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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, MARCH 21st, 2024 MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

Corvallis Elementary School Cafeteria

The next General Meeting will be at the Corvallis Elementary School Cafeteria. From Hwy 93 at the Woodside Cutoff light, drive east to the 4-way stop in Corvallis. Turn left (north), then an immediate right into the parking lot on the west side of the school. Additional parking is off 2nd Street at the NE corner of the school. A potluck dinner will be served at 6:30 pm followed by our monthly meeting from 7:00-8:30 pm. Guests and new members always welcome.

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Our March Speaker is Ted Hall. A licensed Professional Engineer and a Montana native, Ted is originally from Bozeman, now residing in Darby. "Lost Pass 1805" is a complement to his first book, "Trail Between the Rivers." It expands the events of Sept 3rd - 4th in 1805 where Lewis and Clark with the Corps of Discovery survived their journey through the most unforgiving terrain in the West. Mr. Hall has spent many years searching for and documenting the overland route traveled by the expedition in the environs of Sula, Darby, and Gibbonsville, Idaho; a trail now called Lost Trail Pass.

For more information call Gene at 208-310-6326 or check out our website at: www.bchmt.org/bitterroot.

Facebook: **Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH).**

"Wilderness is Good for the Sanity of Man"

"A Place for the Soul of Man to Regain his Sanity"

Smoke Elser

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Show your support for Smoke Elser and our own Eva-Maria Maggi! Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to attend this event!

7PM April 4th at the Ravalli County Museum.

The museum is located on the south side of Bedford Street, between South 2nd and South 3rd streets, Hamilton, MT.



Smokes packing clinic@9 Mile Remount Station, June, 2014



Manty up your gear, secure your loads, and climb into your saddle with Smoke Elser and Eva-Maria Maggi as they take you on an adventure that documents nearly 60 years of Smoke's life as a wilderness packer/outfitter in the Bob Marshall wilderness complex! Superbly co-authored by Smoke and Eva, the book is the result of hundreds of hours of interviews, and takes you on a wilderness pack trip traveling on horseback at 3 miles an hour. A horseman, packer, outfitter/guide, teacher, mentor, and wilderness advocate, learn about Smoke's origin, his family, and the people that influenced him. The book chronicles his involvement with the Forest Service, the Back Country Horsemen, the 1964 Wilderness Act, and the creation of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Read how Smoke has provided politicians, Boy Scouts, students, scientists, CEO's and thousands of people from all walks of life a true wilderness experience that underlines his passion for wilderness protection and humanity's need for it. His influence and involvement looms large in a world that so desperately needs to experience a "Hush of the Land".

Dan Maiyo

Editor, Nag News

Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen

A message From Our President

Dear Fellow members,

I hope this finds you enjoying a few days of nice spring weather. Our State Convention for 2024 has now concluded and you will be hearing reports at our next meeting on the issues discussed there. The Convention was held at Fairmont Hot Springs near Anaconda and it was sure nice to be able to soak in the beautiful pools there. We have outlined our projects for this year and will be presenting those to the Forest Service this coming Wednesday before our meeting. We will be agreeing upon our chosen trail projects and seeing if the Forest Service has any other projects they would like us to work on.

We have lots of training coming up to prepare us for our summer of trail work. Defensive Horsemanship Demo is coming up on March 23 at C-Max stables on Bass Lane. Bonnie has lined up lots of great information for you so please come. There will be a chili feed at lunchtime. This is also open to the public.

On March 30 our first FIRST AID/AED/CPR review class (Class 1) will be held at the Stevensville Fire Station. This is for those who have taken my class before. The folks that need to renew saw certification will have priority for this first class. Please contact Bonnie if you need to take my full class or just need a refresher to be put on her list. Cards are good for 2 years. I will give as many classes as needed to cover us all. If you work on a trail project, the Forest Service requires you to have this training so that you are covered for injuries that may happen on our trail projects. Class 2 will be held on April 13. Defensive Horsemanship is also required by the Forest Service to work on trail projects.

Our next member meeting is coming up this week on March 21st at the Corvallis Elementary School. We will be having a talk on the Lewis and Clark expedition that traveled through our area in the early 1800s. This should be very interesting! Also I am looking for someone to take notes at our April Board and membership meetings. Please let me know if you can help with that.

I hope to see you there on Thursday and don't forget to bring a dish to share for our before meeting potluck!

See you then! Jan Bullock, Your President



Editor's Note: Chuck Miller receives a Lifetime Achievement award at the BCHMT State Convention. As a member for 40 years, his mules and fellow BCH members have logged thousands of miles in service and valued millions of dollars of kind work for the USFS. Congratulations Chuck! Your integrity, experience and commitment to our organization are an example for us to aspire to! Thank You!



A message From Bonnie Morgan

RE: Training Dates

Hello Members, The following is the schedule for training.

Defensive Horsemanship Safety Clinics, held at C-Max Stables, Corvallis

March 23: 9 am- 2 pm, Demonstration clinic: chili lunch. I will ask for volunteers to bring pot luck items-chili, cornbread, salads, desserts, and chili fixings (cheese, sour cream, onions, etc.) at the general meeting March 21. The clinic is free and open to the public. Bring a chair and dress warmly if we have a turn in the weather! Our program includes ground work, conditioning and hydration on the trail, camping in bear country, packing, and responding to trail emergencies. If you do not have a DH card and plan to ride on projects, this clinic and the trail obstacle clinic will qualify you. If you already are current (cards are good for 3 years) attending this clinic will renew your card.

April 6: Obstacle course, 9 am-noon or 1-4 pm. Members who need their DH card have priority. There are 10 places for each session. This session also counts as a renewal.

First Aid/CPR training:

March 30, 9 am-1 pm for renewals of members who have taken Jan's HSI First Aid/CPR class with priority to those who are already chain saw or crosscut saw certified.

April 13, 9 am-3 pm for members new to the HSI First Aid/CPR class and want to be chain saw or crosscut saw certified. There should also be spots for members renewing their First Aid/CPR.

Lake Como Rock Creek campground campout clinic: May 11-12

Bring your horse and learn to set up high lines, trail ride, and other fun classes.

Chain Saw training: Classes will be offered **May 4** and **June 8**. For first time sawyers, a classroom session will be required the night before and then the practical ses-

sion is the next day. For renewals, only the practical portion is required (review your notes and get ready to explain OHLEC!)

Cross cut saw training: Classes TBD

Since the DH card, First Aid, and Saw trainings are free and intended to keep you safe on projects, we expect those of you who get these trainings to work on one or two projects this summer! Thank you for your volunteer work!

For any questions, call or email me. Happy Spring!

Bonnie Morgan mrgnbnn@gmail.com 406-381-9021 (if you text, please leave your name, as you might not be in my contacts yet.)



Smoke demonstrates tying a manty@9 mile Remount Station packing clinic June 2014

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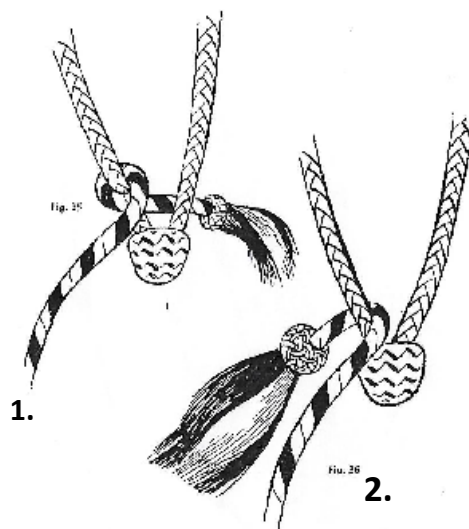
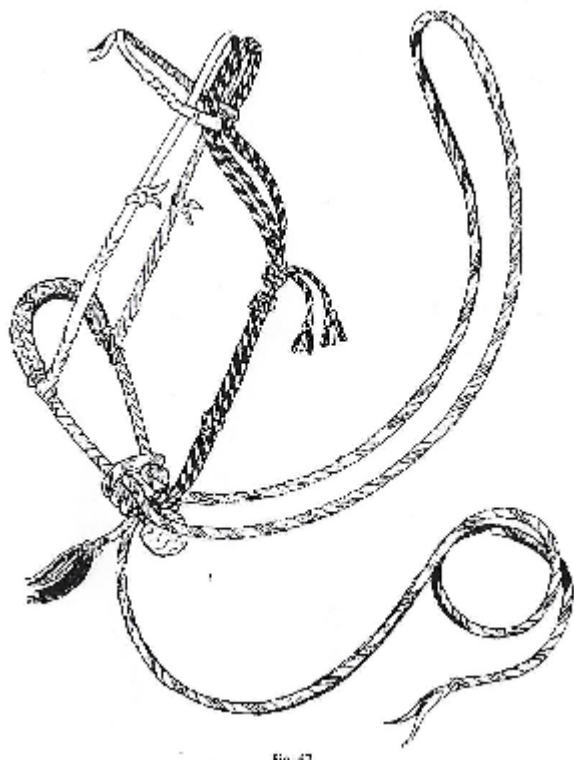
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Tying the Mecate Rein to a Bosal Hackamore *Adopted from California Hackamore (La Jaquima), by Luis B. Ortega, 1948*

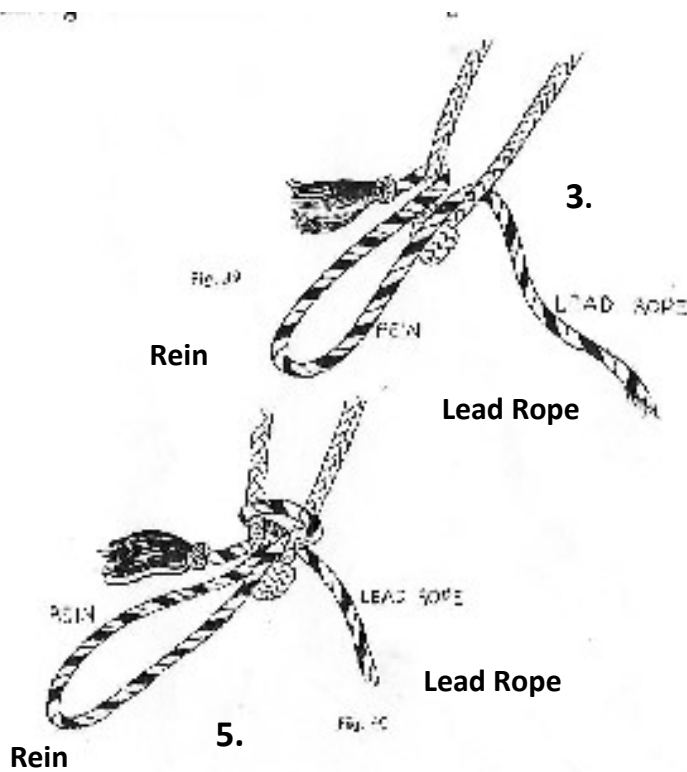
Many of you have asked how to properly tie Mecate Reins to a rawhide bosal. By itself, the braided rawhide piece is called a bosal. The complete assembly including horsehair mecate reins (preferably mane hair), the hanger, and bosal is referred to as a hackamore. I have seen many variations of ties, but this example works best for me. Dan Maiyo - Editor

Complete hackamore, including Fiador.



1. If there is a space at the heel knot, take a wrap around the left cheek. It will prevent slippage of the tassel.
2. If the tassel is large it can be laid between the cheeks.



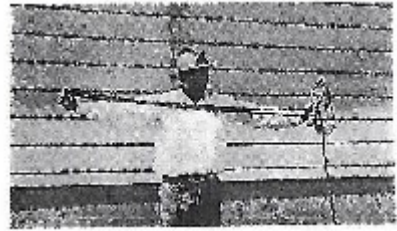


3. Make a loop through the hackamore cheeks.

4. Hold the hackamore in your left hand. Holding the loop end of the rein in your right hand, extend your right arm out the length you want your reins. I like to extend the reins the entire width of both arms left to right (called the ape index).

5. After measuring the length of the rein, take lead rope end and make the first wrap over the cheeks of the bosal, passing from right to left. It adjusts the tightness or looseness of the bosal to suit the tenderness of the horse. This same wrap works the jaw when reining.

4.

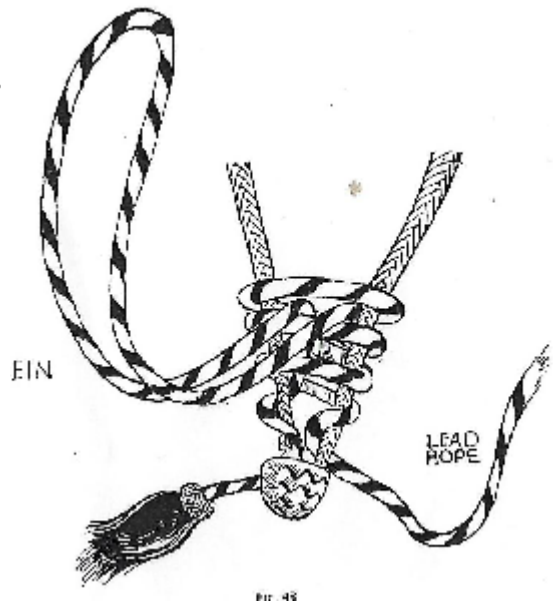


6. Slide the rein up and make another wrap over the top from left to right, just in front of the heel knot. This gives you a wrap above and below the rein.

7. Push the wraps down snugly against the heel knot, working each wrap around until the desired fit is obtained.

8. Finished hackamore ready for use.

6. 7.



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The Shirt Spot is new to Montana since April 2023, but has over 20 years' experience in the industry! Services offered include printing, embroidery, sign banners, stickers and business cards. Quality clothing including tee's, tank tops, and ladies crop tops are offered at a reasonable price. Also offered is a huge variety of headwear ready for embroidery!

DUTCH OVEN MIDDLE FORK SPARERIBS

Ingredients:

- 4-5 lbs spareribs
- 1/2 cup vinegar
- 1 can of beer (PBR)
- Salt/pepper/seasonings
- BBQ Sauce
- Water

Parboil spareribs in a 12" Dutch Oven (DO) in water & vinegar for 20-30 minutes. Drain water and rendered fat off and pat ribs dry with a paper towel. Season w/ salt/pepper and your favorite seasonings. (Garlic salt in lieu of regular salt is preferred.

Brush ribs with BBQ sauce and season to tast. Place ribs in DO and add can of beer, reserving a swig for the cook. Put the DO in the firepan with 8-10 briquettes top and bottom. Bake for 30-40 minutes. Serves 4-6

Editor's Note:

Due to lack of a quorum at the February General Meeting, the Draft January General Meeting Minutes and Draft February Board Meeting minutes were not approved. Also, both sets of minutes contained errors that need correction. Strikethrough and underlined signify corrections and additions. Due to limited space in this newsletter, only those sections that need to be addressed appear as follows. Please refer to the February Newsletter for the complete set of minutes.

BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN (DRAFT) GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 18, 2024 BUSINESS

Minutes: The December minutes were printed in the January Nag News; there were no corrections. **Christy Schram-Duggan** motioned, and **Kathy Stroppel-Holl** seconded to accept the ~~January~~ December general meeting minutes. The motion carried.

BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN (DRAFT) BOARD MEETING MINUTES, Feb 1ST 2024 New Business

Constitution Committee: Jan Bullock, Brad Pollman, Dan Maiyo, Gene Merrell, and Diane Duffie will send out dates and pick one. 2024 Audit has been completed by Joe Kirkland and Judy Posey: The books are good!
2024 budget review: Gene went through the budget line by line. Discussion took place. Brad Pollman motioned and Joe Kirkland seconded to present the 2024 Budget to the General Meeting as a second motion at the February General Meeting. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business
Travise Grinnell motioned, and Joe Kirkland seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm. The motion carried.

Christy Schram-Duggan, BRBCH Filling in for the Secretary

BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
***DRAFT* GENERAL MEETING MINUTES,**
FEBRUARY 15, 2024

The February 2024 general meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order by President Jan Bullock at 7:05 pm. The meeting was held at the Corvallis Primary School cafeteria. Approximately 23 members were present. There was not a board quorum. Everyone led the Pledge to start the meeting. There were no guests.

PROGRAM

Dan Brandborg, 2024 Grant and 2023 Projects Slide Show: Dan presented info on the July 2024 Connection Trail Project (Fred Burr/Mill Creek). Two 9-day hitches are proposed. Hitch signups will be available in March. The FS is behind the project. The switchbacks up Fred Burr are rough, but doable to the lake. Resupply will occur from the Fred Burr reservoir that trucks can drive to. The trail from the reservoir is relatively flat and open. Dan described the rest of the trail to and across the pass and down to Mill Creek. There could be many volunteers in camp, including MCC crew, FS, and BRBCH folks. Dan anticipates someone in camp all the time. Dan then showed slides from 2023 projects and activities, including Upper Boulder Creek, Bear Creek, DHS demo clinic, Coyote Coulee, Mules on the Oval, Larry Creek, East Fork, Rock Creek, Box Pack, and Christmas Santa. There was lots of nice green scenery!

BUSINESS

Minutes: The January minutes were printed in the February Nag News; there was one correction about accepting the December rather than January meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Barb presented the February treasurer's report. The FS mileage check came in and checks were dispersed.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Haven House: Haven House thanked BRBCH for the money collected.

2024 Coffee and Hot Water Sign Up: Kathy noted that there are 2 openings for March and May water sign up. They were promptly filled.

Safety Moment: Drive carefully in these snowy conditions!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grants & Projects: Waiting for a new Darby-Sula District Ranger to come on board, who oversees the RAC grant committee who handle distributions. Waiting for end-March for the RTP grant award, which would be used for the Connectivity Project. Dan provided a list of the 2024 projects and training.

Issues: Presented by Kathy. Notes and maps were displayed on the easel. Discussed the grizzly bear recovery in the Bitterroot and whether the chapter wants to submit comments on the USFWS scoping document, which are due 3/18/2024. The Lolo Forest Plan is undergoing revision. Brad noted the Missoula BCH is taking the lead on scoping comments. The

FS said there have been no updates on the Sheep Creek Mine. Brad said WA state is also doing a GB recovery, and the WA BCH chapter has submitted scoping comments on that plan. Carol is attending the first state-wide public lands zoom meeting on Feb 15.

State Directors: Presented by Brad. He presented a dive back in history and how topics back then are relevant today. For instance, in Feb 1977, three BCH chapters of Montana met to discuss various topics, including fundraising by taking tickets at fair, and a barb wire rolling tool. Brad can answer any questions members may have in regards to the upcoming BCH MT meeting. He explained what the proposed national membership dues increase will cover, how much it would be, and how long it would last going into the future. MT BCH recorded 18,180 hours of work in 2023, which is equivalent to \$980K.

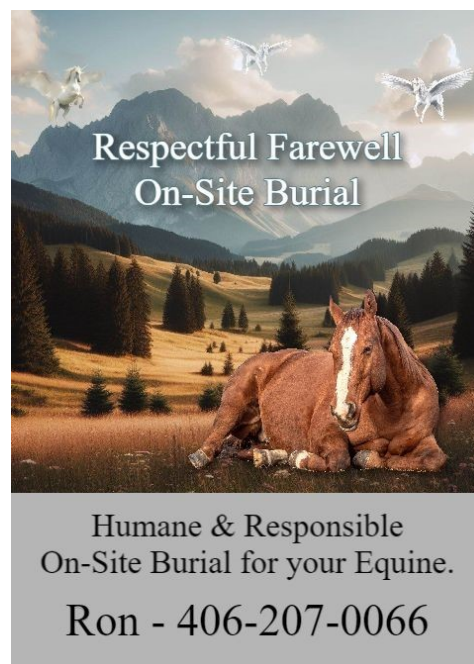
Education & Training: Presented by Bonnie. DHS Demo Mar 23, 9-2; obstacles Apr 6, 9-12 and 1-4. Both are at CMax Stables in Corvallis. DHS training is good for 3 years. A sign up for the obstacles class will be available at the March general meeting. Horse camp out at Rock Creek Horse Camp is tentatively May 11-12. Good opportunity to learn how to camp with your stock. Bonnie would like to know who is getting a request to carry firearms on trail projects. Dates and sign up for first aid and saw training are pending.

Membership: There are currently 48 memberships and 78 members.

Outreach: Presented by Karen. Chapter One will have book release at the Ravalli County Museum in April for Smoke Elser's book. UM is having Smoke's book release party on March 11.

Program: Presented by Karen. Ted Hall will speak about "Horseback in the Footsteps of Lewis and Clarke" at the March meeting.

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



DRAFT GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (CONTINUED)

OLD BUSINESS

2024 State Convention Raffle Tickets: Barb needs tickets and money by March 1.

NEW BUSINESS

2023 Audit: Joe K noted everything came out fine with the audit.

2024 Budget: Gene and committee worked on the budget. It will be presented at the March meeting.

Constitution Committee: The committee consists of Jan, Brad, Gene, Kathy, Diane, and Dan M. They will get together soon to update the chapter constitution.

Trail Project Survey: Dan M sent out a trail project survey and provided a hard copy at the Feb meeting. He will tabulate the results for the March meeting. This info will help the Board determine where to focus training and money. Based on BRBCH membership numbers, 27% of the members participate in projects.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ed Bullock discussed self-printing hard copies of the Nag News, and whether the chapter wants to purchase a printer to handle this. It costs ~\$45/month to print ~13 newsletters. A printer of \$250 or less plus the revenue from newsletter ads should cover printing costs. If the chapter wants to get a printer, then let Ed know. Tim has a printer that he doesn't use for historian purposes (it is likely too old). He will give it to Dan M to test use.

Next Meeting: March 21 at the Corvallis Primary Cafeteria, potluck at 6:30, meeting at 7:00 pm.
Coffee: Bonnie Morgan; Hot water: Monica Stanton (Karen will contact her).

Tim Meyer motioned and Diane Duffie seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm.

Kathy Stroppel-Holl for Judy Posey, Secretary BRBCH

BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

DRAFT BOARD MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 7, 2024

The March 2024 Board meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order at 7:02 pm by Jan Bullock. Present were President Jan Bullock, VP Diane Duffie, and Treasurer Barb Walker; Board members Dan Brandborg, Travise Grinnell, Dennis Hardman, Joe Kirkland, Carol Johns, Brad Pollman (also State Director), Joan Scheffer, Greg Schneider, and Mark Wright; Past President Gene Merrell; and State Director Chuck Miller. Absent were Secretary Judy Posey, and Alt State Director Ed Duggan. Brad Pollman led the Pledge.

Committee chairs/members present: Bonnie Morgan, Karen Philips, Dan Maiyo, Kathy Stroppel-Holl

BUSINESS

Minutes: The February 2024 meeting minutes were published in the Nag News – there were no updates. **Travise**

Grinnell motioned and Greg Schneider seconded to accept the minutes as published. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Barb provided the account balances. Chuck asked whether CDs have been purchased yet – it's a pending action. Farmer's State Bank has a high interest CD. Brad mentioned there is an online savings account offering with interest of 5%; he will get that information to the Board. Need to determine how much savings would be moved into a higher yield account and what the banks are offering. This will be discussed at the next Board meeting. Gene will ask Sagemount Investment about another donation. There were no other questions on the report. **Brad Pollman motioned and Gene Merrell seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's Gene's birthday today!

Bonnie asked whether the April 4 Board meeting could be held from 5-7 pm, so the Board can attend Smoke's book presentation. **Greg Schneider motioned and Travise Grinnell seconded to move the April 4 Board meeting to 5-7pm. The motion carried.** Jan will contact Daly Leach about this time change.

Jan spoke to Rebecca Mowry about the opening date for Calf Creek. It's still in flux, but Rebecca would like folks to wait until May 15 (she will be there on April 15 to monitor). Potential logging there is currently not known.

Mark Wright is hearing about logging in DNRC state lands; some locations are where folks ride. The logging appears to be intensive. Dan said the logging may be wildlife habitat oriented to maintain meadows. There was further discussion about logging on state and federal lands.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grants: Presented by Dan B. The Bitterroot Connection Project (Mill Creek/Fred Burr loop) committee met recently with 9 folks attending. They are waiting on the grant award to determine the next meeting. Kathy presented the final language for the Ravalli Electric Co-op Power of Change application for funding the Calf Creek porta-potty. This info will be submitted via the REC's online application form on Friday, March 8.

Projects: Presented by Dan B. The 2024 projects and activities list was presented. Dan asked whether the chapter would do the 2nd pack support to Big Creek Lake for the SBFC Foundation – no one stepped up. Conservation Days need to be added to the list – Dan will contact Julie Schram. Diane suggested Mill Creek to the lake be added – there was further discussion on this project. Brad noted that if it's not affecting other projects and the FS approves of the work, then it improves overall trail project numbers to include other projects. Gene thought there might be a conflict of interest with the irrigation district management of the trail. The project list should be fluid; for example, if a pop up project happens due to a blowdown. The FS proposed project presentation meeting is March 20th at 4pm with Jan, Bonnie, Carol, and Joe (possibly) going (Dan is out of town on that date).

**(DRAFT) BOARD MEETING MINUTES
(COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED)**

Issues: Presented by Carol. The buttercups are out on FS lands! Jacqie Parks (Darby-Sula) may have an FS project map available for the March general meeting.

State Directors: Chuck noted the State Convention start on March 8th, and they will present the results at the next meeting.

Membership: Renewal memberships to approve were discussed. **Travise Grinnell motioned and Joan Scheffer seconded to accept the renewal memberships as presented. The motion carried.** To date for 2024, there are 48 memberships and 77 members. Joan will take on the membership chair duties. Leslie will help by emailing the membership in the interim, and Dan will inform the membership when the Nag News is ready.

Outreach: Karen noted that FWP is having a meeting on April 17, which will include discussion of Calf Creek opening date. If folks want to comment on the date change, check the FWP website. Comments are being accepted until 2 weeks before the April 17 meeting. Karen suggested that the chapter doesn't need to make comments.

Program: Ted Hall will talk about "Horseback in the Footprints of Lewis and Clark" at the March meeting.

Education & Training: Presented by Bonnie. DHS demonstration day is March 23. DHS obstacle class is April 6. She is waiting to hear back from the Darby-Sula district ranger about reserving the Rock Creek campground for a May campout. First Aid/CPR classes are March 30, half day (renewals only), and April 13, full day (first timers); classes are taught by Jan. Folks who are doing saw training have priority on FA/CPR training. Saw training dates are being determined. Saw renewals can be done on projects. Brad noted May 24 and 25 are tentative chain saw dates. Fire arm carry applications for livestock euthanasia on projects need to be in soon (within a month). Online application is easier and faster.

OLD BUSINESS

2024 State Convention Delegates & State Auction Item: Delegates are Brad, Chuck, Ed D, Travise, Jan, Diane, Dennis, and Barb. Christy will be the alternate. The auction items will be brought up by Ed and Christy.

Constitution Committee: The committee is comprised of Jan B, Brad P, Dan M, Gene M, Diane D, Carol J, and Kathy S-H. They had their first meeting on March 7, before the Board meeting. Dan Maiyo will chair the committee. The next meeting will be March 17, 1pm, at the Stevi Fire Station on Willoughby Rd.

NEW BUSINESS

Printer Discussion: Tabled to the next meeting.

Google Drive: Travise sent email links to folks to access the drive. He is one of the main administrators. Several folders have been set up. Certain emails do not work with the Google Drive system – contact Travise to figure out access.

Executive Group Meeting: Diane noted the chapter officers met the Sunday before the Board meeting to set the agenda and discuss topics ahead of time.

Volunteer and Cost Share Agreements: Brad gave a brief history of the agreements. The original cost share agreement was to cover training costs, then saw training was added. The FS was mandated to double volunteerism, and using the cost share agreement to pay for mileage was the answer to get money back to folks. The Volunteer Agreement covers liability. Reconning a project is covered by the agreements. Discussion about these agreements needs to be done at Board meetings rather than via email. The Volunteer Agreement is signed between Region 1 and BCH MT. Something done in the past that may be a grey area needs to be presented to BCH MT for resolution. If the FS says it's OK to do a project, then there no other follow up is needed. Further discussion continued on what is a sanctioned project. Communication with the FS and amongst project leaders is important. Joe noted there needs to be some fluidity in handling spur of the moment projects, such as a wind storm taking trees down and blocking a trail.

OTHER BUSINESS

"Hush of the Land": Smoke Elser and Eva-Maria Maggi will be speaking about their new book on April 4, 7pm, at the Ravalli County Museum. Karen passed around the flyer.

Horse Burial: Ron Sanguins provides onsite burial for horses; his business is Respectful Farewell.

BRBCH T-shirts: Barb showed the BRBCH logos (horseshoe with bitterroot flower and pack train) that can be printed on garments such as hats, shirts, and vests.

Gene Merrrell motioned and Joe Kirkland seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 pm. The motion carried.

Kathy Stroppel-Holl for Judy Posey, Secretary BRBCH

HORSE WANTED

Senior woman looking to buy experienced trail horse. Prefer gelding that can lead mule(s) to Bass Lake, around Larry Creek mostly.

Any breed, grade considered.
Prefer 6-18 years old.
Contact Sandy 406-239-1796
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Thursday, April 11th

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Nancy Pollman

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Vice President	Diane Duffie	2024	
Secretary	Judy Posey	2024	
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Travise Grinnell	2023-24
Carol Johns	2023-24
Dennis Hardman	2023-24
Brad Pollman	2023-24
Joe Kirkland	2023-24
Dan Brandborg	2024-25
Joan Scheffler	2024-25
Greg Schneider	2024-25
Mark Wright	2024-25

State Director	Term
Chuck Miller	2023-24
Brad Pollman	2024-25

Alt. State Director	Term
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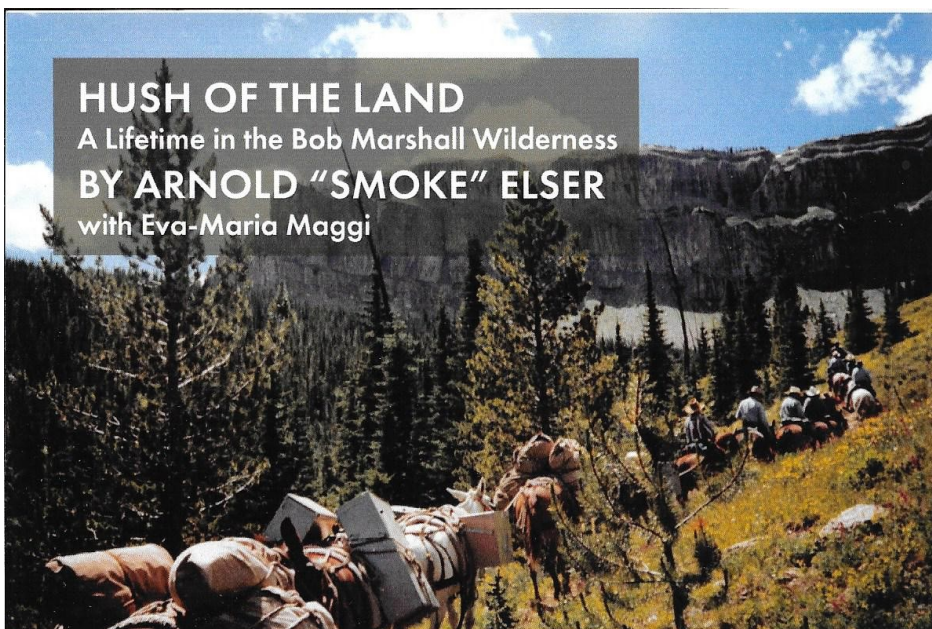
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