

# Nag News



### Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen

April 2023 Issue #4

#### **BACKCOUNTRY 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.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 20<sup>th</sup> 2023 MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING Corvallis Grange Hall, 130 Dutch Hill Road

Pot Luck Dinner: 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 dinner will be served at 6:30 pm followed by our monthly meeting from 7:00-8:30 pm. This month the program speaker is **Josh Lisbon from the MPG Ranch** on Mountain Lions and their behavior. For more information, please call Gene at 208-310-6326 or check out the website at <a href="https://www.bchmt.org/bitterroot">www.bchmt.org/bitterroot</a>. Find us on Facebook at: **Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen** (BRBCH).

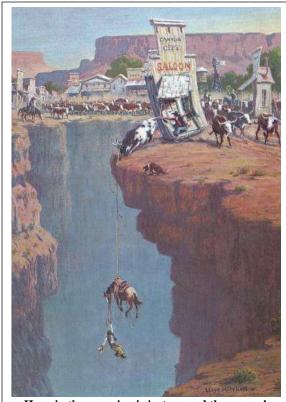
#### HIGHLIGHTS THIS ISSUE

- President's Message
- Upcoming BCH 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Mules on the Oval Report
- Project Leader Class Report
- Obstacle Course Clinic Report
- Horse Sense Spring Grass
- March General Meeting Minutes (Draft)
- April Board Meeting Minutes (Draft)

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Hang in there, spring is just around the corner!

#### A message from the BRBCH President

Welcome to Springtime! I think it is finally here after our very long and cold winter! I know I am ready to get out on the trails when they thaw, start my seedlings in the greenhouse and prepare my garden beds.

Our summer projects are right around the corner. Hopefully you have completed all your necessary certifications for summer These include First Aid/ CPR/AED, Defensive horsemanship, the new saw training protocol and hopefully the Project leader training. If not, please get hold of Bonnie Morgan to see if you have completed these. Our first project of the year will be Calf Creek in Hamilton. That date is May 6. I am Project Leader for that. At our next member meeting we will have signup sheets for you to choose which projects you would like to work on. The following weekend, May 13, we will be assisting the USFS in repairing the picnic tables at Rock Creek Horse Camp at Lake Como. Bonnie is Project Leader for that. Not only do we need workers, but also safety officers, folks to handle food, paperwork, and take photos. You do not need a horse or mule to participate in these projects. A complete list of our summer schedule is available for you to look at on our website.

Our State Convention is coming up next weekend, April 14, 15 and 16 at the Majestic Arena between Kalispell and Whitefish. Eight delegates will be attending from our Chapter as well as State and National Delegates and folks from other State Chapters! It should be interesting and fun, and we will take pictures and hopefully bring home some auction items. Also, we are starting to work on repairing some infrastructure at the Ravalli Fairgrounds. They have provided us with equipment and resources to make some repairs to the buildings we use. There is a sign-up list online if you would like to help out. Christy Schram Duggan is heading that up.

I will soon be starting to plan some fun rides again this year. Once a month I will accompany our members on a trail ride on our local trails. This is a great way to explore the trails in the Bitter Root Valley and get out and ride! Most rides will be on Sundays as that seems to be the day when most people are available. Stay tuned for those scheduled rides.

Our next meeting will be April 21 at the Corvallis Grange. Josh Lisbon from the MPG Ranch will be presenting his research on Mountain Lions! We have been trying to get Josh to come and present for many months and he has finally agreed to come to our next meeting! This presentation should be excellent, and I encourage you to join us.

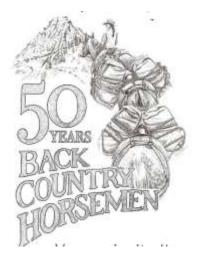
Well, that is the news for now. We will be letting you all know what information transpired from the State Convention at our next member meeting and encourage you to sign up for projects this summer.

So, for now, enjoy our slowly warming springtime weather and remember to help other members that may not be able to drive to attend our meeting by offering a ride to them. Be happy, be kind and help others.

Sincerely, Jan Bullock, your President

# April 14-16, 2023, BCH Montana State Convention and 50th Anniversary Celebration in Kalispell, Montana April 16-19 BCHA National Board Meeting

BCH of Montana Convention is from April 14-16, 2023 at the Majestic Valley Arena (between Kalispell and Whitefish) and the BCH of America National Board Meeting is from April 17- 19, 2023 at the Red Lion Inn in Kalispell, MT. If you have registered for the convention and downloaded the Whova app for the 50th Convention, the app will help during the event to keep you up to date on all changes and locations, see the agenda, speaker information and allow interactions with other attendees. You should have gotten an email with an invitation to download the app after registering, if you didn't receive an email go to the convention website below to download. If you cannot make it to the event you can watch it being streamed by registering as a remote attendee from the Whova app.



It is with great honor that the Back Country Horsemen of the Flathead and Back Country Horsemen of Montana invite you to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the organization of the **Back Country Horsemen**. We are celebrating everyone who is, or ever has been, part of BCH. It doesn't matter if you have just become a member or if you have been a member for all 50 years - you are welcome to join us. For more information please go to the

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at <a href="https://bchmt.org/wp/flathead/50-years/">https://bchmt.org/wp/flathead/50-years/</a>

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#### Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen 2023 Officers & Board

	Chapter (	Officers			
Position			Name	Term	Contact
President		Jan Bullock	2023	(907) 242-9853	
Vice President		Christy Schram-Duggan	2023		
	Secretary		Kathy Stroppel-Holl	2023	
	Treasurer		Barbara Walker	2023	
<b>Board Members</b>		Term	State Director	Term	<b>BCHMT State Chairman</b>
Dan Brandborg		2022-23	Chuck Miller	2023-24	Wade Murphy
Carol Johns		2022-23			
Dan Maiyo		2022-23	Alt. State Director		
Karen Philips		2022-23	Ed Duggan	2023	
Travise Grinnell		2023-24			
Joe Kirkand		2023-24			
Diane Duffie		2023-24	Past President		
Dennis Hardman		2023-24	Gene Merrell		
Brad Pollman		2023-24			

#### **MULES ON THE OVAL**

At noon on Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup> the U.S. Forest Service Northern Region Pack Train of mules sponsored by the UM Summer Office, the UM College of Humanities & Sciences, Back Country Horsemen of Missoula and the U.S. Forest Service strolled onto the University of Montana Oval to raise awareness of summer course offerings and opportunities as part of the third annual UM Summer Kickoff. The mules are based at the Ninemile Ranger Station 25 miles west of Missoula and do education events, help with community service and work for the Forest Service in Montana, Idaho, and North Dakota.

The free meet-the-mules and packing experiential learning event ran for about two hours and was well attended by the general public. The mules were led by Robin Connell, the regional pack train manager. Smoke Elser, renowned local outfitter and conservationist, packers from Back Country Horsemen of Missoula and UM students answered questions and explained a hands-on experience where attendees had the opportunity to try their hand at packing.

Thanks Karen for helping with manure management!!













#### **DEFENSIVE HORSEMANSHIP OBSTACLE COURSE**

On Saturday March 25th and Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>, at the at the C-Max Stables, training chairperson Bonnie Morgan conducted safe, successful and well attended sessions necessary for those people who wish to ride their horses on projects this summer. Thank you Bonnie and congratulations to all who participated!







#### PROJECT LEADER INFORMATION WORKSHOP

On March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Coffee Cup restaurant in Hamilton, a well attended workshop class was conducted by Christy Shram-Duggan on the requirements for becoming a Project Leader, what forms are needed, how to work with the Forest Service, recruiting volunteers, tools needed and much more. The goal was to have those interested in being Project Leaders step up and shadow a leader on a trail project of your choice. In this way new leaders will work with an experienced person and learn the ropes helping our chapter fulfill its mission to continue to allow stock on public trails.

Thank you Christy for a well-planned and professional presentation!



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## TRANSITIONING HORSES TO SPRING PASTURE (Editor's Note: reprinted from April 2022 Nag News) Krishona Martinson, PhD, University of Minnesota



1. Spring grazing should be introduced slowly and delayed until grasses reach 6 to 8" in height to optimize health of the horse and pasture.

begin grazing for 15 minutes, increasing grazing time by 15 minutes each day until 4 to 5 hours of consecutive grazing is reached. After that, unrestricted or continuous grazing can resume. Feed horses their normal hay diet before turning them out to pasture during the first several grazing events of the season to avoid rapid intake of pasture grasses.

- 2. Change feedstuffs gradually. There are significant differences between hay and pasture forms of forages. Dried hay is approximately 15% moisture content, fresh pasture is 85% moisture. Horses are a fermenting herbivore that relies extensively on the microbes present in its gastrointestinal tract to be able to process forages. The microbes are a mix of different organisms that work together. If the foodstuffs the microbes are utilizing change suddenly, there may be to little time for the microbial populations to adjust to the change. Instead, large numbers of them die, while others flourish, setting up a situation where toxins may be absorbed by the horse, resulting in digestive dysfunction and possibly colic. A gradual change from one feedstuff to another provides enough time for the microbial populations to adjust.
- 3. Manage pastures to reduce the chance of laminitis. Laminitis is a painful, disabling, common, and costly equine disease that has many causes. Annual incidence of laminitis in the U.S. is reported to be 2%, but rises to about 5% in the spring and summer. Nearly half of all reported cases in the U.S. occur in animals at pasture. During photosynthesis, green plants produce simple sugars. When sugars are produced in excess of the energy requirement of

- the plant for growth and development, they are converted into storage, reserve or carbohydrates. Storage of carbohydrates is commonly seen during the rapid growth of spring. The vegetative tissues of cool season pasture grasses (i.e.timothy, orchardgrass, bromegrass) accumulate fructan component of their reserve carbohydrate., which is stored in the stem until required by the plant as an energy source. The sum of simple sugars, fructan, and starch comprises the nonstructural carbohydrate (NSC) fraction of the plant. There is some evidence of association, and even stronger evidence of causation between laminitis and rapid intake (and total intake) of NSC. Furthermore, administering high concentrations of fructan to horses has resulted in laminitis.
- 4. In European studies, fructan concentrations were highest in the spring, lowest in the summer, and intermediate in the fall. Because horses are selective grazers they find feedstuffs with elevated sugar content highly palatable. Avoiding or restricting grazing in the early spring can reduce the chance of rapid NSC intake and laminitis. Seek veterinarian approval before grazing horses susceptible ( or with previous episodes of) laminitis as some horses cannot tolerate any grazing.
- 5. Pasture health. Pasture grasses need sufficient growth before grazing is allowed. Photosynthesis occurs mainly with the leaves of the plants. If the leaves are grazed too early (prior to 6" tall) or too often, plants can lose vigor, competitiveness, and root structure due to the lack of photosynthetic ability. This will lead to eventual die back and overgrazed areas being replaced by noxious weed species. Grazing should cease when forages have been grazed down to 3 to 4". Grazing can resume when grasses regrow to 6 to 8". 2 to 3 acres of well managed pasture can provided forage needs for one horse from spring to fall.

## BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN (DRAFT) GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> 2023

The March 2023 general meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order by President Jan Bullock at 7:01 pm. The meeting was held at the Corvallis Grange. Approximately 49 members were present, with a Board quorum. Bill Slemp led the Pledge of Allegiance to start the meeting.

Guests: Stacie & Tony Westbrook, Monica Staton, and Kristine & Brent Erickson.

#### **PROGRAM**

Corvallis High School's FFA Agricultural Issues Forum Team presented a debate about the Equine Safe Act. It was a very informative, educational, and it was a great experience to see the local FFA in action. They will be presenting this at the FFA State Convention.

#### **BUSINESS**

Minutes: The February minutes were printed in the March Nag News; there were no corrections. Karen Philips motioned and Travise Grinnell seconded to accept the February general meeting minutes. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Barb presented the March treasurer's report. **Gene Merrell motioned and Travise Grinnell seconded to accept the March treasurer's report. The motion carried.** 

#### **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Safety Moment:** Bonnie said that with new grass growing, Please watch your stock for founder/laminitis. Ed Bullock reminded everyone to check your stirrup leathers, latigos, billets, and your riding gear is in good working order.

**State Convention Raffle Tickets:** Please give tickets and money to Barb before she leaves for the Convention on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Patches**: Jan found some patches in the shed for members to place on hats, coats, etc.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**State Directors:** Brad discussed the BCHMT convention resolution that was proposed by the Upper Clark Fork Chapter. He went over how the State Board works with resolution and what the delegate responsibilities are at convention. Brad went into the intent of the proposed resolution.

Discussion took place. Karen Philips motioned and Trish Foster seconded to have the BRBCH 2023 convention delegates deny the proposed resolution as it is currently written. After further discussion, Karen Philips withdrew the motion. The consensus of the BRBCH chapter was for the delegates to share back and forth and exhaust all options before voting on any type of legal action taking place.

**Issues:** Carol discussed the Sheep Creek Mine, a strip mine, up the West Fork. The article on it was in the Bitterroot Star. More information is coming soon.

**Projects:** Christy discussed the following projects: Calf Creek(May 6), Coyote Coulee, Larry Creek (June 3), Gold Creek, Upper Big Creek, Bear Creek, East Fork cabin area and trails (July 4-6), Blodgett Creek, Boulder Creek, Upper Fred Burr, Two Good Cabin trails, St Mary lookout support, and Como horse camp picnic tables (May 13).

**Education & Training:** Bonnie noted DHS obstacles are on March 25 and April 1 with some slots still available. Christy spoke on project leader training workshop on March 18 from 9-2 at Coffee Cup; food will be provided. Brad spoke about saw training.

**Membership:** Leslie reported there are currently 72 memberships and 128 members.

**Outreach**: Karen did a quick reminder for Mules on the Oval on Tuesday, March  $28^{th}$  at UM, 12:00 pm – 1:00pm.

**Program:** Phil noted the speaker for April is going to Josh Lisbon from the MPG Ranch on Mountain Lions and their behavior.

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**BRBCH Clothing:** Nancy let us know that the two folks that we used for clothing are no longer here or out of business. If anyone knows of someone or a place of business to take on this project, please let Nancy know.

**Electric Saw:** Postponed to the Board Meeting in April; Dan B. and Joe K. were not present to discuss.

**2023 Fair:** Christy presented a quick summary of what is taking place on the gates to get ready for Fair this year. New things coming, stay tuned.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**BRBCH Shed:** Jan Bullock discussed signing out the tools and equipment. Ed Duggan to help organize the shed.

Additional State Stuff: Brad discussed the meeting with FS Region1 on Monday, March 27th. He also discussed the new Congress Bill that US Senators Joe Manchin and John Barrasso introduced - bipartisan America's Outdoor Recreation Act. He asked if we all got the Action

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**Next Meeting:** April 20 at the Grange, potluck at 6:30, meeting at 7:00 pm. Coffee: Bonnie Morgan, Hot Water: Judy Posey

Karen Philips motioned and Travise Grinnell seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Christy Schram-Duggan (for Kathy Stroppel-Holl, Secretary BRBCH)

## BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN DRAFT BOARD MEETING MINUTES, APRIL 6th, 2023

The April 2023 Board meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order at 7:05 pm by Jan Bullock. Present were President Jan Bullock, VP Christy Schram-Duggan, Secretary Kathy Stroppel-Holl, and Treasurer Barb Walker; Board members Dan Brandborg, Diane Duffie, Travise Grinnell, Dennis Hardman, Carol Johns, Joe Kirkland, Dan Maiyo, Karen Philips, and Brad Pollman; State Director Chuck Miller and Alt State Director Ed Duggan; and Past President Gene Merrell. Barb Walker led the pledge.

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

#### **BUSINESS**

Minutes: The March 2023 meeting minutes were published in the March Nag News – there were no updates. **Karen Philips 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. She also provided the Jan-Mar 2023 quarterly report. BCHMT mileage and Mule Days 2022 checks were received, and checks will be written to members for project mileage. Christy Schram-Duggan motioned and Travise Grinnell seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Fair Board:** Christy noted that Melissa has 2 open positions on the Fair Board. She would like a BRBCH member on the Board. This is a working

Board with active members working many events. They meet the  $2^{nd}$  Tuesday during the day. Christy will send Leslie the message from Melissa to send to the membership.

**Convention Slideshow:** Copies of the BRBCH slideshow for the 2023 Convention that Tim Meyer put together were sent around. The chapter needs to provide its own computer and extension cord for the slideshow. The Flathead chapter is providing a table. Brad and Nancy can supply all these items if desired and bring the chapter banner. Jan will check on the chapter display board with Tim.

**FFA Debate Team:** Bonnie reported that the Corvallis High School debate team won state in the agricultural issues forum. They will compete at the national level in Oct 2023.

**Thank You Card:** Karen passed around a card thanking Susan Slemp for her work handling social media and newspaper calendar articles for 6 years.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Issues:** Carol noted that the FS will face problems with the Holland Lake issue. There are competing bills in the House and Senate for tax revenue going to Habitat Montana. There was a No Significant Impact decision on the Mud Creek Project. Montana Trails Coalition noted that the e-bike bills all died in legislature. FWP grants for trail work are funded through the marijuana tax revenue, so there is concern about the funding bills; \$35 M in tax revenue was collected in 2022.

**Projects:** Dan noted 9 projects have leaders so far: Coyote Coulee, Larry Creek, Calf Creek, Bear

Creek, East Fork Guard Station and Trails, Boulder Creek, St. Mary's Lookout Resupply, and Como Horse Camp Picnic Tables. The list will be turned over to Mark Smith soon. Calf Creek (state land) work insurance was discussed; in the past, members were told they were at their own risk if they get hurt. There was further discussion on insurance. Chris Roemer would like to be coleader on a project: Joe K will take him on for Bear Creek. Dan will speak with Chris about leading the Blodgett Creek brushing project. Gene contacted the backcountry cyclists about working together on a project. They conduct their projects differently, and BRBCH could provide pack support. Brad may be able to work Boulder Creek up to the wilderness boundary. A sign-up list will be provided at the April general meeting.

**State Directors:** Brad provided a hard copy of the 5 National resolutions that will be presented at the convention. National Directors Mark Himmel and John Chepulis will be asking for input from the floor. Chuck provided additional insight on the National resolutions and saw nothing earth shaking. The March 27 meeting with the Regional Forester Leanne Marten went well; the BCHMT resolution was discussed and additional insight was provided by the FS. The site with the lookout tower was designated as an administrative site, which allows for a categorical exclusion. The 5year volunteer agreement and the cost share agreement were discussed. Saw training language was updated, and the FS has signed the volunteer agreement. Wilderness Study Areas discussed, including Odell Mtn. Saw training curriculum is moving forward. Brad and Dan B will be taking Train the Trainer chainsaw training on April 22.

**Membership:** Leslie provided the names of members who are new and renewing. **Brad Pollman motioned and Joe Kirkland seconded to accept the new and renewal members who have paid. The motion carried.** There are 79 memberships and 126 members.

**Outreach:** Karen reported that the portable toilet company did not pull the toilet at Calf Creek as the owner passed away in Jan 2023. A new toilet will be placed May 15, for \$110/month, cleaned once/week. Rapp Family Foundation, Ravalli County Fish & Wildlife Association, Backcountry Cyclists, and BRBCH will cover the rental fees. The memorial plaques at BRHA are still being searched for; if/when found, Bill and Barbara Black's names will be added. An umbrella was donated for the fair gates. DHS photos have been put on FB; video uploads are pending.

**Program:** The April program speaker will be Josh Lisbon, MPG Ranch, showing the mountain lion research video. Phil Torgerson is looking for a

replacement as program chair. The May program will include membership signing of project forms for the 2023 season. The June program may be Chad from Red Barn Bikes discussing e-bikes.

Education & Training: Bonnie thanked everyone who helped at the DHS obstacles classes. Ed D and Travise will be taking Train the Trainer crosscut saw training on April 25-27. Jan was asked to do a First Aid/CPR class for the Backcountry Cyclists, but she can't accommodate them at this time. The FS is doing 2 different chainsaw training on April 8 and 19, but Dan B didn't think anyone was qualified to take them. Christy noted 17 folks took the Project Leader (PL) training. FS radio training is still pending, so the Garmin In-Reach will be the first line of communication on projects. The PL guides will be ready by May 3. The Garmin subscription will start mid-April.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Meeting Location:** Brad noted that BRBCH is on the Corvallis Schools District paperwork. He will meet with the school superintendent in the next few months.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Conservation Days at Lake Como: Conservation Days for  $6^{th}$  Graders will be May 15-17 at Lake Como. Julie Schram will be talking about Light on the Land. She needs 1 person to help each day, and will present this request at the April general meeting.

Insurance Revision: Jan discussed the chapter insurance, which covers 3 different event days (currently Corvallis School District and Western Heritage Parade, which doesn't happen anymore). The insurance is just for liability. Need DHS and Christmas Santa covered each year, and WSW added when it occurs. **NOTE:** This will be discussed each Dec/Jan before the insurance is renewed. The insurance renewal has been paid.

**Upcoming State Resolution:** Jan noted that the membership seemed unclear about the resolution at the general meeting and how the delegates should vote. Brad explained how resolutions work.

**First Friday Participation:** Jan said the FS and the Hamilton Downtown Association will have booths for outdoor recreation at First Fridays. BRBCH is invited to have a booth. This is during chapter busy season, so it may not be feasible. It would be good to have the chapter trifold at the FS booth.

**Fair Gates:** Christy said the Fair has money to update the gates for 2023. She has work project dates in April, May, and June to accomplish gate projects. The chapter membership will be emailed this information. The first work day is April 9 to

bring the West gate buildings to level. The Fair committee is handling this effort.

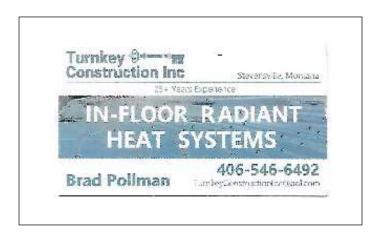
#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Chain Saw Maintenance & Cost Report:** Dan M inspected both chainsaws. They were taken to Montana Saws for maintenance. Both needed work; total costs were \$102.50. Travise provided some insight on saw maintenance.

**Electric Chain Saw:** Discussion tabled to the May Board meeting.

Travise Grinnell motioned and Karen Philips seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm. The motion carried.

Kathy Stroppel-Holl, Secretary BRBCH















## Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen



**NEXT BRBCH MEETING** 

Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Location:

Corvallis Grange Hall, 130 Dutch Hill Road Dinner at 6:30pm Meeting at 7:00pm Visit our Website: bchmt.org/bitterroot