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Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen

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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

Welcome to winter in Montana and welcome to the Holiday Season! That sure happened fast. We will be celebrating our annual Thanksgiving Member meeting on November 17th at the **Corvallis Grange**. Unfortunately, the Corvallis High School has an event that evening so we have changed our location this month. See this issue of NAG NEWS for directions. Time and date are the same. Also listed in this issue is the signup sheet with the wonderful potluck choices that each person offered to contribute. Check that list to see what delights we will be sharing!

We will not be having a guest speaker at this meeting as we will be voting for next year's slate of Officers, Board Members and State Representatives. Eight positions are currently open. Several folks have stepped up to help continue our Mission. We do need a candidate to step up for the Secretary position. This is an essential position for documenting what we do. It is not a difficult position but does require some computer skills; namely taking our Board and membership meeting minutes. Help our Chapter out by giving this position a try, please contact me and I will put you on the ballot. These newly elected folks will begin their duties in January at our first meeting of the year.

Also at our December meeting we will be having our yearly raffle for those renewing and new members that have paid their membership dues for 2023. Membership renewals are due now and we will have applications at our Thanksgiving meeting for you to fill out. If you would like to donate to our raffle, please bring a "horsey type gift" to the December meeting. Look in your tack rooms and see if there is something in there that you can pass on to someone else. Gift certificates are great too. Horse books and magazine subscriptions are also welcome. If everyone has renewed their memberships and new folks have joined, everyone will go home with a prize! I have always believed that the holiday season is a time of giving and helping your family and neighbors. Kindness is a gift we can freely give to all. I hope you will follow my example and show a little kindness to people and animals. The world could sure use it right now. One way to show kindness might be to offer a member or friend a ride to our Thanksgiving Celebration meeting! Winter driving at night can be overwhelming so some folks and a ride can be so helpful. See you soon!

In Kindness, your President

Jan Bullock

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December 2022
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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
Travise Grinnell	2021-22
Joe Kirkland	2021-22
Katie Williams	2021-22
Julie Schram	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)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH 2022 GENERAL MEETING
(Thanksgiving Potluck!) BRBCH Monthly meeting
Corvallis Grange Hall
Social: 6:30 pm Meeting: 7:00 pm

The Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen host their monthly meeting on Thursday, November 17th at the Corvallis Grange Hall, 130 Dutch Hill Road. **The Grange is located north of Hamilton on the north side of Dutch Hill Road, approximately 1/8th mile west of the intersection of Dutch Hill Road and Hwy 93 North. (West of Woodside Crossing)**

A potluck/Thanksgiving dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by our monthly meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. This month we will be holding our annual elections for BRBCH Officers and Board of Directors. Therefore; there will be no guest speaker due to the elections. We welcome guests and new members. For more information, please call Gene at 208-310-6326 or check out the website at www.bchmt.org/bitterroot. Find us on Facebook at: **Bitter Root Country Horsemen (BRBCH)**.

- The **BRBCH Absentee Ballot for 2023 Positions** is attached to this newsletter. Please review your favorite candidate. If you cannot attend the November meeting, you can vote online accessing the link per Nancy Pollman's email to the membership sent Nov. 11.
- **Pantry Partners Food Pack:** Monday, Nov 28, 1:00 p.m. at the St. Mary's Family Center, will be box set up and food organizing. And especially needed Tuesday, Nov 29, 9:00 a.m. will be box packing day. Please call Gene at 208-310-6326 if you wish to help either day.
- **Thanksgiving Meal Signup Sheet** from the October meeting is attached to this newsletter: Please feel free to bring a dish if you are not on the list. More food is always welcome.
- **Project/Volunteer Hours/Mileage:**

- Total Trail Work hours: 291
- Total Volunteer hours: 880
- Total Trail Miles: 155 (wilderness 42 and other trail 113)
- Total Transportation Miles: 6239 (personal vehicles) (This is what was submitted to the BCH of MT for mileage reimbursement)
- Total Stock Transport Miles: 2140
- Total Travel time: 108
- Equipment Power hours: 5.5
- Equipment Heavy hours: 13
- Total Qty. Stock used: 84
- Total Stock Days: 143
- Donations: \$2088.91 (our donated time value)

Editor's Note: In recognition of the 58th anniversary of passage of the WILDERNESS ACT, the following is the 3rd installment of the ACT. Further installments are to be included in upcoming issues of Nag News. Also, it can be viewed in its entirety via the BRBCH website link.

WILDERNESS ACT

of September 3, 1964,

(P.L 88-577, 78 Stat. 890; 16 U.S.C. 1 1 21 (note), 1 1 31-1136)

To establish a National Wilderness Preservation System for the permanent good of the whole people, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Short Title

Sec 1. This Act may be cited as the "Wilderness Act" (16 U.S.C. 1 1 21 (note))

EXTENT OF SYSTEM (continued from last month)

(c) Within ten years after September 3, 1964 the Secretary of the Interior shall review every roadless area of five thousand contiguous acres or more in the national parks, monuments and other units of the national park system and every such area of, and every roadless island within the national wildlife refuges and game ranges, under his jurisdiction on September 3, 1964 and shall report to the President his recommendation as to the suitability or nonsuitability of each such area or island for preservation as wilderness. The President shall advise the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of his recommendation with respect to the designation as wilderness of each such area or island on which review has been completed, together with a map thereof and a definition of its boundaries. Such advice shall be given with respect to not less than one-third of the areas and islands to be reviewed under this subsection within three years after September 3, 1964, not less than two-thirds within seven years of September 3, 1964 and the remainder within ten years of September 3, 1964. A recommendation of the President for designation as wilderness shall become effective only if so provided by an Act of Congress. Nothing contained herein shall, by implication or otherwise, be construed to lessen the present statutory authority of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the maintenance of roadless areas within units of the national park system.

(d) (1) The Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior shall, prior to submitting any recommendations to the President with respect to the suitability of any area for preservation as wilderness - give such public notice of the proposed action as they deem appropriate, including publication in the Federal Register and in a newspaper having general circulation in the area or areas in the vicinity of the affected land; hold a public hearing or hearings at a location or locations convenient to the area affected. The hearings shall be announced through such means as the respective Secretaries involved deem appropriate, including notices in the Federal Register and in newspapers of general circulation in the area: Provided, That if the lands involved are located in more than one State, at least one hearing shall be held in each State in which a portion of the land lies; at least thirty days before the date of a hearing advise the Governor of each State and the governing board of each county, or in Alaska the borough, in which the lands are located, and Federal departments and agencies concerned, and invite such officials and Federal agencies to submit their views on the proposed action at the hearing or by no later than thirty days following the date of the hearing. Any views submitted to the appropriate Secretary under the provisions of (1) of this subsection with respect to any area shall be included with any recommendations to the President and to Congress with respect to such area.

(e) Any modification or adjustment of boundaries of any wilderness area shall be recommended by the appropriate Secretary after public notice of such proposal and public hearing or hearings as provided in subsection (d) of this section. The proposed modification or adjustment shall then be recommended with map and description thereof to the President. The President shall advise the United States Senate and the House of Representatives of his recommendations with respect to such modification or adjustment and such recommendations shall become effective only in the same manner as provided for in subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

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Drinking Water and Cold Weather Impaction Colic

Adapted freely from Michigan State U. Extension, and from The Horse, tips for preventing colic in horses in winter.

It's been butt cold here lately, and certainly much earlier in the season than usual. Horses may have more interest in feeding than in drinking water due to abrupt weather changes.

Keeping your horse's drinking water clean and using water tank heaters to prevent water from freezing in cold weather can prevent a life threatening situation. Some horses flat out don't like to drink cold water. Horses should have unlimited access to clean water all the time, particularly during winter.

When temperatures drop in the winter, impaction of the large colon becomes a common cause for emergency farm calls. Impaction colic occurs when digested material within the large colon becomes stuck. Because the material stays in one place, the large colon absorbs moisture from it, generating a doughy to hard, dry mass. Impactions commonly occur where the large colon narrows and turns at the pelvic flexure.

Impaction colic is caused by obstructions in the bowel, typically in areas where the large intestine changes in direction or diameter. These obstructions may be caused by dry, firm masses of feed, or foreign material such as dirt or sand. Impaction colic can be very serious, or even fatal, and often (usually) requires treatment by a veterinarian.

Causes often associated with impactions include decreased water consumption and changes in routine. In the winter when the weather changes, especially abruptly, horses might have reduced turnout and exercise and might not be interested in drinking, particularly **if the water is very cold.** Other causes of impaction can be related to the inability to chew and break down feed well (e.g., due to pain or poor dentition), an abnormality in the gastrointestinal (GI) tract (e.g., a tumor), or a problem with the GI tract's ability to move digesta efficiently and effectively—called motility.

It is critical that mature horses at maintenance consume *at least* 10-15 gallons of clean, fresh water daily and more in hot weather, or when the horse is working. Water will both aid in the prevention of dehydration in the horse and keep feed moist, thus decreasing the risk of impaction colic. Making sure there is salt available or top dressing loose salt on grain will also typically keep horses drinking.

Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen Absentee Ballot for 2023 Officers and Board Members

If you cannot attend the November 17 general meeting, you have two choices to get your absentee vote in:

(1) vote online at: <https://forms.ele/TSPbauDomSi4JhJq9> or (2) mail ballot: Bitter Root BCH, PO Box 1083, Hamilton, MT 59840

Ballots must be received by 11/16/2023 and must be signed. All members current in the 2021 dues and at least 18 years of age are eligible to vote: One ballot per member. Limit of 2 per family membership.

Signature of BRBCH Member (required): _____

OFFICER: 2023 PRESIDENT (1 yr term, 4 consecutive terms max) – CHOOSE 1

It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board, to exercise general control over the affairs of said organization, to call special meetings of the organization and of its Board and to perform all other duties pertaining to such office. The President may co-sign checks for the disbursement of funds. Attends Board meeting the 1st Thursday of each month, along with the monthly general meeting.

☐ Jan Bullock

☐ Write-in Candidate: _____

OFFICER: 2023 VICE PRESIDENT (1 yr term, 4 consecutive terms max) – CHOOSE 1

The Vice President shall assist the President when called upon to do so and in the absence of the President shall be vested with all the powers and duties of the President. The Vice President may co-sign checks for the disbursement of funds. Attends Board meeting the 1st Thursday of each month, along with the monthly general meeting.

☐ Christy Schram-Duggan

☐ Write-in Candidate: _____

OFFICER: 2023 SECRETARY (1 yr term, 4 consecutive terms max) – CHOOSE 1

The Secretary shall record and keep minutes of regular, Board and special meetings, shall be responsible for the preparation of correspondence on behalf of the organization, shall maintain a file of correspondence sent and received for organizational records and shall perform those duties as pertain to this office and/or special instructions from the Board. Attends Board meeting the 1st Thursday of each month, along with the monthly general meeting

(No nominee; write-in only)

☐ Write-in Candidate: _____

OFFICER: 2023 TREASURER (1 yr term, 4 consecutive terms max) – CHOOSE 1

The Treasurer shall collect dues, shall maintain an up-to-date register or roll of members for the purpose of organizational business, notices, etc., shall keep and disburse funds of the organization and shall keep a written account of same which shall be open for inspection by any member in good standing, shall furnish a written report of the state of the finances monthly and shall be one of the three check signers of record. Attends Board meeting the 1st Thursday of each month, along with the monthly general meeting. (Note: at this time the Membership Chair assists Treasurer by keeping roll of members and sending notices.)

☐ Barbara Walker

☐ Write-in Candidate: _____

2023 – 2024 BOARD MEMBERS (2 yr term, 3 consecutive terms max) – CHOOSE 5

The Board shall manage and execute the affairs of the organization as directed by the membership at large. When the general membership is not in session, the Board shall have the authority to take actions necessary to carry on the business of the organization. Attends board meeting the 1st Thursday of each month along with the monthly general meeting.

☐ Diane Duffie

☐ Travis Grinnell

☐ Dennis Hardman

☐ Joe Kirkland

☐ Brad Pollman

☐ Joan Scheffer

☐ Greg Schneider

☐ Julie Schram

☐ Write-in Candidate(s): _____

2023 – 2024 STATE BCH REPRESENTATIVE (2 yr term, 3 consecutive terms max) – CHOOSE 1

The State Board of Directors (BCH of MT) shall be charged with the duty to distribute pertinent information; to serve as a clearing house for actions and ideas emanating from local state, or national sources; and to represent the affiliated chapters from the state level. It shall provide member chapters assistance, coordination, guidance, and direction in their organization and general efforts. Three meetings per year, plus annual convention. Our chapter will reimburse for mileage to meetings plus registration fee and one night's lodging for convention.

☐ Chuck Miller

☐ Write-in Candidate: _____

2023 ALTERNATE STATE BCH REPRESENTATIVE (1 yr term, no max) – CHOOSE 1 (Same as State BCH Rep above)

☐ Ed Duggan

☐ Write-in Candidate: _____

2022 BRBCH Thanksgiving Meal Signup Sheet

Name	Item	Name	Item
Karen Philips	Turkey	Karen Philips	Cranberry Cherry Relish
Donna Traise Grinnell	Turkey		
" "	Turkey		
Barb Walker	Ham		
Duane Krowen	Ham		
Jan + Ed Bullock	Mashed Potatoes		
Christy Schram-Duggan	Fruit salad		
" " "	Cheesecake		
Julie Schram	Sweet Potatoes		
Bonnie Morgan	Harvard Beets		
Kathy Stoppel-Holt	Dessert or Side		
Laura McManus	cranberry salad		
Judy + Ross Rosen	Sausage Dressing		
Nicole Temple	pickled beets		
Joan Schaffer	lemon bars		
Diane Ruffie	sweet potato casserole		
Ledie Gorman-Harris	Green Salad		
Susan Klemm	Hot Rolls + Butter		
Rebecca Banks	sweet squash dish		
Cheylene Grinnell	green bean casserole		
Tamara Baker	green salad		
Terra + Mark Bright	Pumpkin cheesecake		
Virginia DeLee	Dessert or side		
Tim Meyer	Pie		

BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
(DRAFT) GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 20TH, 2022

The October 2022 general meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order by President Jan Bullock at 7:02 pm. The meeting was held at the First Interstate Event Center at the fairgrounds. Approximately 47 members were present, with a Board quorum. Brad Pollman led the Pledge of Allegiance to start the meeting.

Guests: Joyce (Bonnie's friend), Judith (Laura's friend), Sara Frank (Christy)

PROGRAM

Jan Bullock – Mongolia: Jan introduced herself and spoke about her Mongolia trip this summer. She wore and spoke about a traditional Mongolian robe/coat and riding boots (no heel). Mongolia is located between Russia and China; they enjoy American visitors. Goats, sheep, horses, camels, and yaks are the 5 treasures – there are more than 70 million animals, far more than people. The capitol is Ulaanbaatar. Mutton was the usual dinner food. She rode a sweet horse, small, 13.2, sturdy, strong. The horses' teeth and hooves are not maintained. Camped and packed for 11 days, with about 50 river crossings. Rode with short stirrups, and stood to trot or canter. Saw Przewalski's horses, about 400 strong. Summers are warm and short, winters are long and very cold, below zero. She also rode a Bactrian camel in the Gobi Desert, and saw Golden Eagle hunters. She thoroughly enjoyed her trip and will go back again.

BUSINESS

Minutes: The Sept minutes were printed in the October Nag News. There was a correction to the Sept minutes to note that the August (not September) minutes were printed in the September Nag News, and that the motion should read "... accept the minutes of the July and August 2022 general meetings." **Karen Philips motioned and Travise Grinnell seconded to accept the Sept general meeting minutes as amended. The motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Barb presented the October treasurer's report – there were no updates. **Christy Schram-Duggan motioned and Travise Grinnell seconded to accept the Oct Treasurer's report. The motion carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Safety Moment: Jan noted to wear orange with hunting season coming on.

Thanksgiving Meal Signup Sheet: Jan passed around the signup sheet. The chapter pays for the turkey and ham.

BRBCH Google Drive: Tim Meyer spoke about the free Google drive account. There is a large cache of old photos that need to be identified. He provided a guideline as to how to access and comment on the photos. Members can also post their own photos on the drive. The link to the webpage will be emailed to the members. He has been scanning in old photos. Brad will look up the founding members photos and get them to Tim to scan in (founding BCHA officers could include BRBCH members).

Bitterroot XC Ski Club: Kathy said the ski club will clear trail at Lake Como 10/29; meet at 9am at boat ramp parking.

Christmas Cowboy Santa: Jan noted Ed Bullock dressed up as Santa and rode his pony during tree lighting in Hamilton in 2021. The Downtown Association would like Ed to do this again, and be available to take Christmas letters and do photos with kids. The event needs to be sure their insurance will cover Ed. They are open to other ideas as well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Issues: Carol said Public Lands Solution (PLS) submitted the Draft Final Report to the County Commissioners on the survey as to how public lands are used. Lots of different uses were noted. They recognize conflict between different types of users and made recommendations for resolving them. They noted trails could be developed between Lost Horse and Lake Como, and that old fire/logging roads could be used to connect the canyons. Signage and trail head improvements were noted. BCH was recognized throughout the report. Recreation was noted as substantial and of economic importance. The BR Front Project had a good summary article in the Bitterroot Star on Oct 5. No new info on the FS website on the project. FWP is working on a conservation easement up Sweathouse Creek, comprising 540 acres on the Hackett Ranch. She spoke about the Bob Marshall Wilderness

and two current issues that could affect it, including Holland Lake development on the west side and the Solinex lease in Badger-Two Medicine on the east side. Roaring Lion has a salvage project coming up.

Projects: No report.

State Directors: There wasn't an update on the State level. Brad did speak about BCHA activities. A webinar on grants was recently presented. There are three multi-million dollar grants available to pursue. An e-bike webinar will be presented Oct 22. The Bitterroot Forest currently considers e-bikes as motorized vehicles that don't belong on non-motorized trails.

Education & Training: Bonnie noted there will be an early 2023 Project Leader training. First Aid will start up in Jan/Feb so it will be done before saw training.

Membership: Leslie noted there are 90 memberships and 154 members. She has membership application and renewal forms, which are also available online.

Outreach: The BCH MT winter newsletter needs a BRBCH article; Karen and Dan M will submit one on the East Fork Corral Project. She thanked everyone for their work at the fair, which is a great outreach activity.

Program: No speaker at the Nov meeting due to elections. Josh Lisbon, MPG Ranch, is planned for the Dec meeting and will show the mountain lion research video.

Sunshine: If anyone knows of a member who needs a get well, congratulations, or condolence card, let Cindy Beck know. One of our members recently lost some family.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee: Jan asked for members to consider being on the nominating committee. Gene noted that the 4 officers are up for election every year, 5 Board members are up for election, and one State and one Alt State Director are open. The committee role is to call members for potential candidates. Gene noted when folks step up from this chapter, work gets done. Cheyenne and Bonnie let Gene know they will help with phone calls.

NEW BUSINESS

RAC Project Proposals: Julie said there is \$200k in the RAC to apply for a grant. It is an easy grant to pursue. The bike group would like to work with BRBCH on some projects. Applications need to be in by Dec 15, and then

the RAC will meet with applicants in Jan 2023. Need to find a project to put in the application, find out what it will cost, and get support letters from various entities. Need a grant committee to plan out for future projects.

Candidates:

- **President:** Jan Bullock
- **Vice President:** Christy Schram-Duggan
- **Treasurer:** Barb Walker
- **Secretary:** open
- **Board:** Travise Grinnell, Julie Schram, Brad Pollman, Diane Duffie, Joan Scheffer
- **State Director:** Ed Duggan, Chuck Miller
- **Alt State Director:** Ed Duggan, Chuck Miller

OTHER BUSINESS

Pantry Partners Food Pack: Gene spoke about the food pack for Pantry Partners in Stevensville. BRBCH has helped pack food boxes for many years. Pack day is Tue, Nov 29. Location and time will be determined.

Duane Krowen said the SPWBCH will have a hot dog roast at the 3 Sisters Group Site on Nov 12 at noon

Diane Duffie has bags of apples available. There are also barn cats available from Julie's neighbor.

Rebecca Banks has some tack items available for sale.

Nancy Pollman noted that she handles the mailing list for the State newsletter. Folks can also access the State and National newsletters from the website.

Next Meeting: Nov17 at the Corvallis School Cafeteria (post-meeting update: at the Corvallis Grange), potluck at 6:30, meeting at 7:00 pm. Coffee: Diane Duffie, Hot Water: Joan Scheffer

Tim Meyer motioned and Julie Schram seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Kathy Stroppel-Holl, Secretary BRBCH

BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
***DRAFT* BOARD MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 3RD, 2022**

The November 2022 Board meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order at 7:02 pm by Jan Bullock at the Daly-Leach Chapel. Present were President Jan Bullock, VP Christy Schram-Duggan, and Secretary Kathy Stoppel-Holl. Also present were Board members Dan Brandborg, Ed Duggan, Travise Grinnell, Dan Maiyo, Karen Philips, Julie Schram, and Katie Williams; and Past President Gene Merrell. Absent were Board members Carol Johns and Joe Kirkland; and State Directors Brad Pollman, Taylor Orr, and Chuck Miller. Dan Maiyo led the pledge.

Committee Chairs present: Bonnie Morgan, Tim Meyer, Leslie Conner-Maiyo

BUSINESS

Minutes: The October 2022 meeting minutes were published in the October Nag News – there were no updates. **Karen Philips motioned and Julie Schram seconded to accept the minutes as published. The motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Jan read the update on the account balances provided by Barb – there were no questions on the report. **Karen Philips motioned and Julie Schram seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dec General Meeting Raffle Items: Leslie noted raffle items need to be collected for the Dec meeting. If anyone has a horse-related item or would like to visit one of the feed stores to get donated feed, let Leslie know. Dan will place a note in the Nov newsletter about this.

BRBCH Google Drive: Tim spoke about the drive and the need to look at photos for the April BCHMT and BCHA Conventions in Kalispell. Tim needs the input on the photos in order to help put together the BCHMT slideshow. Some photos may get put in the newsletter for people to provide input. Julie will put together a list of names for Leslie to send to members asking for old photos.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Issues: Katie spoke about an Outdoor Enthusiast Collaborative that is being proposed in Missoula. This group would help coordinate future projects, reduce user conflicts, and other actions. Their meeting is Nov 17 at 5:30pm at Imagination Nation, Missoula if anyone wants to

attend to learn more. FWP has been offered 5-6K acres of private lands in the Snowy Mountains; the lands have been purchased by the State and will now be available for public access. The Badger-Two Medicine lands have only one lessee left, and the tribes are contesting the lease.

Projects: Dan B said input on 2023 projects will start in January 2023. Dan M said Jake Long wants to know if BRBCH will be involved at the East Fork over the July 4th 2023 weekend to do site cleanup (barb wire, downed fencing, other debris); cabin reservations need to be made 6 months in advance. The Board agreed to add this project; Dan M will contact Jake Long to reserve the site for June 30-July 5. Area trail clearing (Sign Creek, Moose Creek, East Fork) may also occur during this period.

State Directors: Julie watched the 10/22 BCH MT E-Bike Webinar and said BCH needs to stay on top of the issue. Christy suggested a bike person do a future program so members can be more aware of what an e-bike is; Karen will follow up on this with Phil Torgerson. There was further discussion on the e-bike topic.

Membership: Leslie noted \$212 has been spent on the tri-fold flyers this year (over the \$50 budget) – the tri-folds are placed in the Chamber of Commerce, FS offices, library, and various businesses. The budget should be increased for 2023. She then provided the names of members who are renewing. **Gene Merrell motioned and Karen Philips seconded to accept the renewals. The motion carried.**

Outreach: Karen will work with Dan M on the East Fork article for the BCH MT January 2023 newsletter.

Program: There is no presenter in Nov since voting will be conducted. Josh Lisbon from MPG will be a possible Dec presenter.

Education & Training: The earliest date for saw training and DHS could be in March 2023. Bonnie wants training done by May 1. Christy wants to do project leader training/workshop in Jan/Feb so a standard is set for all project reporting. For example, the volunteer agreement with the State indicates odometer readings must be recorded rather than total miles, which not all folks are aware needs to be done. There was further discussion on project reporting, project leader training, and new project leaders. Jan noted project leader packets should include the project reporting forms. The State needs to be

clear on what is needed so BRBCH can collect the right info. A packet would be instrumental in helping project leaders do the right thing. There was a question as to whether the FS would ask us to not work anymore if we don't provide the info. The discussion was tabled for a future meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Black Memorial at Fairgrounds: Christy asked to add this topic to the Nov general meeting for further discussion of costs.

Thanksgiving Meal Signup Sheet: The sheet was passed around at the Oct general meeting. All major food groups are covered!

Cowboy Christmas Santa: Ed Bullock has spoken to the Downtown Hamilton Association and is waiting for a reply.

Pantry Partners Food Pack: Gene said Monday, Nov 28, 1pm at the St Mary's Family Center, will be box set up and food organizing. Tuesday, Nov 29, 9am will be box packing day.

Nominating Committee: Gene provided a draft ballot for review. Gene and Karen will manage the election process. There can be nominations for any of the positions. Members not at the meeting need an opportunity to send in a ballot, so it will be sent to the members via email. Karen will check with Nancy about wording for the email. Leslie will send an email to the membership regarding nominations.

NEW BUSINESS

Business Cards: Jan has talked with many folks who know nothing about BRBCH. She would like to have official cards made up. This topic will be brought up at a future meeting under Outreach.

RAC Grant: Julie noted there is \$180K for disbursement. Applications are due Dec 12. Christy said a committee of 3 needs to be formed to follow up with this topic for next year. It will be added to the Nov meeting agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS

Project/Volunteer Hours/Mileage Reports: Christy noted over 6,000 miles were driven and thousands of hours were performed on projects this year. She submitted all necessary reports to BCH MT and the FS.

Cook Trailer Locate Update: The trailer is currently at Dan Maiyo's and needs to be under cover. Kathy will check with her neighbors.

November General Meeting: The school cafeteria is not available in Nov. The Corvallis Grange will be contacted; Jan will contact the Extension Office. Leslie will email the chapter and Travise will post it on Facebook once the location is determined. If the Grange is not available, Kathy will contact the Church of the Nazarene or the Teller Refuge.

St. Mary's Lookout Closeout Meeting: Julie attended the St Mary's Lookout season closeout meeting with the SBFC Foundation and FS on 11/3; the meeting went well. In 2024, the trailhead parking lot will be widened. The trail was opened the 3rd week of July in 2022, and packers were asked to be available for the same timeframe in 2023. The FS was very appreciative of BRBCH packing support.

Karen Philips motioned and Julie Schram seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm. The motion carried.

Kathy Stroppel-Holl, Secretary BRBCH

Ode to Don Edwards



One of America's premier cowboy poets, Western singers, preservationists, and musicologists in the field of Western recordings has passed away. Don Edwards, who was active for nearly 60 years in keeping alive the words and ways of the American West died on Sunday, October 23rd at the age of 86.

Born and raised in the rural farming community of Boonton, New Jersey, Don Edwards grew up with visions of the American West in his dreams from reading books about cowboys authored by Will James and others, while taking up the guitar at the age of 10 to emulate his heroes such as foundational Western artists Gene Autry, Tex Ritter, and later Jimmie Rodgers. By the age of 16, Edwards couldn't wait to run away like his cowboy heroes, moving to Texas and New Mexico to work in the oil fields and experience the West for himself.

Don Edwards ultimately became synonymous with Western music and cowboy poetry. He also worked as an actor throughout his career, most notably playing the character Smokey in the Robert Redford film *The Horse Whisperer* from 1998. Twice Don Edwards was nominated for Grammy Awards, and appeared on the Grammy-winning album *Other Voices, Other Rooms* by Nanci Griffith via the song "Night Rider's Lament." Two of Don's songs have been preserved in the Folklore Archives at the Library of Congress. In 2005, Don Edwards was inducted into the Western Music Association Hall of Fame.

The Old Cow Man (Lyrics by Badger Clark, Music by Don Edwards)

I rode across a valley range
I hadn't seen for years
The trail was all so spoilt and strange
It nearly fetched the tears
I had to let ten fences down
The fussy lanes ran wrong
And each new line would make me frown
And hum this mournin' song
Mhm, hear 'em stretchin' of the wire!
The urban brand is on the land
I reckon I'll retire
While progress toots her greedy horn
And makes her motor buzz
I thanks the Lord I wasn't born
No later than I was
'Twas good to live when all the sod
Without no fence or fuss
Belonged in partnership with
God, Mother Nature and to us

Where skyline bounds from east to west, And room to go and come, I loved my fellow man the best, When he was scattered some
Mhm, closer and closer crawls the wire
There's hardly place to step away, And call a man a liar
Their house has locks on every door,
Their land is in a crate
These ain't the plains of God no more,
They're only real estate
When my old soul hunts range and rest, Beyond the last divide
Just plant me in some stretch of West, Sunny, lone and wide
Let cattle rub the tombstone round, And coyotes mourn their kin, Let horses come and paw the moun'
But don't you fence it in!

Mhm, far and farther flings the wire
To crowd and pinch another inch
It's all their heart's desire
The world is overstocked with men
And some will see the day
When each must keep his little pen
But I'll be far away
While progress toots her greedy horn
And makes her motor buzz
I thanks the Lord I wasn't born
No later than I was

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