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Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen

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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, MAY 18th 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 we are pleased to welcome our very own Christy Schram-Duggan to present the roles and responsibilities of being a Project Leader on BCH projects. 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 THIS ISSUE

- President's Message
- Larry Creek project
- Monture Ranger Station Rendezvous
- Picnic table project at Lk. Como
- Chain saw certification class
- BCH 50th Anniversary Special Report
- Horse Sense Equine first aid kit
- April General Meeting Minutes (Draft)
- May Board Meeting Minutes (Draft)

**DEADLINE FOR THE
JUNE 2023
NAG NEWS is
Thursday, June 8th**

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A message from the BRBCH President

Greetings Fellow Members,

I hope this finds you hail and hardy! I love this spring weather! The wildflowers are starting to bloom, trees are leafing out and the grass is growing! Hopefully the hay crop will be good this year and not too expensive!

Our busy season is starting with our first project happening this Saturday, May 13 up at Lake Como. We will be helping the US Forest Service repair and replace the picnic tables at the Rock Creek Horse camp. Those picnic tables have been falling apart for quite some time now so this work will really be a positive improvement for the campground. Bonnie Morgan is heading up this project to get hold of her if you want to help. Unfortunately, our Calf Creek project had to be postponed from May 6 to May 20 due to illness of the project leader me! But we will be doing the trail work on May 20, and I will be contacting those of you that signed up.

You can find the dates of our projects and where we will be working on our website. You can also sign up for any of the projects there also. My favorite one happens over the July 4 holiday out at the East Fork cabin. We spend a few days out there and can enjoy the peace and quiet without the onslaught of fireworks. It is so pretty and there are some great places to ride or hike!

This coming Thursday, May 18, will be our last indoor membership meeting at the Corvallis Grange. June, July and August our meetings are held outdoors at Lake Como, Coyote Coulee and Bass Creek. We hope to return to having our indoor meetings at the Corvallis School Cafeteria. We are working on that and will let everyone know if that is going to happen.

I will be asking about fun rides at this next meeting and will get some info from you about who wants to ride and what days are best. This is a great way to learn about the trails in the area and to tune up your horse or mule for summer riding or packing. I will also be presenting a sign-up sheet for those willing to transport and/or house equines should we have any close wildfires or other disasters in our area. I have been working with the Office of Emergency Management here in Hamilton for 6 years now and need to update the list of those who would be able to offer these services should they be needed this summer.

I hope to see you at our next membership meeting. Bring lots of goodies for our potluck as we are getting more and more people coming to our meetings. Feeding folks develops good relations and helps our membership grow!

So, until then I wish you great health and happiness, good spring weather and a Happy Mother's Day to all you great Mothers out there including all you fur baby Mothers too!

Your President
Jan Bullock

Upcoming Project Opportunity: **LARRY CREEK PROJECT** Saturday, June 3, 2023 (National Trails Day)

Project leaders Brad & Nancy Pollman invite you to join them for this Level 1 maintenance trail project on National Trails Day. Portions are available for both riders and hikers.

When/Where: We'll meet at the Larry Creek horse trailer parking lot. The safety briefing will be at 8:45 a.m. and be on the trail by 9:00 a.m. Cars should park in the car parking areas or along the road to leave room for horse trailers, please, as the public will be using the trails that day, too. We'll split into multiple groups; there are plenty of trails to accommodate both hikers and riders on this project. Hikers will be transported to the top where the trails intersect with the road, so the project work will be done only going downhill -- *nice!!* Those with stock will be riding the outer trails.

Lunch: Lunch is on us and will be served about 11:30/noon. This is not a potluck; it's our pleasure to thank and treat you for your time on the project.

What to bring? Your favorite tool (shovel, rake, hoe, polaski, loppers, nippers, handsaw, etc) that works for you for clearing trail. Don't forget a drink(s), sunscreen, and a chair for lunchtime.



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Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen 2023 Officers & Board**Chapter Officers****Position**

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2023-24

Alt. State Director

Ed Duggan

2023

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Wade Murphy

**Monture Ranger Station
Annual Rendezvous
June 23-25, 2023.**

The BCHMT officers and state directors invite you to the Monture Ranger Station Annual Rendezvous. Clinics by BCHMT Chair Wade Murphy are planned, as well as a Light on the Land presentation by our newly elected Vice Chair Mack Long. If you have a story to tell around the campfire, there is room for more speakers. A catered meal Saturday night will once again be cooked to perfection by Mike and Trish Foster (purchase tickets by June 17).

There will be opportunities to:

- Camp over, with special permission, on the grounds of the Monture Ranger Station.
 - Arrive Thursday and leave on Sunday. If you cannot make the whole weekend, join us for any part you can.
- Learn more about BCH and respect for the land.
 - Presentation of Light on the Land Awareness by Mack Long
- Ride the trails at your convenience. Monture is the south entrance into the Bob Marshall Wilderness.
- Learn about preparing your horse or mule for trail riding.
 - Saturday's clinic is on horseback for 12 riders (pre-registration with Wade required).
 - Sunday's clinic is groundwork in the round pen.
 - Contact Wade Murphy: 406-431-1717 wadeandlonnie@hotmail.com
- Spend time with your friends on and off the trails.
- Socialize around the campfires.
- Join us for a catered BBQ on Saturday evening.
 - The BBQ on Saturday is catered and is \$10 per person. Tickets for the meal must be purchased by June 17 so the caterers can plan accordingly. We want to be sure that there is plenty of food.

Please feel free to reach out to the Rendezvous committee if you have any questions or ideas.

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Picnic Table Improvements, Rock Creek Horse Campground at Lake Como

On the morning of Saturday, May 13th BRBCH members gathered to assist the Forest Service to replace and install new boards for the picnic tables at the Rock Creek Horse Campground at Lake Como. The work was completed soon after lunch. Club members installed new fire rings at this campsite in the fall of 2021. Thank you Virginia DeLeo for bringing lunch and a morning snack. Thank you Project Leader Bonnie Morgan for your expert preparation and coordination! A giant thank you to all the volunteers who came out to work and enjoy an absolutely beautiful day!



Chain Saw Certification

On the afternoon of Saturday, May 13th at the at the Rock Creek Horse Campground at Lake Como, BRBCH Chain Saw Certification instructors Brad Pullman, Dan Brandborg and Travis Grinnell conducted a Chain Saw Certification class for Carol Johns, Mike Costanzo and Dan Maiyo. Mike was previously certified as a Class "B" sawyer, Dan as a class "A". Carol went for new Certification. After a tailgate safety meeting, Mike, Dan and Carol were tested on their knowledge of chain saw handling site evaluation, preparation and safety protocol. They were challenged with a variety of tree and limb cutting situations prepared by the instructors. The instructors observed, advised and evaluated the trainees before and after engaging the chain saw for the work.

Congratulations to Carol for successfully completing the challenge and receiving a Class "A" sawyer certification! Congratulations to Mike for recertification as a Class "B", and to Dan for recertification as a Class "A"!

Thank you Brad, Dan, and Travis for your hard work and expertise in preparation and evaluation protocol in making this a safe, enjoyable and enlightening experience!



Special Report

50th BCHA Anniversary Convention

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

"Wilderness is good for the Sanity of man"
"It is a place for the soul of man to regain his Sanity"
Smoke Elser

In 1972 four horsemen sat around a campfire in the middle of the Bob Marshall Wilderness discussing the Forest Service's plan to eliminate stock from the Bob Marshall Wilderness. They decided the best way to counteract this proposal was to start an organization of like-minded individuals to protect stock access to the back country. In January of 1973 BCHA formation took place in Montana's Flathead Valley by Ken Ausk, Dulane Fulton, Dennis Swift, and Roland Cheek along with the help of their families and friends.

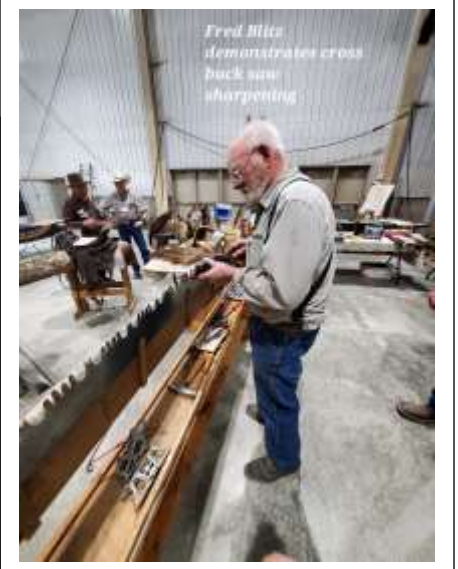
The organization has since spread to 212 chapters active in 32 states consisting of roughly 13,000 members who are dedicated to keeping trails open for all on our public lands, with Texas just being added as the newest BCH state.

In 2021, Back Country Horsemen of America volunteers spent 196,480 hours working to maintain trails on public lands. That equates to a value of \$8.4 million dollars in trail work donated to local and federal land managing agencies. Since 1995, BCHA members contributed a value equal to \$180.1 million in volunteer hours.

On April 14-16, 2023, the BCH Montana State Convention was held at the Majestic Valley Arena (between Kalispell and Whitefish) and the BCH of America National Board Meeting was held April 17- 19, 2023 at the Red Lion Inn in Kalispell, MT. The arena was outfitted with a stage, dinner tables and live and silent auctions items on display. A round pen was set up at the north end of the arena and a curtained, seated conference room was located at either end of the arena. Many vendors offering a wide variety of horseman products and art were located near the main entrance of the building. The Forest Service and other BCH partners had tables and displays set up.



Upon my arrival late afternoon Friday, I was treated to a cross buck saw sharpening demonstration by Fred Blitz.



Saturday morning's keynote address was followed by BCHMT business and selection of officers, followed by a parade outside of the arena by the Northern Region Pack Train based at the historic Nine Mile Remount Depo. After lunch, Robin Connell, USFS Northern Region Pack Train Manger, demonstrated packing hitches and packing techniques.



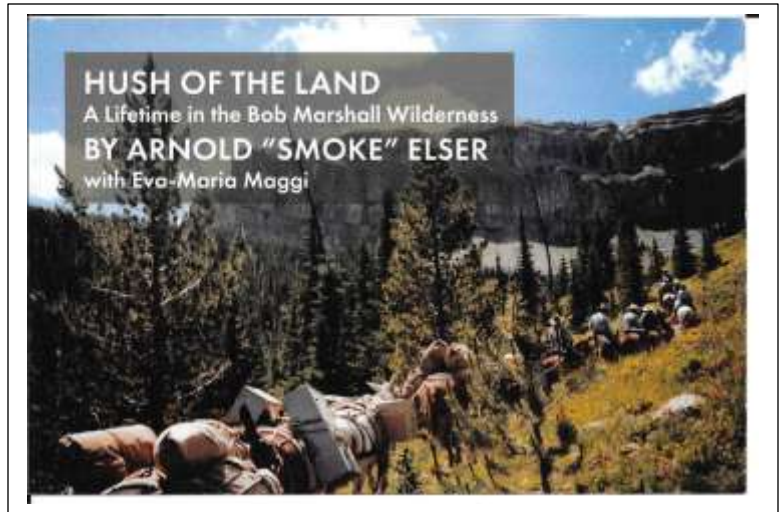


Dr. Stacie Boswell, DMV, then discussed backcountry veterinary care followed by Wade Murphy who then gave a demonstration in preparing your horse for the backcountry.



Several topics were simultaneously presented in the two meeting rooms; why riding should be on bucket list, riding the continental divide trail, grizzly trends in the northern continental divide ecosystem, yoga for comfortable riding and others.

Last on the agenda was a very entertaining discussion by Smoke Elser and Dr. Eva-Maria Maggi on his new book; *"Hush of the Land, A lifetime in the Bob Marshall Wilderness"*.



Happy Hour included a cross buck sawing competition. Dinner was followed by a keynote address and a "lively" live auction, raffle drawing, and silent auction, concluding with a live band and dance. Sunday morning breakfast was followed by the conclusion of BCHMT business.





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- Salve (SSD, Neosporin, Vettricyn)
- Latex or nitrile gloves
- Eye ointment

BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN **(DRAFT) GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, APRIL 20TH 2023**

The April 2023 general meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order by President Jan Bullock at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held at the Corvallis Grange. Approximately 40 members were present, with a Board quorum. Joan Scheffer led the Pledge of Allegiance to start the meeting.

Guests: Robin & Larry Dewey, Rhoda & Jason Hursch

PROGRAM

Josh Lisbon, MPG Ranch Education Director: Josh presented a program on the MPG Ranch's mountain lion research with still photos and video clips of the big cats taken over 10 years of studying them, including through winter 2022-23 with a new mother and 3 cubs. The research area covers several thousand acres over private and public land. The info will be available through educational outlets and possibly on PBS's Nature series in the future, as well as the MPG Ranch's website. Fascinating info has been gathered from this long-term study.

BUSINESS

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

Treasurer's Report: Barb presented the April treasurer's report. **Christy Schram-Duggan motioned and Julie Schram seconded to accept the April treasurer's report. The motion carried.** Barb dispersed the 2022 FS project mileage checks; those funds came from the FS. Brad explained the checks are specifically for the individuals, not for the chapter (but individuals can donate money to the chapter).

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday(s) to Nancy Pollman and Dan Maiyo!

Safety Moment: Watch out for the mountain lions and kittens! Be careful your horses don't overeat on new grass.

Mission Valley BCH Ride: The MVBCH chapter is hosting a fundraiser ride and BBQ on Sunday, May

21 on the Mueli family's private ranch. Adults are \$25, kids U12 are \$10. Camping is available the night before, with a pot luck meal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Issues: Carol has no new issues.

Projects: Dan B provided discussed the 2023 projects and provided signup sheets for them: Calf Creek (May 6), Como horse camp picnic tables (May 13), Larry Creek (June 3), Boulder Creek (June 23-25), East Fork cabin area and trails (July 4-6), Bear Creek (July 21-23), Upper Fred Burr, St Mary lookout support (July-Aug), and Coyote Coulee. He explained the different project staffing needs/positions, and noted that dates/times may change due to weather conditions. The sign-up sheet is also on the website. The FS 2-yr volunteer agreement was approved, and Christy passed around the 301B form that members working on an FS project need to sign – Christy will keep the original form. She also read the FS volunteer code of ethics.

State Directors: The convention delegates provided a summary of the BCHMT and BCHA conventions. The breakout sessions were good, with some hands-on demonstrations. Member Eva-Maria Maggi and long-time packer Smoke Elser spoke about his new book, "Hush of the Land" that Eva wrote. Nancy and Bonnie won the women's crosscut saw competition. Jan and Christy attended the chapter presidents meeting and exchanged good info. The resolution to change the state constitution failed. Chuck Miller and John Chepulis sawed a 10" piece that sold at the both the State and National meetings for hefty amounts, which was all donated to the State and National youth programs. Mack Long stepped up to be Vice Chair for BCH MT. MT members Mark Himmel was voted as the national chair and Greg Schotz as an alternate director; Brad Pollman and John Chepulis are already national directors. The Monture Creek Rendezvous is June 23-25. The Fosters are cooking again, \$10/person. Ed D noted that folks who haven't been to a convention should check out a future one- 2024 is at Fairmont Hot Springs! Jan reminded delegates to turn in their receipts and mileage.

Education & Training: Bonnie noted that Dan B and Brad are getting Train the Trainer chainsaw certs on April 22. Ed D and Travise are going for Train the Trainer crosscut certs on April 25-27. Members will be informed of when chapter training will be scheduled.

Membership: Leslie reported there are currently 79 memberships and 126 members. Membership folders are available for new members.

Outreach: Karen said the portable toilet is up at Calf Creek, which opened April 15. The Rapp Family Foundation, Ravalli County Fish & Wildlife Association, Backcountry Cyclists, and BRBCH will cover the monthly rental fees.

Program: Phil is retiring as program chair after 6 years and will assist the new chair getting ramped up. Christy will be discussing project leader forms for the May meeting. The June meeting will Chad from Red Barn Bikes discussing and displaying e-bikes.

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

2023 Fair Gates Work: Christy summarized the Apr 9 work effort. The west gate buildings are now level and most of the rocks have been removed. She thanked the work group. The next work effort is Apr 23. Workers get fair entry as compensation for their efforts.

OTHER BUSINESS

BRBCH Shed: Jan noted the shed will be cleaned up and inventoried in April.

Fun Rides: Jan said fun rides could start up in May. She will discuss this at the May general meeting.

Next Meeting: May 18 at the Grange, potluck at 6:30, meeting at 7:00 pm. Coffee: Kathy Edman, Hot Water: V DeLeo

Karen Philips motioned and Julie Schram seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

Kathy Stroppel-Holl, Secretary BRBCH

BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN *DRAFT* BOARD MEETING MINUTES, May 4th, 2023

The May 2023 Board meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order at 7:03 pm by Christy Schram-Duggan. Present were VP Christy Schram-Duggan, Secretary Kathy Stroppel-Holl, and Treasurer Barb Walker; Board members Dan Brandborg, Diane Duffie, Travise Grinnell, Carol Johns, Dan Maiyo, Karen Philips, and Brad Pollman (also State Director); Alt State Director Ed Duggan; and Past President Gene Merrell. Absent were President Jan Bullock, Board members Joe Kirkland and Dennis Hardman, and State Director Chuck Miller. Travise Grinnell led the pledge.

Committee Chairs present: Bonnie Morgan

BUSINESS

Minutes: The April 2023 meeting minutes were published in the April 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 provided the account balances – there were no questions on the report. **Travise Grinnell motioned and Karen Philips seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Water Cooler: A large water cooler is needed for projects. Ed suggested buying one. Brad will buy one (under \$100) as well as donate one of his own. They will be stored in the shed.

Emailing Membership: All were reminded that Bcc needs to be used when emailing the membership to help protect members' email address and reduce the possibility of spam.

Karen passed around a thank you card for the Board to sign.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Issues: Carol noted that SB422 was vetoed by the governor. The old law that is in place is still the law, which still provides money to Habitat Montana. Permitting requirements for the Sheep Creek Mine are fairly extensive (see Friends of the Bitterroot's website for list). A Mining Plan of Operations has to be submitted to the State and FS. The proposed mine area doesn't impact current trails.

Projects: The Coyote Coulee project (both loops) will be June 17. There are some hung up trees on the 1st loop. Julie and Bonnie cleared 22 waterbars on the 2nd loop on the initial Coyote Coulee effort.

The Calf Creek project is now on May 20. Brad discussed logistics for the Larry Creek project; Nancy will take of food. The FS will provide signs to put up at Larry Creek. The access road and parking area could get revamped in the future to accommodate hikers' cars and horse trailers better. A new map will be provided on the kiosk. The Como Horse Camp picnic table project will provide food and chainsaw recertification training. The Garmin In-Reach will be activated on May 7. There was further discussion on the Garmin and its use on projects.

State Directors: Brad noted that BCH MT has officially adopted Light on the Land, and BCHA has finalized the trademark for it. The LotL principles will be expanded for nationwide use and available online. BCH MT has a Zoom meeting on May 8 to vote on an alternate National Director. BCHA voted for a dues increase (\$5/membership), which is now with the states for ratification. If ratified, it will take effect the following year. The BCHA budget has been set. Randy Rasmussen has provided terrific legwork in Washington, and BCHA wants to keep him on board.

Membership: No update. There are 79 memberships and 126 members.

Outreach: Karen said the portable toilet is up at Calf Creek. Back Country Cyclists will chip in \$255. Ravalli County Fish & Wildlife Association will get back with Karen after their board meeting (expect they will approve chipping in as well). Both BRBCH plaques have been found at BRHA! Karen will get Bill and Barbara Black's names on it. She asked whether Les Linendoll, a founding member, could be added as well. The Board all agreed to add Les to the plaque. The BRHA donation (\$50 per person added to the plaque, which is posted at their facility) was not in the 2023 budget, so the Board discussed it. **Brad Pollman motioned and Diane Duffie seconded to donate \$150 to BRHA. The motion carried.** The 2nd plaque is now full, and a 3rd plaque will be needed.

Program: The May program speaker will be Christy, who will discuss project forms for the 2023 season. The June program will be Chad Duvall, Red Barn Bikes, discussing e-bikes. Karen and Travise discussed contacting Tod McKay to get project info on the FS calendar.

Education & Training: Ed D and Travise are Train the Trainer crosscut saw training certified. Travise was the best sawyer in the course! Bonnie discussed the folks signed up for saw training. Ed talked with Mark Smith about FS radios. A radio will be provided on a project-by-project basis for backcountry use. The Garmin will be first line of communication.

OLD BUSINESS

Conservation Field Days at Lake Como: Kathy emailed the membership about the need for volunteers to help Julie at this event (forgot to bring it up at the April meeting).

Fair Update: Christy said May 7 will be a work day at the East gate (new door and steps) and at the West gate office (shelves and other changes). New blinds have been ordered for all the gates. She will start fair signups in May, on the website and social media. All day managers are lined up. A new form has been set up to document ticket returns and reimbursements.

Meeting Places: Brad followed up with the Corvallis Schools, which is the best cost at \$50/4-hr meeting. He asked if he could write a letter to the superintendent asking for a reduced rate and submit it with the application (for Jan's signature). **Karen Philips motioned and Dan Maiyo seconded for Brad to write a letter to the Corvallis superintendent to include with the application for use of school facilities. The motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Animal Evacuation Contacts for BRHA: Kathy said that BRHA needs contact names/numbers who can provide stock transport, pastures, barns, and/or foster pets during fire evacuation. The previous list is old and needs to be updated at the May meeting. Jan is the equine contact person for emergency response.

Electric Chain Saw: Dan B provided a chart comparing electric chain saws. Discussion centered on chainsaw requirements, weights, batteries, prices, and whether it will get used (and not collect dust like the hedge trimmer). Gals liked the lighter weight and smaller size of an electric saw. A gas saw will still be needed for a big tree. Travise suggested doing a membership survey, and Ed noted that there may be data available from other chapters nationwide. An FS sawyer says they are good, but limited; don't save weight, do save time, quiet, can't be used in the Wilderness. At the next general meeting, survey the membership for electric saw purchase, and if ok'd, select one at the June board meeting.

Grant Committee: Dan B emailed Joni Lubke (FS) about grants. The committee (Diane, Barb, Dan B, Chris Roemer) will follow up with the info Joni provided. Dan will chair the committee. Brad and Christy will provide help, reference, and review of grant applications.

Non-member Volunteers on Projects: Have a request from a hiker to help on an overnight trail project. Old protocol for non-members was to fill out a form and not hold BRBCH liable. New protocol is to have folks be a member (for liability

purposes and coverage by the FS) unless they are already covered under a FS agreement with another organization and are teaming on a project. As a BCH member, a person can work on a BCH project anywhere in the state.

OTHER BUSINESS

Karen Philips motioned and Travise Grinnell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. The motion carried.

Kathy Stroppel-Holl, Secretary BRBCH



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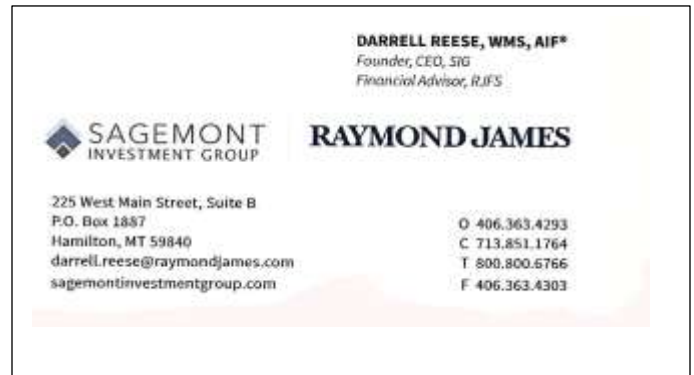


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Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen



NEXT BRBCH MEETING

Thursday, May 18th, 2023

Location:

Corvallis Grange Hall, 130 Dutch Hill Road

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

Visit our Website:

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