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## Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen

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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.

### ***A Message from our President***

Your Board has now approved having in-person meetings again. Our May 20 General Membership Meeting will be held at the Teller Slack Barn on the Teller Wildlife Refuge. Those with e-mail will have received an e-mail from Kathy Stroppel-Holl with directions and additional information. If you have questions, please contact Kathy or me. A big thank you to Kathy for making the arrangements with the Teller organization. No pot-luck, but bring your personal snacks /dinner at 6:30. Our meeting will start at 7:00. Coffee and hot water will be available. Jan Bullock will be speaking about this year's Iditarod race and her role in the dogs' health.

Our first project of the season is Calf Creek on Saturday, May 22. Please note that this is a change of date due to the Memorial Day weekend. If you have not signed up for the project, please let Jan Bullock know that you are planning to participate. A special thank you to Jan for taking this project lead so soon after a total knee replacement.

Our Defensive Horsemanship events were well attended and successful. Another special thank you to Bonnie and her helpers who have done a great job of setting up the clinics with great speakers, interesting obstacles, and wonderful supporters. I hope you have taken advantage of these opportunities to refresh your knowledge and retune your riding stock. If not, Bonnie is willing to work with you during a project or other convenient time.

Thank you again to all our members for your continuing support. Stay safe and healthy.

*Gene Merrill, President*

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### **Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen 2021 Officers & Board**

#### **Chapter Officers**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Contact</b>
President	Gene Merrill	2021	208-310-6326
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#### **Board Members**

	<b>Term</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Ed Bullock	2020-21	907-575-7878
Jan Bullock	2021-22	907-242-9853
Ed Duggan	2021-22	369-3140
Joe Kirkland	2021-22	802-2286
Katie Williams	2021-22	531-0688
Lionel Lavallee	2021-22	640-1242
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**Past President:** Karen Philips 406-961-0101 **State Chairman:** Sherri Lionberger 208-691-6218

**State Directors:** Lionel Lavallee (2021) 640-1242  
Taylor Orr (2021-22) 930-5838

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

**May 20<sup>th</sup> BRBCH Monthly meeting Teller Slack Barn**  
**Program Speaker: Jan Bullock - 2021 Iditarod**

**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 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 timecard 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](mailto:mrgnbnn@gmail.com).

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.

**BCH Member Benefit – Equisure Insurance**

Equisure Insurance through BCHA provides discounted rates (\$20 Single or \$40 Family), Equine general liability coverage for up to \$1,000,000, and is valid for the calendar year, from January 1 through December 31 each year. The time of year you purchase the insurance does not change the renewal date of January 1.

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### Trail Riding Etiquette by Pat Barriage, Horse Riding Assn., Alberta

Edited for Length

*BRBCH will start projects this month and this seems like a timely article to remind us to remember "the rules of the road" when riding in groups...*

Etiquette and safety are closely related, in many cases, a lack of one creates a breach of the other. Poor etiquette typically leads to unsafe

situations, while good etiquette paves the trail for a safe riding experience. It is the right and responsibility of every trail user to ensure their own safety and expect safe practices from other trail users. Exercise caution at all times, and follow guidelines and rules of the trails. Contribute to a safer outdoor experience for all trail users by always practicing the 3 Cs of Trail Etiquette – Courtesy, Communication and Common Sense.

- Trail etiquette rules indicate cyclists must yield to hikers and horses, and hikers must yield to horses. Though most hikers and bikers will yield the

right-of-way to horses, remember that many folks do not have experience with horses and may not know what to do.

- As a rider, you have the responsibility to manage your animals on the trail. It is not recommended to bring "green" horses to multi-use trails.
- Make sure the trail matches your horse's current fitness level. Horses need to build their strength and endurance gradually, just like humans.
- Check your tack regularly for proper fit.
- Never go trail riding alone. Always let someone know where you plan to ride and approximately when you expect to return.
- Carry a cell phone, trail map, and compass on your body, not on your horse.

- Attach an identification tag to your horse's gear.
- Tie a red ribbon on your horse's tail if he has been known to kick.
- Carry a first aid kit for human and horse.
- Know how to monitor your horse's vital signs.
- Balance the load in your saddle bags as evenly as possible, to within a few ounces.
- Use insect repellent on both you and your horse.
- Alcohol and riding do not mix. Confine your alcohol consumption to your camp area.
- Dismount to smoke. Ensure the cigarette butt is completely extinguished and pack it out with you.
- Leave gates as you find them, open or closed.
- Wait for gate openers/closers.
- Do not disturb wildlife or stock at large.
- Always be vigilant for other users in front of you, behind you, and meeting you at trail intersections. With a friendly greeting, do your utmost to let your fellow trail users know you're coming. Strive to make each pass a safe and courteous one.
- Ride at the level and speed of the least experienced rider.
- Before increasing speed, get unanimous consent from the group.
- Make sure to walk and rest after periods of trotting.
- Leave one to two horse lengths between horses. Make sure you can always see the heels of the horse in front of you from between your horse's ears.

- Allow your horse the opportunity to drink at water crossings. Wait for others in your group to drink before leaving the watering area. Move downstream to allow ample room.\
- Wait for riders who might be having difficulty crossing water or bridges.
- Warn other riders if you will be passing them from behind, and overtake other riders on their left side. Pass oncoming riders, left shoulder to left shoulder.
- If your horse is getting too close to a tree or obstacle and it looks like he might hit it, slightly turn his head toward it and use your inside leg (leg closest to the obstacle) to yield him away from the obstacle.
- Lift low hanging branches up over your head, rather than pushing them forward, to ensure they don't snap back at the horse behind you.
- Socializing on the trail adds to the experience, but remember to always pay more attention to your horse and his body language than to the conversation.
- Always return to the trailhead at a walk.
- Make sure to cool your horse down properly to relieve and prevent lactic acid buildup in his muscles.
- Re-evaluate your horse's saddle fit after your ride. Check to see if your horse sweated evenly under the saddle pad to make sure your saddle doesn't have any pressure points (dry spots) that would indicate an ill-fitting saddle.

While there are few "official" rules for trail riding, these are some commonly accepted practices that are good to remind ourselves of every once in a while. The word etiquette implies good manners, but the result is a safer experience for you and your horse, and other trail users.



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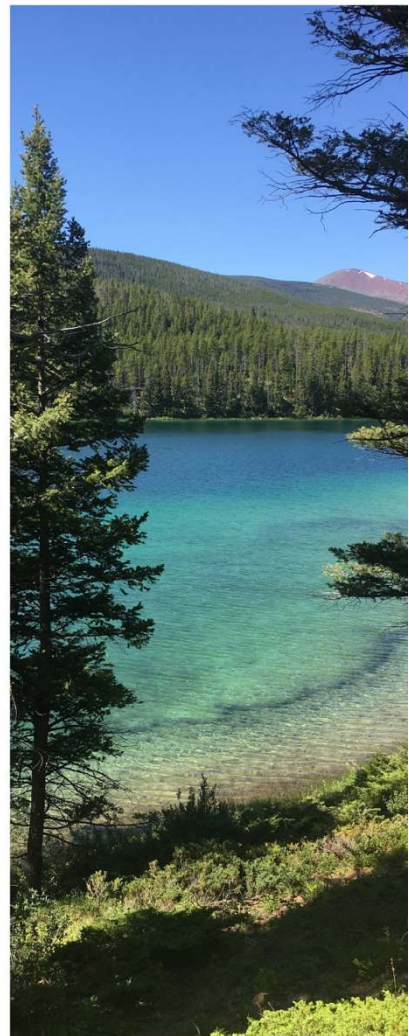
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## BACKCOUNTRY KITCHEN



### Paprika Grilled Chicken

*Grilling Time*

### Ingredients

#### *Ingredients for Paprika Baked Chicken Thighs*

- 8 chicken thighs bone-in, skinless (8 thighs = ~1 lb. 3 oz)
- 2 Tbsp Paprika Spice Blend for Chicken (recipe listed below)
- 1/2 tsp kosher salt
- 2 Tbsp oil (virgin olive oil or vegetable oil)
- 2 Tbsp chopped parsley for garnish

#### *Paprika Spice Blend for Chicken, Beef (Use ONLY 2 Tbsp for this recipe)*

- 4 Tbsp Smoked Paprika
- 3 Tbsp Garlic Powder
- 1 Tbsp Onion Powder
- 3 Tbsp Ground Black Pepper
- 1 tsp Cayenne Pepper
- 3 Tbsp Brown Sugar

### Directions

#### *How to make Paprika Meat Spice Blend for Chicken, Beef*

1. Combine all the ingredients for the Meat Spice Blend in a small container and shake until well combined. You will use ONLY 2 Tbsp of this blend in the recipe (Note 1). Save the rest for another time.

#### *How to Bake Chicken*

1. Preheat grill to hot (we add perforated foil to keep flare-ups down).
2. Add the 8 chicken thighs (~ 1 lb. 3 oz) to a ziplock or a large bowl, together with 2 tbsp of oil. **2 Tbsp of the Paprika Meat Spice Blend** and 1/2 tsp of salt. Mix well, massaging the spices well into the chicken.
3. Add the chicken to grill, turning once for 45 to 55 minutes or until the chicken thighs are easily pierced with a fork or knife and juices run clear when pierced. If you have an instant read thermometer, insert it into the thickest part of the meat and it should register 165F

**BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN  
DRAFT GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, April 15,  
2021**

The April 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 26 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 March 2021 General meeting minutes. **Katie Williams motioned, and Karen Philips seconded to accept the March General meeting minutes as distributed via newsletter. The motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Barbara Walker provided an update on the account balances. **Kathy Stoppel-Holl motioned, and Sandra O'Brien seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.** Barbara reported that we received the confirmation letter from the insurance company.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Larry Creek:** Had to post pone the burn at Larry Creek due to bring to wet. Check out the link in Kathy Stoppel email.

**Calf Creek:** Karen update on the port-a-potty. Bonnie checked with the Ravalli County Health Department and they gave us the go-ahead to put the port-a-potty up at Calf Creek. Contacted the company to have it installed today, April 15, 2021. It will be up at Calf Creek for 7.5 months with a cost of \$90 / month. Karen will be contacting RC Fish and Wildlife and Bitterroot Backcountry Cyclist Group to assist in the cost. There will be a sign that shows who is supporting this service. This will be pumped weekly.

**Fairgrounds:** Dan Maiyo reported out that the Fairground's two arenas are open. You will need to get the lock combination from the Office.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Issues:** None to report on.

**Projects:** No real project updates at this point, just a reminder to have the members sign up for the project, and please provide an email address. The first project happens on May 22nd up Calf Creek. Brad reported out the manure bin at Larry Creek has been cleaned out. Brad. All the project forms to be sent to Christy. Brad recommends having everyone keep a notebook to make a note of any suspicious activity and let us know about it, including the Forest Service. Evidence was present of trailers backing up to the manure bin and cleaning out their entire trailer. If you see this, please educate the folks that are doing this, if you don't want to please give Brad the license plate # and he will call and chat with them. Lionel to contact Dan

Brandborg on seeing if Betsy would be interested in co-leading the Larry Creek Project.

**State Directors:** Lionel and Brad gave an update on the State meeting. During the State meeting, it was brought up Wade Murphy, Vice-Chair from the Upper Clark Fork Chapter. He suggested coming up with a Statewide volunteer agreement with the Forest Service, Region 1. This would alleviate some of the work from both Forest Service Rangers District and the BCH Chapters. Some chapters must have three separate volunteer agreements due to working in three different Forests. This was also brought up on a National Level. Two other states are doing this, Washington and Oregon, Region 6. The State has formed a committee to work with Dave Sabo at Region 1 and investigating the policies and procedures used in Region 6 and seeing if they can come with something that will simplify our volunteer agreement. It was brought up that we do not want to lose out on mileage reimbursement. The mileage reimbursement is being discussed at the committee level. There will still be annual meetings and addendums with each chapter and their respective districts. Oncoming Board meetings happening on May 15th at 10 am at the Elks Lodge in Deerlodge. This one may be in person or take place zoom. The next one will be on Sept. 25th at the Elks Lodge in Deerlodge at 10 am. The last one meeting of the year will be in Missoula on Dec. 4th and the place is TBD.

**Membership:** Kathy presented additional secondary family renewal that needs to be approved. **Sandra O'Brien motioned, and Lionel Lavallee seconded to accept the secondary family renewal. The motion carried.** There are 71 memberships and 125 members.

**Training:** Bonnie discussed the upcoming training taking place in May. She has rounded up the presenters for the May 1st Defensive Horsemanship Demonstration. Kathy to send out a reminder email to the members for the Demonstration. There have been a few folks signing up for the Defensive Horsemanship Obstacle classes. A reminder that the expiration dates are posted on the website. Christy to email Nancy the projects and dates. The deadline for Firearm Carry is May 31st. Bonnie to send out a reminder to the members on the deadline.

**Outreach:** Karen received the updated photos from Sandra O'Brien that will go into the second part of her article in the Decker Dispatch and forward on to the editor.

**Program:** Karen discussed the upcoming program speakers for May (Jan Bullock on the Iditarod) and in June (Becky S from the Forest Service). Phil T. is working on scheduling the women who do the Bear Dog Training, tentatively scheduled for July.

**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 raffle drawing that took place on March 27th at 4:00 pm. The following are the winners: Triple Creek Ranch prize went to Matt Pederson from Anaconda, MT,



Quinn Hot Springs prize went to Linda Hollifield from Dillon, MT, and the MT Silversmith jewelry and buckle went to Cathleen Reed from Darby, MT. All prizes were mailed on Tuesday, March 30th to the recipients. The last meeting will be taking place on April 18th at the Pollman's at 1:00 pm. The committee will be going through the donations at that time and will be contacting the folks that donated the items to see if they would like them back. The raffle brought in a little over \$6000. Once the expenses have been taking out the profit will be sent to State BCH of MT. The Convention Committee will let Barbara know the final number.

#### OLD BUSINESS

NA

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Spot Device Renewal:** Renew the Spot Device Subscription with a cost of \$143.40. This is used for projects and members to use. **Brad Pollman motioned, and Karen Philips seconded to accept the Spot Device annual renewal. The motion carried.**

**EquInsurance:** Brad presented Equine Insurance. It is offered through BCHA, a million dollars worth of liability coverage for you and your horse. The cost is \$20. Brad to send out an email to all the members with additional information. Brad to send the information also to Lionel to place in the newsletter.

**Refresher on Spot and Radios:** It was asked from Carol J., could we do a refresher on the Spot and Radios? Great suggestion! Will be on taking place soon during a summer meeting.

**State and National Newsletter:** The BCHA newsletter has been mailed, Kathy to check to see if the State newsletter is available. The State is currently working on the notification to let the members know when the newsletter is posted via online. The National newsletter will only be electronic, and the members will be notified email when it is available.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

**Raffle:** Gene called out Christy Schram-Duggan for a number; she picked 3, which was Maddy Atkins! Congrats Maddy!

**BCHA Silent Raffle:** Brad went over the BCHA Online Silent Auction that will be taking place. The BCHA will be sending out an email with the details of the Online Silent Auction. Montana donated \$200 towards a two-night stay at the 320 Ranch at Gallatin Valley. The last day of the Auction is April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting:** May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Teller Slack Barn

**Lionel Lavallee motioned, and Bonnie Morgan seconded to adjourn. The motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Christy Schram-Duggan, Secretary BRBCH

#### **BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN DRAFT BOARD MEETING MINUTES, May 6, 2021**

The May 2021 Board meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order at 7:01 pm via Zoom Meeting, by President Gene Merrell.

Gene Merrell 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, Ed Bullock, Joe Kirkland, Lionel Lavallee, Jan Bullock, Julie Schram, Katie Williams, Dan Maiyo, State Director Lionel Lavallee, State Director Taylor Orr and Past President Karen Philips. The following were not present, President Gene Merrell, Board member Mike Costanzo and Alternate State Director Chuck Miller.

The following committee chairs were also present, Bonnie Morgan, Kathy Stroppel-Holl, Brad Pollman, and Tim Meyer.

Minutes: Christy asked if there were any updates to the April 2021 Board meeting minutes. **Lionel Lavallee motioned, and Katie Williams seconded to accept the April Board meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter. The motion carried.**

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

#### **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Brad Pollman received an email from Bob Walker from the MT Trails Coalition. The State Trails Advisory Committee is looking for members, like the RAC Committee. This would be in Helena with the Fish, Wildlife, and Parks and the STAC distributes 2.75 million dollars worth of grants. Working on getting someone from the Flathead chapter to be on

the committee. If there is anyone interested, please let Brad know.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Issues:** None

**Projects:** Lionel and Dan discussed the projects for the 2021 season. We will be getting the radios from the Forest Service. They are updating it, along with a new radio procedure. Great news from the Forest Service, with the Great Outdoor Act they went from a 2-person crew last year to 10 people this year. Let the Forest Service know if we need any assistance on the trail. Calf Creek, May 22nd - Dan and Bonnie went to the Calf Creek Project Tour with Bob White with the FWP and the whole idea is wildlife enhancement. The plan is to reduce the pines to encourage the native grasses re-established again. We do not need to do anything with the main road, just focus on the trails and replace the damaged Kiosk. Larry Creek, June 12th – Joe Kirkland discussed what the project could be. Looks like the big trees have been taken out when they did the prescribed burn by the Forest Service. Blodgett Creek, June 9th – 11th, Forest Service needs us to have this done for the Selway Bitterroot Frank Church project they have going. The plan is to have members from the local hiker club join us for this project. Coyote Coulee, July 17th – Might need a co-leader, Lionel to chat with Betsy Rogan on co-leader this project. East Fork, July 2nd – 5th, Project Leader Katie Williams. The work project days will be Saturday and Sunday to make it to Kelly and Ripple Lake. Two Good Cabin, Aug. 6th – 8th – Ed and Christy Project Leaders. The plan is to clear to Two Good Cabin and then Saturday go to Overwich Falls. Fred Burr, TBD – Dan to meet with Steve Brown on the details. Rock Creek Horse Camp, Sept. 17th & 18th – Bonnie Morgan the project leader. The Forest Service is gathering all the supplies for this project. Lick Creek, fall 2021 - Dan and Lionel to connect with the Darby Ranger. The horse camp needs to be a part of the conversation. St. Mary's Lookout, Mid-July to Mid-Sept – Dan Brandborg project leaders. Dan to talk with the Stevensville Ranger on the schedule.

**State Director:** Lionel discussed the State Board meeting taking place on May 15th. This will be an in-person meeting at the Elks Lodge in Deerlodge at 10 am. Brad discussed the BCHA meeting, the new Chairman Cheri K. from Missouri, new Vice-Chairman is Mark Himmel from Montana, Treasurer Kip Rodriguez from Colorado, Brad Pollman is the Non-Director on the Executive Committee and the Chairman for the Public Lands Committee. The BCHA would like to send a thank you to Kathy for her staying on top of the membership list. If anyone has any questions on the BCHA let Brad Pollman. Brad will be writing an article for the chapter's newsletter. The BCHA Silent Auction was a success.

**Membership:** Kathy reported that the BRBCH has 74 memberships and 131 members.

**Education/Training:** Bonnie discussed the Defensive Horsemanship Demonstration on May 1st. Bonnie wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone that helped, speakers, and volunteers for all that you did.

It was a great day and had several members sign up. Have folks signed up for both morning and afternoon sessions for the Defensive Horsemanship Obstacle session happening on May 8th. Only have a few slots available for the morning and afternoon sessions on May 15th.

**Program:** Jan Bullock has agreed to speak at the May General meeting and speak about the 2021 Iditarod experience. The June outdoor meeting will have Becky S. from the Forest Service as our program speaker. Phil T. is working on getting Karri Hunt from the Wind River Kennels to speak at the July meeting. Kathy went over the details of the Teller Slack Barn and the cost is \$45. **Karen Philips motioned, and Lionel Lavallee seconded to schedule our May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Teller Slack Barn and pay the \$45 fee. The motion carried.**

Kathy to finalize with the Teller the details and send out to the members. Meeting announcement will be posted on social media and the local newspapers.

**Outreach:** Karen reported that we received funds from the Bitterroot Backcountry Cyclist for the Calf Creek port-a-potty. Karen to follow up with the President of Ravalli County Fish and Wildlife on the funds towards the port-a-potty at Calf Creek.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Ravalli County Fair:** Earl met with Melissa at the Fair. There are a few things that will be different from past years, but mostly be the same. The Fairground will be handling the tickets for the luncheon at the Fair completely. We will not have to deal with the carriage this year on the North gate. They are also working on the new ticket booth building for the North Gate. Earl is putting together the notes from the meeting and will be sending them over to Christy to review. Then Ed and Christy will meet with the Day Managers from the past and anyone who would like to help. Bonnie Duggan has taken on the responsibility of calling folks to sign up for shifts.

**Pins:** The pins have been ordered for the outgoing pins to Tim and Sandra. Brad to check in with Nancy on the status of the pins.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Inventory Update:** Ed Duggan went through the storage shed at the Fairgrounds on April 26th. Cleaned out and organized the storage shed. There is now space so you can work. Ed will be typing up a list of the full inventory to show what we have then will email that out to the Board. Everything on the left side is tools and project items and everything on the right side is plastic cups and easter eggs, etc. Ed and Christy to update the check-out sheet. Only thing left to dispose of is an out-of-date fire extinguisher. Ed to contact the Hamilton Fire Department on how to dispose of an expired Fire Extinguisher.

**Cyclist Trails:** Travis Williams from the Backcountry Cyclist had a meeting with the DNRC on Soft Rock. DNRC received a lot of phone calls regarding the heavy use of Soft Rock. Looking to put up signage to help mitigate and help the user group. Asked our

board if we would like to endorse the signage with the DNRC, "We advise people to not ride when it is muddy or wet." "Please Do Not make new trails, new jumps, or features." Would also like to include the Trail Etiquette yield triangle and what is approved for riding up Soft Rock. Travis also gave an update on their projects they are planning for this year.

**Historian:** Tim Meyer discussed the procedures on how to post the pictures on the google drive. Tim sent out two links, one link to upload and edit the pictures and the second link is to share and view the photos. Discussion took place on who to have the link and what the procedures should be. It was agreed that the membership should be able to post to the members submission folder and then let the Historian decide where those pictures should be moved to. Will communicate this to our general members in June.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Conservation Days:** Julie discussed she is giving the Leave No Trace talk at Conservation Days at Lake Como on the 17th and 18th of May. Julie has asked the Board for some assistance.

**Update the BRBCH Constitution:** Gene inquired about updating the constitution. It was recommended to bring this up with our Parliamentarian, Rebecca Jones, and look over. Gene to contact Rebecca and report back to the Board.

**Karen Philips motioned, and Jan Bullock seconded to agenda. The motion carried.**

Adjourn 8:52 pm.

Christy Schram-Duggan, Secretary BRBCH

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I've recently experienced the loss of my only horse which has resulted in my decision to stop riding. I have a 30-year accumulation of tack that I'm wanting to liquidate. Below are a few picks and here is a partial list of stuff: hobbles: one leg, side and quick release front hobbles, 50' 7/16 high line with three Trailmax swivel in line ties and tree savers, Stowaway and Trailmax saddle storage bags, set of farrier tools, Trailmax saddle panniers with top storage-brand new, horse picket hobble (new), variety of hay nets and bags, Powerfields portable corral (like new), and Fiskars X15 ax with saddle sheath.

I also have eight leather headstalls, three sets of mecate reins, several rope loop reins, two leather split reins, about a dozen assorted bits, several horse blankets and two saddles in very nice condition-a Circle Y 16" made for Julie Goodnight nicely tooled with round skirt and a 16" Timberline saddle, light weight and versatile (made by the Orthoflex crew after Orthoflex went out of business. Both with leather breast plates.

If you are in need of tack, give me a call or email. I can show you what I have. Prices are very reasonable.

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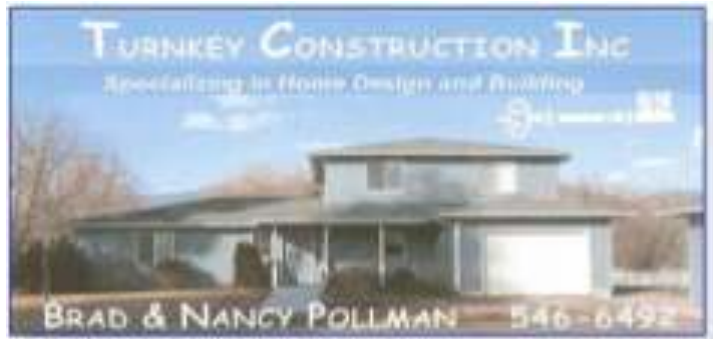
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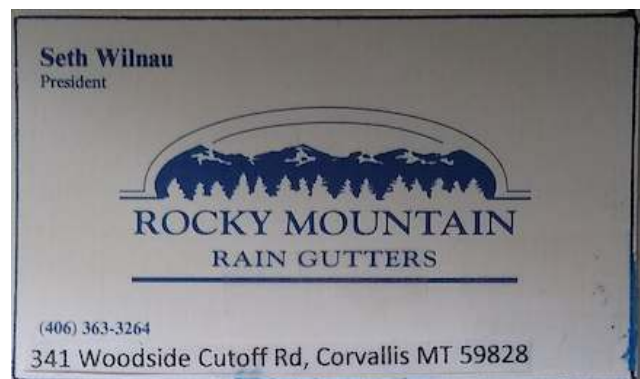



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## **NEXT BRBCH MEETING**

**Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Location: Teller Slack Barn**

**Meeting at 6:30**

