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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

Good News! Our project season is underway. Jan Bullock led a successful Calf Creek project. There was a good turnout, and a lot was accomplished. The only hitch was that recent snow prevented going in as far as was planned. Thanks to all that participated and to Dan Brandborg for bringing his tractor, which helped with repair of the kiosk. The port-a-potty is back.

The Larry Creek project is 9:00AM, Saturday, June 12. Lots to be done. Some of the work is already underway with Dan, Lionel, and me placing mileage placards 3.25 miles along the main 129 Trail. There is another 3 miles of placards to place, some water bar/ bridge cleaning, sign placement, and possibly some bog repair work. Hope to see you there.

We are returning to in-person meetings. The June 17 meeting will be at the Three Sisters group site, across from the Rock Creek Horse Camp, at Lake Como. We will gather at 6:30 for an opportunity to socialize. There will be no potluck, so bring anything food you would like for your dinner/snack. Becky Shufelt, and some of her Bitterroot National Forest colleagues will be there to discuss the forest's recreational and trails activities. Please bring your own chairs as the picnic table seating is limited.

Please visit our website for details regarding the remaining projects scheduled for this season. You can sign up for projects there as well. We appreciate your participation as the results of these projects are appreciated well beyond our group.

Gene Merrill, President

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June 17th BRBCH Monthly meeting Three Sisters Group Site
Program Speaker: Becky Shufelt - USFS Recreational Trails Activities

TRAINING UPDATES

The pandemic affected our training schedule by moving up the expiration dates for chain saw, crosscut saw, and First Aid/CPR by one year for 2020 and 2021. As a result, most training certifications will expire next year instead of being spread out as in the past. We will need to space the renewals out to prevent having a huge re-certification load next year. Chainsaw and crosscut certifications and the Defensive Horsemanship card are good for 3 years. First Aid/CPR certification is good for 2 years. For saw cards to be in effect, the First Aid/CPR certification must be current.

If you have signed up for a project this year and would like to renew your chainsaw or crosscut certification, please let me know. I will be circulating a sign-up for all trainings at the June 17 meeting at Lake Como or contact me if you are unable to attend. (Bonnie Morgan <mrgnbnn@gmail.com> or 406-381-9021.

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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What to Know about Bear Canisters from trailmeister.com

Edited for Length

I think we can all agree, keeping bears out of our camps is a good idea. But what to know about bear canisters? What are the best practices?

What we can all agree on is that bears aren't

wanted in camp. A bear rummaging through camp can cut your trip short and endanger both you and the bear. Thankfully, you can avoid that situation by storing attractants properly with a bear canister.

What Is a Bear Canister?

Bear canisters – Also known as bear cans or bear vaults – are simply bear-resistant food containers whose main purpose is to protect your food from bears, rodents, and other wild animals. They can be hard or soft and come in a wide variety of shapes and construction types.

I used to use bear resistant pannier boxes but have moved on to smaller easier to use solutions such as the Bear Vault.

Bears have an incredible sense of smell and can home in on scents from great distances. Once they smell potential food, their noses lead them straight to the source.

DID YOU KNOW? A bear's sense of smell is 7 times better than a dog's and 2,100 times better than that of a human.

Even though bears are generally afraid of humans, they can become curious if they smell a potential food source. Using a bear canister properly can help you avoid such unwanted visitors. Bears that learn to associate people with food often become dangerous and are ultimately killed or placed in captivity giving meaning to the phrase "a fed bear is dead bear". Keeping bears out of our and garbage is the best way to ensure their survival in the wild and a great camping trip for you.

How Do You Use a Bear Canister?

Where you store a bear canister is important. Store bear canisters at least 100 yards from your camp. Make sure that the canister is secure and fully closed. Keeping the canister locked and closed will help to reduce food odors in the area and prevent attracting nearby bears. NOTE: Most bear canisters don't keep all odors locked in but rather make it too difficult for a bear to get to the items of interest and realize any food rewards.

The only time your food and other items should be out of the bear canister is when you're cooking or using them. After use, store any leftover trash in the canister. Practice packing your canister at home before you leave the house to make sure everything will fit in the canister.

Opening a bear canister can sometimes be difficult. After all, they need to protect your food from bears that can weigh up to 800 pounds, if they were easy to open that might defeat the purpose.

DID YOU KNOW? There's an official bear-resistant certification process that takes place at the Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center in Montana. The Discovery Center has a protocol for testing equipment that involves filling a bear resistant container with tempting foods. If the container can keep the bear out for at least an hour it passes as "bear-resistant" and receives its certification.

When Should You Use a Bear Canister?

Put simply: If you're camping anywhere there's potential bear activity or any other wild animals, a bear canister is a good idea. Beyond that bear canisters are required in many areas. Know the rules for the area that you're going to be camping in. An example is the Bob Marshall Wilderness in Montana which requires that food and other attractants be stored in a bear resistant manner across the Forest.

The phrase "better safe than sorry" is a cliché for a reason. Even if there are no regulations

where you plan to camp, we recommend using a bear canister to avoid interactions with "mini-bears" such as raccoons, chipmunks and other critters looking for an easy meal as well as reducing the risk of attracting a larger ursine visitor.

What goes in a Bear Canister?

While you may think food is the only thing you'll be keeping in a bear canister, there are a few other things you'll want to store as well. Essentially, anything that has a smell that could spark a bear's interest should be loaded in the container.

This list includes:

Food - Toothpaste - Toiletries - Lip balm
- Sunscreen - etc.

What to Know About Bear Canisters: Basic Safety Tips

- Store the bear canister at least 100 yards from your tent.
- Cook, eat, and clean at least 100 yards from your tent.
- Brush your teeth away from camp and keep scented hygiene products in the canister with your food.
- Be bear aware. Be alert, make noise, and stay on trails.
- Bring bear spray and know how to use it.
- Finally, Leave No Trace!

Most bears avoid people. Most campers never know that they've been near a bear because bears do a great job of avoiding us. If you should see a bear don't panic. Most encounters end with the bear and human departing in opposite directions, without harm to either. The chance of being hurt by a bear is lower than your risk of being hit by lightning and much lower than the possibility of being hurt in a car accident as you drive to the trailhead.

Upper Clark Fork Back Country Horsemen

FAMILY FUN RIDE



*****Covid19 precautions-no meal or drinks will be provided. Bring your own lunch/beverage. Enjoy a nice ride & play some games & HAVE SOME FUN!**

Adult Ride & 1st Poker Hand-\$25
Youth Ride \$10 (under 18 yrs)

Saturday, July 10, 2021

*1st Rider out at 8:00 am
**Last rider out by 10:00 am

Place: Gold Creek, MT
(Exit 166 from I-90, follow the signs to camp~5 1/2 miles)

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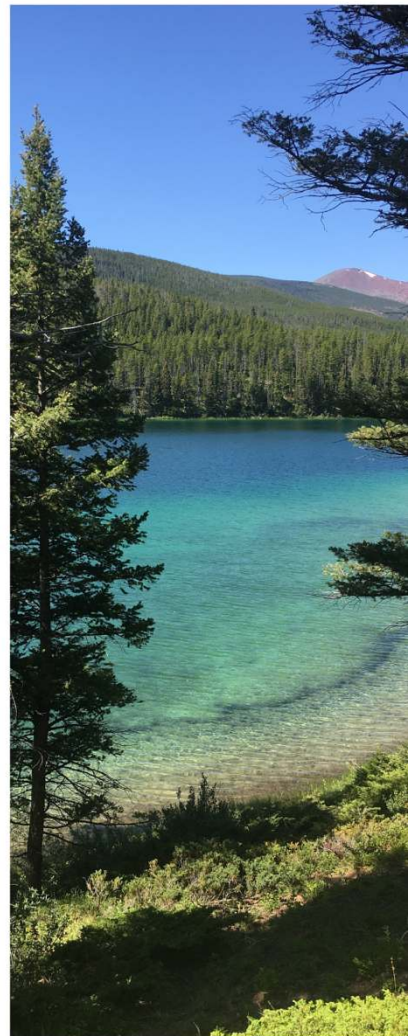
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BACKCOUNTRY KITCHEN



Pork Chops Smothered in Gravy

Ingredients

Ingredients for Pork Chops

- 4 pork chops, see notes
- Salt, to taste
- ¼ cup flour
- ½ tsp garlic powder
- ½ tsp onion powder
- ¼ tsp paprika
- 3 Tablespoon olive oil

Ingredients for Gravy

- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 beef bouillon cube or 1 tsp better than bouillon
- 1 teaspoon low sodium soy sauce, can sub Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ teaspoon dried thyme
- ¼ teaspoon dried rosemary
- ¼ teaspoon dried sage
- 4 Tablespoons Butter
- 4 Tablespoons Flour
- 1/3 cup half and half
- 2-3 drops Kitchen Bouquet, optional

Directions

1. Sprinkle the each side of the pork chops with salt and let them sit out for 30 minutes or so. This will give the salt a chance to penetrate through the meat and flavor it. It will also make them juicier. A light sprinkling is fine as

the gravy also has plenty of flavor. You may also choose to cover the pork with saran wrap and pound it with a meat tenderizer. This also helps to make it more tender.

2. Meanwhile, combine flour, garlic powder, onion powder, and paprika on a plate and stir to combine.
3. Combine the chicken broth, beef bouillon, soy sauce, and seasonings for the gravy. Stir to combine and set aside.
4. Pat the pork chops completely dry. Dredge the Pork Chops in the flour mixture just before frying. This gives them a nice outer crust.
5. Heat olive oil in a large pan over medium-high heat. Sear 2 pork chops at a time for about 2 minutes per side, until nice and golden. *Optional:* Use kitchen tongs to hold up the pork chops and sear the fat around the outside if using bone-in. Add a splash more olive oil or decrease heat slightly as needed during searing. Set pork chops aside.
6. Clear any black remnants from the pan but leave as much brown “fond” as you can, as this will create a more flavorful sauce.

Prepare Gravy

1. Melt butter in the same pan over medium heat. Add the flour and whisk to combine with the butter. Continue to whisk for about 2 minutes, until you can no longer smell the flour.
2. Add the chicken broth mixture + half and half in small splashes, whisking continuously to incorporate. Don’t add it too quickly or the roux will break and the sauce won’t be as thick.
3. Bring to a gentle bubble, then reduce to a simmer, stirring continuously.

4. Reduce heat to medium-low, add the pork chops back to the skillet, and spoon the sauce on top.
5. Cover and let the pork chops cook for 10 minutes, if possible, use kitchen tongs to flip them halfway through.
6. Turn off heat, leave the cover on, and let the pork rest in the skillet for 5 minutes.

Serve with mashed potatoes and roasted carrots or green beans.

BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN DRAFT GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, May 20, 2021

The May 2021 general meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order by President Gene Merrell at 7:01 pm. The meeting was held online using Zoom Meeting. There were 28 members present. Joe Kirkland led the Pledge of Allegiance to start the meeting.

Guests: None

Program: Experiences @ the 2021 Iditarod presented by Jan Bullock. Jan is a Veterinary Nurse and has been working for the Iditarod since 1994. This year many people were calling it the Iditarod the "COVID-Rod." There were a lot of changes to this year's race. No big celebrations before and after the race. Had 57 mushers participate in this year's Iditarod. The race is usually 1150 miles but this year was 850 miles due to none of the villages and lodges didn't want the race to come through because of COVID. This year the race started at Doshka Landing in the Susitna Valley. The mushers went out to a far distant place called Iditarod, nothing is there anymore, turned around, and came back. Jan is helping the head Vet with getting all the veterinarians out to where they are supposed to be, paperwork, medications, and whatever else they need. Each group has a bubble they are assigned to and each bubble can not associate with another bubble. At the race, they have the Iditarod Airforce that is made of pilots with their planes. The pilots fly people around to the checkpoints with their gear. Everyone did well in the race and a good majority finished the race. The person that won the race, won it three other times, Dallas Seavey from south of Anchorage. After many COVID tests and hopefully one we will not have again like that. It was the 49th Annual Iditarod, a crazy year. Nobody died, no dog deaths, great weather, and lots of snow. It was a year of lots of nothings that didn't happen and wonder whats. Overall it was a successful year for the Iditarod.

BUSINESS

Minutes: Christy asked if there were any updates to the April 2021 General meeting minutes. **Bonnie Morgan motioned, and Lionel Lavallee seconded to accept the April**

General meeting minutes as distributed via newsletter. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Walker provided an update on the account balances. **Karen Philips motioned, and Ed Duggan seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.** Gene reported out that we received a letter from the Ravalli County Fish & Wildlife Association and will get that to Barbara.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Email: Christy received an email from Stan and Nancy Schweissing thanking the BCH for the work we do in the trails. "The ability to enjoy the backcountry of Montana surrounding the Bitterroot Valley is much enhanced by what you all do and, while I'm sure many hikers like myself enjoy walking a cleared trail, I just wanted to be one who did something about expressing my gratitude for your efforts." It was decided to handwrite a Thank you card and send it to Stan and Nancy. The card was sent around and Christy will mail the Thank you Card tomorrow morning.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Issues: None to report on.

Projects: Lionel reported out on the projects, please send the reports to Christy. Jan did a quick summary on the project at Calf Creek that is happening on May 22nd. Due to the crazy weather, we may not be able to get to the areas we typically do on horseback because of the snow. We will be replacing the posts on the kiosk using a tractor, thank you, Dan! The safety brief will take place at 9 am. Looking forward to seeing everyone there. Dan discussed the next Project - Larry Creek on June 12th. New Project Leader is Dan B. Lots of little work needs to be done especially in the Bog area, NE Corner. Hope to see everyone there!

State Directors: Lionel and Brad gave an update on the State meeting. Due to the rising cost, we will only see the BCA newsletter hard copy published once a year and the rest will be posted online. The Forest Service is going to start outsourcing the blasting program in 2022. There is some pushback on that to change that policy. Brad discussed more attention at the eBikes at the State level. Our State Chairman is sending a letter to the Senators and Representatives in Washington that represent us in Montana about our position and concerns

on eBike issues. We won't make sure that the eBikes are classified as motorized vehicles since they have an electrical motor on them. There is a coalition of Trail User that BCHA is a member of, that is working on changing the wording of eBikes in the Department of Transportation legislation in funding in Washington that was changing the eBike status. The committee threw the wording out and told them to come back with a wording we all can agree upon. The biggest issue is RTP funding and the rules to get that funding. Working them changing the RTP rules and not change the rules that eBikes are bicycles. Our other issue is Horse Camps being used by a nonequine person. One thing we are lacking is data, so please take some pictures. Document where you are at, did it prevent you from using the facility, did you have to cancel and go home, or go down further to another horse camp area. Who do you connect with? Please contact Sam Cook & Erica Strayer in the Forest Service. Please contact Matt Rosendale about HR #1864 RTP Full Funding Act and looking for a co-sponsor. Please ask Matt to co-sponsor this bill his number in Washington is 202-225-3211 and his number in Montana 406-502-1435.

Membership: Bonnie reported out for Kathy. There are 75 memberships and 132 members.

Training: Gene thanked Bonnie and her team for all the work they put in for the three Defensive Horsemanship classes. These were well done, well-staffed, and great presenters. Bonnie sent out a huge thank you to all the folks that helped. If any new member would like to complete their Defensive Horsemanship please contact Bonnie. Bonnie went over a reminder on the Firearm Policy deadline is May 31st. The First Aid and CPR, Saws Certifications re-certifications have been extended another year. The Chainsaw and Crosscut re-certifications can get with the club-designated certifier to get that done on a project.

Outreach: Karen has been in contact with RAPP Family Foundation, Bitterroot Cyclist, and the Ravalli County Fish Wildlife Association all assisted in paying for the Calf Creek Port-a-potty. There will be a sign stating who is helping with funding the use of the porta-potty at Calf Creek. Susan Slemp is our Social Media Chair for FB. Thank you, Susan!!

Program: Karen discussed that Becky Schoefelt will be our program speaker at our June meeting taking place at the Three Sisters Horse Camp. Phil Torgenson will be working on

lining up program speakers for the July and August general meetings.

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

Fun Rides: They will be starting in June, maybe the third week of June. Schedule to come shortly.

OLD BUSINESS

Ravalli County Fair: Christy went over the update for the Fair. Earl has been meeting with the Fairgrounds committee. Most of the things are staying the same at fair but with a few changes. One of the things they are doing is putting in a new ticket booth at the North Gate. It will have 4 windows, and a door on the side. Traffic is moving from the south is going to the North gate. The old North ticket booth is moving to the East Gate. A new wifi system will be put in each of the ticket booths. The Fairgrounds is working on have each seller using the iPad have a number assigned to log in. Our accounting will be more appropriate this year and easier to maintain. In the ticket lunch program, the Fairgrounds folks will handle that 100%. They will be going with a new security company. Every volunteer must sign a form from the Fairgrounds that has to do with Worker's Compensation, we will all be covered. So everyone volunteering must sign before they start their shift. Bonnie Duggan will be the POC in placing your name on the schedule at the Fair. Gene thanked Earl and Christy for stepping up and taking this one. The BRBCH has a long history of doing the gates at the Fairgrounds and encourages families with kids to participate at the gates.

NEW BUSINESS

Cyclist Trails: Updated from the Bitterroot Backcountry Cyclist on the work they have been working on. 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 the projects they are planning for this year.

Historian: Tim was not present so we moved this topic to the June general meeting

OTHER BUSINESS

Mill Creek: Ed Duggan will be going up every 5 days starting up in mid-July and will be letting folks know his schedule soon.

Raffle drawing: Susan drew the name, Jan Bullock – Woohoo!!

Next Meeting: June 17th at the Three Sister Group Site, Lake Como

Hot Water: Jan Bullock

Coffee: Karen Philips

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

The meeting adjourned at

8:31 pm.

Christy Schram-Duggan, Secretary BRBCH

BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN DRAFT BOARD MEETING MINUTES, June 3, 2021

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

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

Minutes: Christy asked if there were any updates to the May 2021 Board meeting minutes. **Lionel Lavallee motioned, and Karen Philips seconded to accept the May 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.** There was a suggestion made by Jan about getting additional "grabbing hoe" and small hand clippers. Discussion took place. **Ed Duggan motioned, and Mike Costanzo seconded to have Jan Bullock purchase 2 grabbing hoes and 4 hand loppers/pruners. The motion carried.** It was recommended to place a reminder in the newsletter to members to return all BR BCH equipment to the shed.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The BRBCH received a thank you for Keni Hopkins for the 2020/21 State Convention horse show that was made for each chapter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Issues: None

Projects: Dan discussed Larry Creek coming up on June 12th and getting ready for that. Right now the project leader has 6 documents that are required by the Forest Service. It was identified that there are seven different sub-projects and are hoping for 2 people per sub-project. There is new stuff on the radios and communication with the Forest Service. There are currently 4 people to be radio monitors for FS projects that will be trained by the FS. This is a new role for the BR BCH called Radio Monitors and will be tracked by Bonnie Morgan. Hoping to get this training completed before Larry Creek. It was brought up to purchase the Garmin and try it out. It would be a benefit to have a second device for another team for safety reasons. Discussions took place. **Dan Brandborg motioned, and Ed Duggan seconded to present a seconded motion at the June meeting to the general membership to purchase a Garmin device to test. The motion carried.** Gene to present the seconded motion at the June Meeting. Brad requested Dan to send him the documents that the project leader is required to fill out by the Forest Service. Brad will see what he can do on his end at the National level. The goal is to it make easier for the volunteer groups to do what we do on the trails not make it more difficult. Kathy will be sending the membership list to Mark Smith at the Forest Service. The Volunteer Agreement is good until the end of this year. All new members will need to sign a volunteer agreement. Gene

brought up Blodgett Trail. Dan and Joe have cleared about 120 trees and only able to do about 1 to 2 miles a day. Dan has requested assistance in clearing the Blodgett trail to get ready for the project in July. A huge thank you from Gene for the work they are doing. Dan to send out a message when they are heading up and need to let the FS be covered.

State Director: No updates for the State. Brad discussed the BCHA still working on the eBikes issues. Gene brought up the BCHMT Monture Gathering taking place on Aug 19th – 22nd. Watch bchmt.org for details in the next couple of weeks.

Membership: Kathy reported that the BRBCH has 76 memberships and 134 members.

Education/Training: Bonnie will be sending the updated list to Nancy who attended the Defensive Horsemanship class. Sent the folks the information that inquired about the Firearm policy. If there are any receipts to turn in please do so. There have been a couple of requests for First Aid & CPR. Bonnie to discuss with Jan offline for a plan. Brad offered the Fire Hall. Dan and Brad discussed holding a Chainsaw class for anyone that would like to have the certification. Please contact Bonnie. The Chainsaw and Crosscut certifiers can recertify folks at a project. Bonnie to write up a notice and place it in the newsletter.

Program: Karen confirmed that Becky Shufelt from the FS will be at the June Meeting, Three Sisters. Karen asked Dan B. to speak about the Wilderness Act and be willing to be a speaker for the July 15th meeting. Dan agreed to speak at the July meeting.

Outreach: Karen contacted the BRHA and they are moving into their new facility next week and they know are looking to be contacted regarding our memorial plaques. We need to add Bill Black's name to the plaque. Karen will be taking pictures of both plaques so we have a record and send it to Tim. The Defensive Horsemanship classes have been uploaded to

FB. Thank you Dan for the pictures. Colter Kirkland, one of our youth members had a very successful track meet at the State Track meet. Karen to send a summary on that to FB. Jan will be doing a brief summary of the project at Calf Creek. Great pictures are provided by Dan and Christy. That will be on FB as well.

OLD BUSINESS

Ravalli County Fair: Christy is working with Laura DeGrazier on the phone list and schedule from 2019 and 2020.

Pins: Brad will have more information tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS

Monthly Meeting Locations: The question was proposed to have an in-person meeting with Daly Leach for the Board meetings to start in August. The July general meeting will take place at Larry Creek and the August general meeting will take place at Coyote Coulee. Susan Slemp will be posting it on FB and the local newspaper.

Update on Fun Rides: Jan will know for sure this coming Monday if she can ride and will let Gene know.

Teller Refuge location: Great facility and location. Thank you Kathy for coordinating that.

OTHER BUSINESS

BRBCH Decal: Gene asked Ed Bullock to look into having a BR BCH decal for the advertisers to place in the windows.

Trifold: Kathy reported out that she needs to order more trifold and does it need to be updated before she places an order at Allegra. No update is required. Kathy to submit the order.

Karen Philips motioned, and Mike Costanzo seconded to agenda. The motion carried.

Adjourn 8:21 pm.

Christy Schram-Duggan, Secretary BRBCH

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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.

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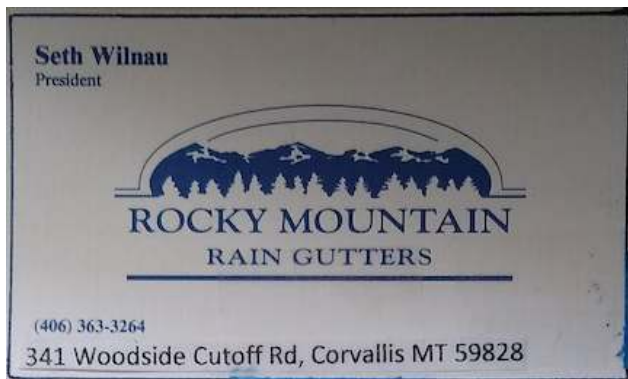


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NEXT BRBCH MEETING

Thursday, June 17th

Location: Lake Como 3 Sisters Group Site

Meeting at 6:30

