?" she says, "I did it!" But I don't want her to rush. I love the anticipation and her big try. But we start over and work on each foot. A slow process. I won't ask for the bridge much anymore. She knows it. If we have to back over something, I'm confident she will do it

easily. Raise the foot. Step. Rock her weight back as she walks. Step up with her front feet, and then another step. Down in the back. She's got it.

I'm putting weight on her back now. I can drape my arm across her shoulder and flap it on the other side. She's concerned but not fearful. I can ask her to stand next to me while I'm on the platform and I can put some of my weight across her back. Just in case one of these days I think about riding her. We don't have an agenda, but I think about it sometimes.

I'm working with other people now sometimes when I work with Chica. So, when we are in the arena together, we are working at liberty and everyone is paying attention to their own horse, or watching as someone else works. Each horse is partnered. Each of us is partnered. At first she was concerned. Mostly about other people, but sometimes about the horses. She mostly stays with me though and if she leaves, she comes right back. I offer her a safe space beside me. She understands that.

I use a square pen rather than a round pen. Any horse moves easily in a round pen and Chica is no exception. But I've come to an understanding with myself and my horses. They can exercise themselves. When I exercise them, it is specific to the horse; either their body or their mind. A square pen when teaching liberty allows the horse to make a decision once they leave the person working with them. The whole key is that they don't leave. They can be quite a distance away, but not have left. They still have contact. They have their eye focused and an ear directed toward the person who is working with them. When I first started working with Chica, she would look outward, distracted, away. She would be looking at a place to leave. The corner of the pen was the furthest she could go. But then she was cornered and trapped. Working at liberty when she moves to the corner, she has to make a decision. I and an opportunity to move toward me by placing myself in an area that helps her. I want her to move to the right and not by swinging her butt toward me. I move slightly toward the left, to allow her front end to swing out. The door is open. She can move. And she does. It's not magic. It does start to feel like a dance at some point, though. The knowing. The feel. The synchronicity of each of us in step. At some point, she knows and chooses to stay with me.



BACKCOUNTRY KITCHEN



Chicken Green Chile Stew w/ Mayocoba Beans

Here's a Stew with unique Mayocoba Beans

Ingredients

- 1 c. Dried Mayocoba* Beans
 - 2 Skinless Chicken Breasts
 - ½ -1 c. Roasted Hatch Chiles**, chopped
 - 1 Onion, chopped
 - 3 Cloves Garlic, minced
 - 1 15 oz can Diced Tomatoes
 - 4-5 Small Red Potatoes, peeled, medium dice
 - 4 c. Water
 - 2-3 Tbsp Olive Oil
- * You can substitute dried Cannellini or Pinto beans, but Mayocoba beans impart a unique texture and flavor to this stew. We found these at Super 1.
- ** You can substitute a small can of Ortega green chiles, but roasted Hatch Chiles are best. They are usually sold local markets in the early fall.

Directions

1. Pick through beans, cover with 2" water, and soak overnight. Drain and refrigerate until ready to add to stew.

2. Add chicken breasts with 4 c. water to a pot. Salt and pepper. Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer until done (depending on size, around 45 min). Remove chicken, set aside and allow to cool. Reserve liquid.
3. Set burner to medium and add oil to stew pot. Once heated, sauté onions until they begin to caramelize and brown a little. Add Garlic and sauté for about 30 seconds.
4. Add beans, canned tomatoes, chilies, and reserved liquid. Simmer uncovered for about 2 hours, until beans are al dente. Shred chicken and add to stew. Add potatoes and continue to simmer until potatoes are done and beans are tender, about 45 minutes. The starch in the potatoes should have thickened the stew.
5. Serve with crusty bread.

TRAINING DATES

Defensive Horsemanship training is required for any member wishing to ride their equine on a Forest Service trail project. (It is not required for club trail rides.) Once earned, the card is good for 3 years. Defensive Horsemanship clinics will again be held at the C-Max Stables in Corvallis, on Bass Lane, off Eastside Highway. The dates are as follows:

May 1, 2021 from 9 AM to 2 pm **Demonstration:** Learn packing skills, Equine First Aid, and several other topics of interest to safe trail riding. Required for people earning a new DH card or will count as a renewal for current card holders.

May 8 and 15: **Obstacle Courses:** Four sessions (9 AM-noon, or 1-4 PM) will be offered, with 8-10 people in each session. This is the riding part of earning a Defensive Horsemanship card and you will bring your own horse, mule, or donkey. While first time card applicants will get first choice, there is generally room for current DH card holders to participate for a "spring tune-up."

Please contact Bonnie Morgan for more information and to sign up. 406-381-9021 call or text, and mrgnbnn@gmail.com.

Attached is information on a packing course coming up in February in Missoula. BRBCH just learned about this course and is sponsoring two scholarships to attend it. The packing scholarship committee has a short deadline to determine the candidates and they need your information ASAP. If you are interested, read the attached information and get your contact info and answers to the four questions by Jan 20th to all three committee members listed at the end of the file.

Please contact **Bonnie Morgan** if you have any questions about this packing clinic or other training opportunities with BRBCH. If you have trouble opening this file, let me know and I will send you a pdf.

**BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
DRAFT GENERAL MEETING MINUTES,
January 21, 2021**

The January 2021 general meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order by President Gene Merrell at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held online using Zoom Meeting. There were 32 members present. Gene Merrell led the Pledge of Allegiance to start the meeting.

Guests: None

No Program

BUSINESS

Minutes: Gene asked if there were any updates to the December 2021 General meeting minutes. **Katie Williams motioned, and Kathy seconded to accept the December General meeting minutes as distributed via email. The motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Walker provided an update on the account balances. **Dan Maiyo motioned, and Karen Philips seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Brad wanted to let the members now that one of our members mother just passed away this week. Nancy will notify Cindy Beck.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Issues: None to report on.

Projects: Dan discussed that they have a list of projects. The tentative project list will be up to see which projects have the most interest from the general members. Based on the interest of all the members will help determine the official projects for this year. There will be a spreadsheet that will be sent out from Kathy Stoppel-Holl that the general members can sign up if they are interested in a particular project. Would like to have a meeting with Eric from the Darby District to discuss the Lick Creek Horse Camp project and the history behind it. Possibly even use as a program for one of the General Meetings to help the members know the history of Lick Creek Horse Camp project, a way to keep it in the forefront. Discussion took place on grants for larger projects. It was agreed to pick 1

or 2 projects to gather information needed for the RAC and RTP grant to apply for 2022.

State Directors: Lionel discussed the nominations for the BCHMT Officers; Chairperson Sherri Lionberger, Vice-chair Wade Murphy, Treasurer Matt Pederson, Secretary (appointed by Chairperson) Keni Hopkins. The nominations for the National Directors; National Directors Mark Himmel and John Chepulis and Alternate National Director Brad Pollman. Chuck discussed the eight delegates that are needed for the convention. Chuck read the current resolution from the Missoula chapter. *"Petition to forgo Montana State BCH dues for the year 2021. Where as due to the COVID-19 pandemic many BCH chapters in Montana have been severely limited in their ability to raise funds through the usual chapter activities. Where as many BCH chapters operator with few resources and narrow financial margin. Where as the Montana BCH is a grass roots organization is only as strong as the individual chapters. Where as the Montana State BCH has an excess of \$50,000 much of which is unencumbered. Where as Montana State BCH 501c3 organization in such is not designated to accumulate wealth. Therefore, be resolved that the Montana State BCH will forgo the State's dues in assignment for each chapter where the member for the year of 2021. Missoula BCH chapter"* No are no further resolutions that have come in so far.

Membership: There are 54 memberships and 98 members. Kathy will be sending an email reminder regarding renewals for 2021. Individuals are \$30 and the Family is \$40. Please send applications/check to our PO Box or otherwise contact Kathy to get a form and renew/pay.

Training: Bonnie discussed that the Defensive Horsemen demonstration will take place May 1st, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm and the obstacle sessions will be May 8th and 15th. Each one will have a session in the am and one in the pm at CMAX. We may not be able to do a chili feed probably bring your lunch. The Packing Scholarship Committee received two applications for the Pack Clinic, Carol Johns and Tal Coffey. **Chuck Miller motioned, and Karen Philips seconded to accept the two applicants (Carol Johns and Tal Coffey) to receive the packing scholarship to attend the Packing Clinic being taught by Jordan Knusden @ Heart Bar – K Enterprises. The motion carried.** Gene brought up that Eva Maggi reached out to the BRBCH chapter on the

U of M class on Wilderness Policy and packing for this year. It was canceled last year due to the COVID-19. We approved a \$1000 scholarship for the packing portion of the class. Eva wanted to know if we would support this for 2021. **Brad Pollman motioned, and Lionel Lavallee seconded to re-approve the \$1000 to go toward the packing portion of the Wilderness Policy class at U of M. The motion carried.**

Outreach: Karen Philips did call the Bitterroot Star for pricing for an Ad to selling the raffle tickets would like to have an article for this since the proceeds of the raffle tickets are being donated to the MT BCH. Expressed that they would like to have this run in the Deerlodge paper as well. Sandra's stories and photos were sent to Deborah @ Decker Dispatch. Potentially will have both chronicles in the Decker Dispatch.

Program: Karen to talk with Phil Torgerson about getting back to Lionel for arranging the Feb Program.

Sunshine: If anyone knows of a member who needs a get well, congratulations, or condolence card, let Cindy Beck know.

2020/2021 Convention: Christy discussed the cancelation of the physical convention. The State meeting is still taking place via Zoom. The Chapter is off the hook for the convention. There are talks of having a rendezvous in August, there is also a possibility of donating some of our silent auction items to that. Kathy has mailing raffle ticket packets to the 17 chapters. Total of 2500 tickets printed with 100 going to each chapter. Barb and Nancy are working on the website to sell the raffle tickets. The next meeting is scheduled for February 10th @ 7:00 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

NA

NEW BUSINESS

Audit Committee: Kathy reported out on the results from the audit that there are no discrepancies, and the books are good. Great Job!

OTHER BUSINESS

Zoom Bombed: Kathy wanted to give Lionel heads up on the Zoom bomb.

Raffle: Bonnie called out Mike Costanzo for a number; he picked 7, which was Kathy Stroppel-Holl! Congrats Kathy!

Next Meeting: February 18th via Zoom Meeting

Bonnie Morgan motioned, and Kathy Stroppel-Holl seconded to adjourn. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Christy Schram-Duggan, Secretary BRBCH

BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN DRAFT BOARD MEETING MINUTES, February 4, 2021

The February 2021 Board meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order at 7:02 pm via Zoom Meeting, by President Gene Merrell.

Gene led the pledge.

Present were officers; President Gene Merrell, Vice President Dan Brandborg, Secretary Christy Schram-Duggan, and Treasurer Barbara Walker. Also present were Board members Ed Duggan, Mike Costanzo, Ed Bullock, Joe Kirkland, Lionel Lavallee, Jan Bullock, Julie Schram, Katie Williams, Dan Maiyo, State Directors Lionel Lavallee and Taylor Orr, Alternate State Director, Chuck Miller and Past President Karen Philips.

Guest members present: Bonnie Morgan, Kathy Stroppel-Holl, and Brad Pollman

Minutes: Gene asked if there were any updates to the January 2021 Board meeting minutes.

Lionel Lavallee motioned, and Katie Williams seconded to accept the January minutes as printed in the newsletter. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Walker provided an update on the account balances. **Karen Philips motioned, and Katie Williams seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Issues: None

Projects: Dan and Lionel discussed the project signup sheet online are going well. Christy went over the Two Good Cabin projects. The Two Good Cabin has been reserved for the following weekends: August 6th – 8th and September 4th – 6th. The first weekend is the project to clear to Overwich Falls. The second weekend is to scope out what needs to be accomplished for 2022. Lionel discussed the meetings coming up with the Forest Service. Lionel did talk to Mark Smith with the Forest Service about Rock Creek. The FS will be providing the materials which will be paid for by the GAOA. The materials will be available to replace the broken boards at Rock Creek. Bonnie Morgan is interested in being a co-project leader. Joe Kirkland brought a suggestion to have Larry Creek and Calf Creek them on the same weekend, one on Saturday and the other on Sunday. Joe and Jan to meet offline to hash out the details and report back to the Project Chairs. Our Volunteer Agreement with the Forest Service is a three-year agreement, so we are covered for 2021.

State Director: Lionel reported that need delegates for the upcoming online Convention. There are a resolution and voting for the National and Alternative Directors. More and likely will have the vote sent out before the meeting. The following are the delegates for the 2021 Convention via Zoom: Gene Merrell, Julie Schram, Bonnie Morgan, Leslie Maiyo, Katie Williams, Lionel Lavallee, Taylor Orr, and Chuck Miller. The present resolution from the Missoula Chapter might be a motion on the floor instead of a resolution. Christy to send the email to MT State BCH Secretary of the names and information of the eight delegates for BRBCH.

Membership: There are 60 memberships and 109 members. 3 individual memberships and 3 family membership renewals. **Karen Philips motioned, and Lionel Lavallee seconded to accept the new and renewal membership. The motion carried.**

Education/Training: Bonnie not much to report. Just a reminder for the Defensive Horsemanship training in May @ CMAX.

Program: Karen talked with Phil Torgerson about potential speakers using the Zoom Platform. Potential speaker for February would be with Onyx. Phil to contact Lionel to go over the logistics.

Outreach: Karen has not seen the Decker Dispatch. It should be in the mail soon. Karen is

working on a story for the Bitterroot on the raffle tickets.

2021 Convention: Christy asked each officer and board member to sell raffle tickets. Please contact Nancy or Karen for the raffle tickets. Nest meeting is taking place on Feb. 10th @ 7:00 pm via Zoom.

OLD BUSINESS

NA

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Committee: Gene Merrell reported out on the Budget. Gene has been on connect with the FS on the Travel Reimbursement of \$934 on line 18. **Karen Philips motioned, and Lionel Lavallee seconded to accept 2021 Budget to move to be present to the General membership approval. The motion carried.** Gene to thank you Katie for help with the budget. Gene would like to go have a cash flow report out each Quarter from the Treasurer, Barbara. Barbara to put the budget into Quicken to help keep track of that as well. Gene to send the updated Budget to Barbara Walker.

Fee implementation Partner Feedback request from Forest Service: The proposal went out in 2017 was supposed to be rolled out in May of 2018 but it has been pushed out. It is the timing the FS would like feedback on. After much discussion, it was agreed upon that Gene will communicate to the FS that our chapter recommends that they postpone the fee implementation to 2022 and increase the information and education to the public on what is coming.

OTHER BUSINESS

East Fork Cabin – 4th of July: Christy passed on the message from Jake Long from the FS about to the reservation of East Fork Cabin on July 4th weekend. Do we want that? Katie Williams is the Project Leader for the East Fork and would like to concede that with the project. Katie to reach out to Jake Long to discuss the reservation of the East Fork Cabin and to report back to the Project Chairs.

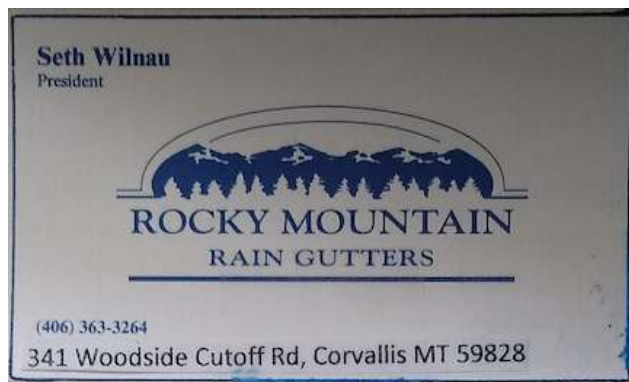
Jan Bullock motioned, and Lionel Lavallee seconded to agenda. The motion carried.

Adjourn 8:28 pm.

Christy Schram-Duggan, Secretary BRBCH

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Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen



NEXT BRBCH MEETING
Thursday, February 18th
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Meeting at 6:45

