



Nag News

Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen

December 2022 Issue #12



Special Christmas Issue

- 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.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH 2022 MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

(Christmas Potluck and Raffle!!)

Corvallis Grange Hall, 130 Dutch Hill Road

Social: 6:30 pm

Meeting: 7:00 pm

The Grange Hall is located on the north side of Dutch Hill Road, just west of the intersection of Dutch Hill Road and Hwy 93 North. (West of Woodside Crossing)

A potluck/Christmas dinner will be served at 6:30 pm followed by our monthly meeting from 7:00-8:30 pm. Exciting items will be raffled concurrently with the meeting!! You must have paid your membership dues in order to obtain a raffle ticket. There will be no guest speaker. 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 Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH)**.

HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS ISSUE

- President's Message
- Officers and Board members elected
- Mounted Santa and Elves Celebrate lighting of Christmas Tree
- Pantry Partners Christmas food pack event
- Chuck Wagon Finds New Home
- Jacob Long (USFS) assumes new position
- 4th Installment of the Wilderness Act
- Horse Sense; Winter Hoof Care
- November General Meeting Minutes (Draft)
- December Board Meeting Minutes (Draft)
- Celebrating the life of Barbara Black



From all of us to all of you, Thank you all for your friendship and hard work for making this year highly productive and successful. Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year!

Editor's Note:

As this issue is being finalized, Jan Bullock informed me that she is ill due to an adverse reaction to a flu shot, and would be unable to submit the usual President's Message. We all wish her a speedy recovery and that she is on our hearts.

I would like to extend special thanks and appreciation to both **Cowpoke Supply** for donating two bags of certified packer feed, and to **Tammany Veterinary Hospital** for donating a complimentary Equine Oral Examination & Routine Float for our annual Christmas raffle at the upcoming general meeting. Thank you very much!!

BREAKING NEWS!

Shawn Kern, Judy Posey and Bonnie Morgan have stepped up to join Joe Kirkland for the 2023 Audit Committee!! Thank you Shawn, Judy, Bonnie and Joe for volunteering for this essential element of our organization!

***Congratulations to the newly elected and re-elected 2023 Officers,
Board and State Director offices!*****2023 Officers**

Pres: Jan Bullock

VP: Christy Schram-Duggan

Sec: Kathy Stoppel-Holl

Treas: Barb Walker

2023-2024 State Director

Chuck Miller

2023 Alt State Director

Ed Duggan

2023-2024 Board

Diane Duffie, Travise Grinnell,
Dennis Hardman, Joe Kirkland, and
Brad Pollman



2022 Committee

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 Audio-Visual Equipment
 Budget
 Education
 Election & Nominations
 Equipment & Inventory
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 Issues
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 Newsletter
 Packing Clinic Scholarship
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 Programs
 Projects
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 Tim Meyer
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 Leslie Conner-Maiyo
 Dan Maiyo
 Chuck Miller
 Rebecca Jones
 Philip & Pam Torgerson
 Dan Brandborg
 Susan Slempe
 Cindy Beck
 Jan Bullock
 Bonnie Morgan
 Nancy Pollman

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 Stoppel-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)

Santa Rides Again!

We didn't pout, we didn't cry, we all were good, and that is why, on Friday night, November 25th in downtown Hamilton, Santa mounted aboard his trusty paint horse "Pony" and ushered in the lighting of the Christmas Tree much to the delight of young and old alike!

Ho! Ho! Ho! to Elves Jan Bullock, Gene Merrell, Barb Walker and her sisters Pam Ristad & Candace Ericson, and Leslie and Dan Maiyo for assisting Santa. Two rodeo queens rode ahead of Santa on their wonderful horses! Special thanks to Ed Bullock and his wonder horse "Pony" for an outstanding performance.



Elf Gene collecting letters for Santa



Pantry Partners Food Packing Event

For a number of years, the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen has helped Pantry Partners at the St. Mary's Family Center in Stevensville with the Christmas Food program by packing boxes with food products. We place food goods into boxes that are given to those in the community that need this assistance. This year we packed 220 boxes.

At 1:00 pm Monday November 28, several BRBCH volunteers helped set up the tables, tape boxes and organized food for Tuesdays Pantry Partners for distribution event. Because so many individuals showed up, the task was completed in record time.

At 9:00 am Tuesday November 29, BRBCH volunteers again worked the assembly line to pack the boxes with the food items provided by Pantry Partners. Again, the food was packaged in record time for distribution due to the amazing turnout of volunteers.

Thank you to all who participated in making this a highly successful event!



Chuck Wagon Finds a Home

Thanks to Dennis Hardman & Diane Duffie, Chuck Wagon has found a home in their sheltered barn. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!



Jacob Long assumes new position in the Forest Service

Jacob Long is the new **Recreation Program Manager** for Wilderness, Trails, and Special Uses. The position is Bitterroot National Forest wide and is responsible for program management of wilderness, wild and scenic rivers (Selway River), trails, recreation special uses (mainly Outfitter and Guide), partnerships, and recreation grants and agreements. Forty-seven percent of the 1.6 million acre Bitterroot National Forest (743,000 acres) is comprised of portions of the Anaconda-Pintler, Selway-Bitterroot, and Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness areas. The forest manages more than 1,600 miles of trail.

Jacob's background has been as a Recreation Specialist for the Darby-Sula District on the Bitterroot National Forest since 2016 working in Developed Recreation and as the Ski/Snow Ranger. His Forest Service career started on his first summer after High School as a trail crew member on the Lincoln Ranger District on the Helena NF and in the Scapegoat Wilderness. In 2004, he accepted the Trails Lead position on the Seeley Lake Ranger District on the Lolo National Forest, and later worked as a Wilderness and Trails Specialist and in Outfitter and Guide management. He was the Northern Region crosscut saw program lead from 2008 to 2017 and assisted in the development of the current Forest Service Saw Policy.

Jacob states that he is very excited about this new position and getting to know all the partners and volunteers. He has worked with various chapters of Backcountry Horseman over the years and has been working with the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen in his former position on many projects. Jacob also looks forward to continuing to work together with the BRBCH to foster the legacy of horsemanship, traditional tool use, sustainable trail systems, and stewardship of the public land we all use and enjoy.

The Bitter Root Backcountry Horsemen congratulate Jake and look forward to a continuing partnership with him and the USFS!

Editor's Note: In recognition of the 58th anniversary of passage of the WILDERNESS ACT, the following is the 4th 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))

USE OF WILDERNESS AREAS

Sec. 4. (a) The purposes of this chapter are hereby declared to be within and supplemental to the purposes for which national forests and units of the national park and national wildlife refuge systems are established and administered and –

(1) Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to be in interference with the purpose for which national forests are established as set forth in the Act of June 4, 1897 (30 Stat. 11), and the Multiple-Use Sustained-Yield Act of June 12, 1960 (74 Stat. 215) (16 U.S.C. 528-531).

(2) Nothing in this chapter shall modify the restrictions and provisions of the Shipstead-Nolan Act (Public Law 539, Seventy-first Congress, July 10, 1930; 46 Stat. 1020), the Thye -Blatnik Act (Public Law 733, Eightieth Congress, June 22, 1948; 62 Stat. 568), and the HumphreyThye-Blatnik-Andresen Act (Public Law 607, Eighty-Fourth Congress, June 22, 1956; 70 Stat. 326), as applying to the Superior National Forest or the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture.

(3) Nothing in this chapter shall modify the statutory authority under which units of the national park system are created. Further, the designation of any area of any park, monument, or other unit of the national park system as a wilderness area pursuant to this chapter shall in no manner lower the standards evolved for the use and preservation of such park, monument, or other unit of the national park system in accordance with sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of this title, the statutory authority under which the area was created, or any other Act of Congress which might pertain to or affect such area, including, but not limited to, the Act of June 8, 1906 (34 Stat. 225; 16 U.S.C. 432 et seq.); section 3(2) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 796(2)); and the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666; 16 U.S.C. 461 et seq.).

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, each agency administering any area designated as wilderness shall be responsible for preserving the wilderness character of the area and shall so administer such area for such other purposes for which it may have been established as also to preserve its wilderness character. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, wilderness areas shall be devoted to the public purposes of recreational, scenic, scientific, educational, conservation, and historical use.

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Cold Weather Hoof Care

Although riding may slow down, caring for your horse in winter should not be overlooked! Proper horse care and management during the winter is essential. As the temperature drops, your horse's requirements for energy, shelter and hoof care begin to change.

Horses' hooves grow more slowly in winter than any other time of year. Why exactly isn't clearly understood, but it's likely related to reduced activity and circulation. Defects and cracks may take longer to grow out. They are walking on frozen, uneven, and sometimes slippery ground. Timely and appropriate hoof maintenance is important. Pick hooves regularly to remove dirt and debris, such as rocks and ice.

Hoof care must be kept on schedule throughout the winter. Many horse owners prefer to pull shoes throughout this period of minimal riding. Most horses that are maintained outdoors should have their shoes removed. Shod feet can become ice packed, increasing the chance for slipping on snow and ice. Additionally, horses have better traction on icy ground when shoes are removed.

Hooves should be routinely trimmed every six to eight weeks to prevent cracks and breakage. Filing hoofs frequently is a better option. Care should be taken not to trim them too closely to prevent bruised, sore feet from the frozen ground. Laminitis can occur from trauma to the sole due to walking on rough, frozen ground. Occasionally, if hooves are not maintained throughout the winter and allowed to break off, it may be difficult to have the horse shod when spring comes.

The simple act of asking your horse to stand quietly while you inspect/trim/file your horses feet frequently will give him/her confidence and minimize behavior problems as the season progresses to spring.



BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN **(DRAFT) GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 17TH 2022**

The November 2022 general meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order by President Jan Bullock at 7:15 pm. The meeting was held at the Corvallis Grange. Approximately 53 members were present, with a Board quorum. Helen Engle led the Pledge of Allegiance to start the meeting.

Guests: Michael & Elisa Wright, Darryl Reese, Jason Watson

BUSINESS

Minutes: The Oct minutes were printed in the November Nag News; there were no corrections. **Christy Schram-Duggan motioned and Julie Schram seconded to accept the Oct general meeting minutes. The motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Barb presented the November treasurer's report – there were no updates. **Bonnie Morgan motioned and Earl Philips seconded to accept the Nov treasurer's report. The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Safety Moment: Be sure your horses are drinking during this cold weather. Add some salt to the feed to help make them drink. In freezing weather, blanket your horse if it is shivering or is a breed that doesn't grow a thick coat.

Congrats to Katie and Nic Painter: Newlyweds!

Dec Meeting Members Raffle: Jan noted the Dec meeting will include a raffle for those folks who have their 2023 membership dues paid. If you have something that is camping or horse-related, contact Leslie or Jan. Helen has obtained 5 framed prints from Murdoch's that will be in the raffle.

Haven House Pass the Hat: The annual pass the hat (basket) for Haven House was done; \$182 was collected. Thanks, members!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Issues: Carol spoke about two projects similar to the Bitterroot Front Project treatment plan. The Eastside Project is being coordinated with the Salish-Kootenai Tribes, and the Gold-Butterfly Project is part of that project. The West Fork Project includes several areas that go toward the Idaho border. Badger-Two Medicine still has the

Solinex lease proceeding through the court system. The Lolo NF is amending its Forest Plan.

Projects: Dan noted that 2023 projects are in the beginning stages.

State Directors: Brad said BCH MT and BCHA are gearing up for the state and national conventions to be held in Kalispell in 2023. The FS is finalizing the saw curriculum.

Education & Training: Christy said First Aid will be in Jan/Feb, DHS will be in March/April, and saw certs will be in April/May. Project leader workshops are planned.

Membership: Leslie noted there are 90 memberships and 154 members for 2022. Renewal forms are available online and at the meeting. Brad said to be sure to fill out your renewal and update your email address so BCH MT and BCHA can send their newsletters to members.

Outreach: Karen and Dan Maiyo are working on the BCH MT article.

Program: Josh Lisbon, MPG Ranch, is planned for the Dec meeting to 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.

OLD BUSINESS

RAC Project Proposals Committee: Julie noted the RAC has \$200K to disburse for 2023. BRBCH needs a committee of 3 members to submit for grants. Christy said to contact any Board member or herself to learn about grants and potential projects that would benefit from them. Brad noted there are more funds available for grants that benefit public lands. Montana has \$3.6M available for grants. Most grant applications cycle between Dec and Jan. Helen spoke about past RAC projects.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Black Memorial at the Fairgrounds: Christy spoke about Bill Black's years of work with BRBCH and the Fair. She spoke with Melissa at the fairgrounds about installing a memorial bench for Bill at the West Gate, with Job Corps helping. **Joe Tenzer motioned and Julie Schram seconded that BRBCH approve the costs for a memorial**

bench for Bill Black at the West Gate at the Fairgrounds. The motion passed.

2023 Elections: Karen Philips conducted the election process for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, five Board Positions for the 2022-2023 term, State Director, and Alternate State Director. Ballots were completed online and filled out at the meeting for the Board positions. Per election protocol, Karen asked for nominations from the floor three times for each position. The results are as follows.

For President, Jan Bullock is nominated. There were no nominations from the floor. **Brad Pollman moved and Travise Grinnell seconded that nominations for President be closed and Jan Bullock be elected by acclamation. The motion carried.**

For Vice President, Christy Schram-Duggan is nominated. There were no nominations from the floor. **Brad Pollman moved and Helen Engle seconded that nominations for VP be closed and Christy Schram-Duggan be elected by acclamation. The motion carried.**

For Secretary, Kathy Stroppel-Holl was nominated from the floor. **Brad Pollman moved and Travise Grinnell seconded that nominations for Secretary be closed that Kathy Stroppel-Holl be elected by acclamation. The motion carried.**

For Treasurer, Barb Walker is nominated. There were no nominations from the floor. **Christy Schram-Duggan moved and Helen Engle seconded that nominations for Treasurer be closed and Barb Walker be elected by acclamation. The motion carried.**

For the five 2023-2024 Board Directors, the following candidates were voted by ballot: Diane Duffie, Travise Grinnell, Dennis Hardman, Joe Kirkland, Brad Pollman, Joan Scheffer, Greg Schneider, and Julie Shram. After tallying the ballots, the 2023-2024 Board members are Diane Duffie, Travise Grinnell, Dennis Hardman, Joe Kirkland, and Brad Pollman.

For 2023-2024 State Director, Chuck Miller is nominated. There were no nominations from the floor. **Brad Pollman moved and Travise Grinnell seconded that nominations for State Director be closed and Chuck Miller be elected by acclamation. The motion carried.**

For 2023 Alternate State Director, Ed Duggan is nominated. There were no nominations from the floor. **Brad Pollman moved and Helen Engle seconded that nominations for Alternate State**

Director be closed and Ed Duggan be elected by acclamation. The motion carried.

All newly elected folks are welcome to attend the Dec Board meeting.

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. Set up day is Mon, Nov 28, 1pm, and Pack day is Tue, Nov 29, 9am; both at the St Mary's Family Center. There will be 220 boxes packed. An email reminder will be sent to the members.

Food Trailer Storage: The trailer needs a new home under cover this winter. Dan gave a moving story to the members for "Chuck Wagon" to get a new home.

BRBCH Volunteer Info Submitted to BCH MT and Bitterroot NF: A summary of the trail hours (291), trail miles (155), mileage (6239 miles), power and heavy equipment hours (5.5/13 hours), stock use (84 head, 143 days), and other volunteer hours (880) were listed in the November Nag News. Christy did a great job putting the reports together and sending them to the proper folks.

Next Meeting: Dec 15 at the Corvallis School Cafeteria (post-meeting update: now at Corvallis Grange), potluck at 6:30, meeting at 7:00 pm. Coffee: Sally McGovern, Hot Water: Travise Grinnell

Gene Merrell motioned and Dan Maiyo seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Kathy Stroppel-Holl, Secretary BRBCH



BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
***DRAFT* BOARD MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 1ST, 2022**

The December 2022 Board meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order at 7:04 pm by Jan Bullock via Zoom (due to weather advisory). Present were President Jan Bullock, VP Christy Schram-Duggan, Secretary Kathy Stroppel-Holl, and Treasurer Barb Walker. Also present were Board members Ed Duggan, Travise Grinnell, Carol Johns, Dan Maiyo, Julie Schram, and Katie Williams; State Directors Brad Pollman and Chuck Miller; and Past President Gene Merrell. Absent were Board members Dan Brandborg, Karen Philips, and Joe Kirkland; and State Director Taylor Orr. Jan Bullock led the pledge.

Committee Chairs present: Bonnie Morgan, Leslie Conner-Maiyo

BUSINESS

Minutes: The November 2022 meeting minutes were published in the November Nag News – there were no updates. **Christy Schram-Duggan motioned and Travise Grinnell seconded to accept the minutes as published. The motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Barb read the update on the account balances – there were no questions on the report. **Christy Schram-Duggan motioned and Gene Merrell seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Board Members: Jan welcomed the new Board members.

Pantry Partners Christmas Food Box Pack Follow Up: Gene noted 10-12 folks set up on Monday. There were 21 folks on Tuesday to do the pack; done in 40 minutes, which is a new record for finishing the box pack!

Cowboy Santa Follow Up: Jan said the Cowboy Santa was a big hit at the Tree Lighting in Hamilton on Nov 25. Several members helped with horse safety. Many folks wanted photos with Santa.

Dec General Meeting Raffle Items: Leslie has 16 items for the raffle. Additional items are coming from folks.

Jon Renner's 2024 Japan Trip: Christy asked the Board if Jon could let BRBCH members know of his 2024 educational trip for which he is fundraising. Jon will write a letter to the chapter asking for support from members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Issues: Carol spoke to Steve Brown about 3 projects, Mud Creek, Bitterroot Front (BRF), and Eastside. Mud Creek may have impacts to fisheries from roads. The BRF EA is coming out in the spring. Warm, dry areas are being mapped to determine treatment areas and treatment types. Eastside is also identifying potential fire areas based on vegetation. Post-meeting Update: On December 6, 2022, notice of the decision approving the Eastside Project was issued. The main objectives of the project are to improve forest health and wildlife habitat conditions using a mix of prescribed burning and non-commercial thinning. No commercial timber harvests (logging) are being proposed and no roads will be built or reconstructed. Work on this project is expected to start this spring. Steve Brown said there has been a paradigm change from Washington in regards to timber quotas. The policy is no longer based on the expectation that a project will pay for itself. It is now focused on the number of acres that need to be treated for fire protection and reduction. Last year, no board feet target was applied in forest management. Amendments to the 1987 BRNF Forest Plan are coming up. Proposed amendments include old growth criteria, elk management, etc. Specialists' reports are due, and a draft EA is expected to be released for comments in the next month or two.

Projects: Dan M reported that Jake Long has secured the East Fork Guard Station for BRBCH on July 3-5, 2023. The project will involve removal of barb wire and other debris on the site. Possible trail projects up there will need to be coordinated between Mark and Dan B. At that time we might be able to secure the site for additional days.

State Directors: Chuck spoke about the Holland Lake Expansion that has been put on hold. The company has to redesign/resubmit for a new FS permit. Crazy Mountain trail access is a problem, so the FS and BLM are working to create a better public access. Brad said the next BCH MT meeting is Dec 17. The 2023 Convention info packet should be provided at that meeting. Hotel registration should open in January 2023. A large turnout is expected for the BCHA meeting, and those folks may also sit in on BCH MT meetings. Randy Rasmussen (BCHA) provided info on outdoor recreation, which has contributed \$826 B plus billions of jobs to the economy.

Membership: Leslie provided the names of members who are renewing. **Christy Schram-Duggan motioned and Travise Grinnell**

seconded to accept the renewals. The motion carried. There are 24 memberships and 43 members for 2023.

Outreach: The Discover the Bitterroot National Forest Facebook page posted the Cowboy Santa. Travise also posted the Cowboy Santa and the recent food pack on the BRBCH Facebook page.

Program: Josh Lisbon from MPG is not available until the spring (possibly April) to provide the mountain lion video presentation. Bonnie suggested that not having a presenter in Dec is OK since the member raffle will take up time.

Education & Training: DHS Demo is tentatively scheduled for March 4, and DHS Obstacles on March 25 & April 1. Bonnie will check with CMax about indoor arena availability. Project Leader Workshop is scheduled for March 18, location TBD. First Aid training will be in Jan or Feb.

OLD BUSINESS

Grant Committee: Barb Walker and Chris Roemer volunteered at the November general meeting to be on the committee. Barb will follow up with Sandra O'Brien, too. Brad Pollman is interested in helping. Project folks need to be contacted so they can provide a project suggestion. Christy has a few projects to consider: Mill Creek stock bridge, Boulder Creek trail route, Larry Creek drainage ditches, and Calf Creek port-a-potty and parking lot improvement.

Bill Black Memorial Bench at Fairgrounds: Christy asked if Barbara Black, who recently passed away, could be included on the memorial bench. All agreed with the idea.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Committee: Gene would like new blood involved in the 2023 budget process, and he would help mentor the new folks. Christy asked

Travise to check with Cheyenne about helping with the budget.

Audit Committee: Joe Kirkland and others did the 2022 audit. Bonnie volunteered for the 2023 audit. Members will be asked at the Dec meeting. Kathy will check who was involved in past years and let Jan know.

OTHER BUSINESS

Christy Schram-Duggan motioned and Travise Grinnell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm. The motion carried.

Kathy Stoppel-Holl, Secretary BRBCH

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NAG NEWS is
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Ode to Barbara Black

We received sad news that Barbara Black, Bill Black's wife, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 20th. Her daughter Debbie Vacca reported that Barbara had been doing well at her facility in Oak Harbor, Washington, but her heart started to fail two days before her passing at 91 years of age. She died peacefully, surrounded by her family. She and Bill were active members of our chapter for decades and were invaluable leaders and supporters of our annual fundraiser at the Ravalli County Fair. They will be remembered, and they leave us with a very positive legacy. Hats off to Barbara and Bill! Funeral arrangements are being handled by Wallin Stucky Funeral Home, 1811 NE 16th Ave., Oak Harbor, WA 98277, with her service taking place on Dec. 2. Cards can be sent to this address (Attention: Barbara Black's family) and the website is WallinFuneralHome.com.

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NEXT BRBCH MEETING

Thursday, December 15th, 2022

Location:

Corvallis Grange Hall, 130 Dutch Hill Road
Social at 6:30pm Meeting at 7:00pm

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