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BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN MISSION STATEMENT

- To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's backcountry and wilderness areas.
- To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
- To assist the various government, state and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
- 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.
- To foster and encourage the formation of new back country horsemen's organizations.
- To cooperate with other BCHA organizations.

A Message from our BRBCH President

Happy New Year members and friends! I hope you enjoyed the holidays and stayed safe and healthy! I would like to thank you all for electing me to be your new president for this year. And I would like to thank our Past President, Gene Merrell, for all his help in turning over the reins to me! With your help and input I will do my best to uphold our mission and promote the use of stock in the back and front country. I would also like to welcome our new board members and officers. We have a good team that I know will get things done this year. And thank you to all our outgoing board members and officers. You have all done an excellent job and I encourage all of you to continue your good work.

I also encourage those who have not renewed their membership to do so at this time. Changes are in the wind for our public lands and it is important that we have a say in what will be happening on those lands.

As covid still rules a lot of our activities I'm hoping that we can be safe when we have our meetings and anyone that is not comfortable attending in person can get hold of me with any comments you may have. We are still not having potlucks at the monthly meetings but you can bring your own food and meet at 6:30pm to enjoy some camaraderie beforehand.

Our possible projects for this summer are being discussed at this time and it looks like we may have a very busy season. We should have that list out soon and encourage you to sign up to participate. Not all opportunities are work related and we can always use folks that do not ride or cannot do the heavy work to participate in trailhead duties. Trainings are being coordinated at this time also and will start in March with our Defensive Horsemanship Demonstration. We will be having Saw training and First aid/cpr/ed classes and a Wilderness Skills Weekend.

So it looks like our summer will be a busy one and we will be able to get things done that we have not been able to do in the last year or 2. I hope you can attend our monthly meetings but, if not, our monthly newsletter can fill you in.

Until next month then,

Your President,
Jan Bullock

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Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen 2022 Officers & Board

Chapter Officers

Position	Name	Term	Contact
President	Jan Bullock	2022	(907) 242-9853
Vice President	Christy Schram-Duggan	2022	
Secretary	Kathy Stroppel-Holl	2022	
Treasurer	Barbara Walker	2022	

Board Members

Name	Term
Ed Duggan	2021-22
Travis Grinnell	2021-22
Joe Kirkland	2021-22
Katie Williams	2021-22
(Position open)	2021-22
Dan Brandborg	2022-23
Carol Johns	2022-23
Dan Maiyo	2022-23
Karen Philips	2022-23

Past President: Gene Merrell**State Chairman:** Sherri Lionberger

State Directors: Brad Pollman (2022-23)
 Taylor Orr (2021-22)

Alt State Director: Chuck Miller (2022)

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

(No Potluck) BRBCH Monthly meeting Thursday, January 20th: Corvallis School Cafeteria

Social: 6:30 pm

Meeting: 7:00 pm

Program Speaker: Our program speaker will be Abbie Jossie, the new Darby/Sula district ranger. She will introduce herself and discuss topics of interest to the group. We may have our volunteer agreement signed by then and could possibly have confirmation on some trail projects for the year.



Editor's Note....

Happy New Year to all of our Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen members! I am honored to be the new editor of our monthly newsletter. I will strive to present articles of interest and information mandatory and necessary to keep our membership informed of the workings of the BRBCH. Not being renowned as one with a lot of original ideas, I aspire to the definitions of plagiarism as copying the work of one, research as copying the work of many. Therefore, I invite your ideas and critique as we saddle up and ride into a safe, productive New Year filled with fun, food, and friendship.

May the horse be with you!

Regards,
Dan Maiyo

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Prepare for a Barn Fire

By Dan Maiyo

Steps involved in preparing your facility and horses for your worst nightmare.

Note: I invite your suggestions and experiences for future discussion on this important topic.

1. Know who to call

Everyone should know to call 911 and be able to do it on the fly, including neighbors, boarders, and anybody else in the immediate vicinity of your property. If you have a land line, post pertinent information permanently on the phone. In absence of a phone, use a bulletin board. Your 911 call should be visible to the operator. However, everyone should have the address of the farm/ranch/facility as notes on their phone. Include directions, location of the barn on the property if not visible from the road, and which entrance is accessible if more than one. Make sure these signs are easily visible at night. Gated entrances should be designed and maintained for easy access by firefighters and other first responders. Maintain the route in and out of parking and maneuvering areas to the site and are readily accessible by emergency vehicles. Coordinate with first responders as to the availability of a fire hydrant, pond, or water retention tank.

2. Escape for Horses and other livestock

Plan an escape route for horses and livestock. Be able to open gates to free horses to run into a secure fenced area far enough away from the fire. Loose horses, fire trucks and firefighters don't mix. Pasture gates should be maintained to work easily with frightened horses in hand. Be sure everyone is aware which horses are buddies and might be led out together, or follow each other out. Prepare your horses for such a crisis. Are halters and lead ropes readily accessible? Can you lead your horses with a cover over their eyes to get them out of the barn?

3. Consult ahead time with the fire department

Contact your local fire department and ask for a safety check list. Show them water sources, where the hay and bedding are stored, location of flammable or toxic materials etc. Discuss your plan and ask for advice. Prepare your horses with the look and smell of fire suits, helmets, flashing emergency lights and fire vehicles.

4. Fire Drill

Pick a day when your boarder(s), horse sitter, and any appropriate neighbors are available. Time yourself. Take turns going through the steps, practice the motions, debrief. What went right? What corrections should be made? Make a video and review the drill.

5. Take photos of the facility.

For insurance and personal purposes, take photos of the facility inside and out for your records. If the unthinkable happens, you will have a record of saddles, tack, other valuables and structural improvements that might be lost or damaged in a fire.

6. A stitch in time saves nine.

Using the fire department's recommendations or your own good common sense. Place fire extinguishers strategically throughout the facility. Place hanging cards

on the extinguishers, check and record them monthly for their charge status. Learn how to use them. Prohibit smoking around the barn. Consider stacking hay away from the barn. Insufficiently dried hay can smolder and combust if the moisture content is excessive. Remove weeds and dry brush from around the structure. Gas powered machinery and other combustible materials should not be stored in the barn. Have an electrician do a safety check of the wiring, Ask the electrician how to turn the power off to the barn and still keep power to the well and water to run.

7. Prepare for reality.

In there is a fire, adrenaline will take over. Even the best laid plans can go astray. You will lose track of time. Preparation, training and familiarity will be your best defense.

2022 TRAINING UPDATE

The following dates reserved for our Defensive Horsemanship clinics:

- March 26: Defensive Horsemanship Demonstration: 9 am-2 pm
- April 2: Trail Obstacles: Two sessions: 9 am-Noon and 1pm-4 pm
- April 23: Trail Obstacles: Two sessions: 9 am-Noon and 1pm-4 pm

All classes are at the C-Max stables on Bass Lane in Corvallis

Visit our website for more information! www.bchmt.org/bitterroot



Casa Chili Soup

By Leslie Conner-Maiyo

What is the difference between chili and a soup? Good question. The most logical answer; a chili will have chili peppers, a soup may not. Chili is thicker than soup and can be eaten with a fork, soup needs a spoon. This recipe combines the best of both worlds. You can add bacon for extra flavor and use shredded beef instead of cube beef.

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 Tbs. Chili Oil
- 2 lbs. lean beef cubed
- 1 white onion, peeled and chopped
- 2 carrots, peeled and chopped
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
- 1 Tbs. chili powder
- 1 Tbs. dried oregano, crumbled
- 7 cups beef stock
- 4 Roma tomatoes, chopped
- ¼ cup chopped flat-leaf parsley
- 1 – 16 ounce can pinto beans, drained, rinsed

DIRECTIONS:

1. In a large sauté pan, heat 2 Tbs. Chili Oil over medium heat.
2. Add beef and brown on all sides.
3. Remove beef and set aside.
4. In the sauté pan, heat the remaining Chili Oil over medium heat.
5. Add onion, carrots, celery, and garlic and sauté 5 minutes.
6. Stir in the chili powder and oregano and cook 2 minutes.
7. Add the beef, beef stock, tomatoes, and parsley and bring to boil.
8. Reduce heat to a simmer and cook 1 hour.
9. Add the beans and cook 10 minutes.
10. Ladle into bowls and serve.

**BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
(DRAFT) GENERAL MEETING MINUTES: DECEMBER 16, 2021**

Note: Draft December General Meeting Minutes Not Available at this time.

DRAFT

**BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
(DRAFT) BOARD MEETING MINUTES: JANUARY 6, 2022**

The January 2022 Board meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order at 7:01 pm via Zoom by Jan Bullock. Present were: President Jan Bullock, VP Christy Schram-Duggan, Secretary Kathy Stroppel-Holl, and Treasurer Barb Walker. Also present were Board members Carol Johns, Dan Brandborg, Dan Maiyo, Ed Duggan, Joe Kirkland, Karen Philips, and Katie Williams; State Director Brad Pollman; and Past President Gene Merrell. Absent were Lionel Lavallee, Taylor Orr, and Chuck Miller. Jan Bullock led the pledge.

Committee Chairs present: Bonnie Morgan, Leslie Conner-Maiyo, Nancy Pollman

Minutes: Christy emailed the November and December 2021 Board meeting minutes on Dec15 to the Board. Gene Merrell motioned and Karen Philips seconded to accept the minutes. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Barb provided an update on the account balances. Gene Merrell motioned and Christy Schram-Duggan seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried. Kathy noted the PO Box fee is due by 1/31/22, but if paid before 1/09/22 the box will be renewed at the existing box rate. Rates go up after 1/9/22. Kathy will give the PO Box info to Barb, along with the receipt for deposit of members' checks.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jan welcomed the new 2022 officers, Board members, and State Director.

Kathy dropped off copies of "Mountain Manners" at the Chamber of Commerce. Jodi Wright Mitchell is the new office manager. She was pleased to add the copies to the info rack and will let us know when more are needed. She talked about contacting her if we had any news to send out, if we wanted to be included in the Celtic

Games parking folks for fundraising purposes (declined since we do the Fair), and a couple other topics. Karen said the portable toilet was removed from Calf Creek in mid-December. She spoke with their billing person, and we will be billed \$270 for Sept-Nov. Christy said the packing class to be taught by Ed D at the Bitterroot College is now open for registration; the class runs from 4/3-5/15. The Board is looking to sponsor students to this packing class.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget: Gene will wait for the books to clear for 2021, then look at the budget for 2022. Earl will help.

Issues: Carol asked about providing input for the Ravalli County Recreation Review Kickoff Stakeholders Meeting. Kathy noted one member asked about voicing her thoughts on ebikes; others can provide input at the meeting as well. Jan spoke to Mark Smith about doing paperwork for the volunteer service agreement. Brad said the State is working on a state-wide volunteer agreement that will give chapters a chance to work in all of Region 1 and for members to work with other chapters. Discussed how mileage is reimbursed. This state-wide agreement has many pluses. If the agreement doesn't work out, then we will revert to our arrangement with the Bitterroot Forest.

Projects: Dan B spoke with Mark Smith; Deb Gale's replacement will be on in 6-8 weeks. Mark is waiting for our project ideas; Coyote Coulee and Larry Creek will be included. Gold Creek Campground is a possibility. Saw certs are extended thru 2022. Need to start the list of projects, then schedule meeting with FS in next couple months. Gene asked the meeting include himself, Bonnie, Jan, and Carol.

State Directors: Brad noted the 2022 State convention is coming up in March.

Membership: Leslie provided the names of new and renewing members for approval. Christy Schram-Duggan motioned and Karen Philips seconded to approve the new and renewal memberships. The motion carried. There are 40 memberships and 70 members. Need to update the trifold (last done in 2018) and get it printed. Nancy has the original file.

Outreach: Karen sent the Rock Creek Horse Camp article with 5 photos and link to the Region 1 video to the Decker Dispatch on 1/5/22. The State newsletter is still sent as print and electronic mailing.

Program: The two new District Rangers could be the January meeting speakers. Karen will contact Mark Smith.

Education & Training: Bonnie noted the DHS Demo Clinic will be 3/26, Obstacles on 4/2 and 4/23. WSW is proposed for 5/21. Horse & Rider magazine is interested in covering WSW. New members would like saw training – Brad and Dan could do that class. Sign up will be available at the January general meeting. BCH MT approved Jan B to purchase mannequins for CPR and house them in the Bitterroot. Christy noted that Jordan Knudson is offering a packing class from March 24-28 in Missoula.

OLD BUSINESS

Audit Committee: Dan M needs a replacement since he took on Newsletter Editor. Leslie will contact Sandy A and Sandra O to work with Gene on the audit. She will send an email to the members asking for someone to step up if needed. Anticipating the audit will be conducted by Feb 1st.

Other Meeting Locations: Still meeting at Corvallis Schools Cafeteria thru May; should

follow up ID'ing other locations as backup. Stevi and Corvallis fire departments are not available due to training on Thursdays. Will check FS office availability.

Website Update: Barb asked that phone numbers and email addresses be taken off the website. Nancy will update the website to remove that info and update the officer and Board member names. Kathy will send her this info. Gene will be contact for the chapter. The chapter email address will be added.

NEW BUSINESS

Elect Replacement Board Member: Two are interested in being on the Board, Julie Schram and Travis Grinnell. Travis was elected as the new Board member.

2022 State Convention Delegates: Need to designate 8 delegates and 1 alternate by 2/23. Brad will be a delegate since he needs to attend the 2 state board meetings. The Officers and Board were asked who wants to go: Brad, Ed D, Christy, Barb, Carol, and Nancy volunteered. Gene will check with Taylor and Chuck (State & Alt State Directors). The Convention is hosted by Three Rivers BCH, Dillon, 3/11-13. Barb has registrations and raffle tickets. Leslie to send an email to the members about buying/selling raffle tickets.

Pins for Past Officers/Board Members: Nancy noted Gene has enough for outgoing positions and she will place an order in the spring for next year's needs.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dan Brandborg motioned and Barb Walker seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm. The motion carried.

Kathy Stroppel-Holl, Secretary BRBCH

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NEXT BRBCH MEETING

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Location: Corvallis School Cafeteria

Social at 6:30pm Meeting at 7:00pm

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