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- 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.
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- To foster and encourage the formation of new back country horsemen's organizations.
- To cooperate with other BCHA organizations.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21st, 2024 MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

Corvallis Primary School Cafeteria

The next General Meeting will be at the Corvallis Primary School Cafeteria. This will be our Thanksgiving potluck dinner, and will be served at 6:30 pm followed by our monthly meeting from 7:00-8:30 pm. Guests and new members always welcome.

Because we are holding the election of new officers and directors, there will be no guest speaker this month. 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**

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Editor's Note: *Don't forget to bring your raffle items to this meeting!!*

They will be collected and securely stored for our December 19th Christmas General meeting. At that time we will hold the annual raffle!! Also, you *must renew* your membership for next year in order to participate in the December Raffle. A few renewal forms will be available at the November meeting; or go to our BRBCH website and download a form under "Forms and Publications"

Editor's Note: At this November meeting BRBCH members will vote for their candidates for officers and directors. An Absentee Ballot was sent to all members via email on November 9th. Bonnie Morgan will also accept absentee ballots, either by text, email or postal mail.

DEADLINE FOR NAG NEWS

Thursday, December 12th
SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES
AND ADS TO:
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**Welcome new members
Dianne & Randy Meyers!!**

Candidates for President

Brad Pollman



Ed Bullock



Candidates for Vice President

Dennis Hardman



Tony Westbrook
(No picture submitted)



Candidates for Secretary
(position co-chaired)

Karen Philips/Kathy Stroppel-Holl



Candidate for State Director

Ed Duggan



Candidate for Alternate State Director

Chuck Miller



Candidate for Treasurer

Elaine Driskell



Candidate for Board of Directors 2024—2025

Diane Duffie



Candidates for Board of Directors 2025—2026



Mary O'Dell



Chris Carrera



Barb Walker



Julie Schram



Christy Schram-Duggan

**BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
DRAFT GENERAL MEETING MINUTES,
OCTOBER 17, 2024**

The October 2024 general meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order by Past President Gene Merrell at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held at the Corvallis Grange. Approximately 28 members were present. There was not a Board quorum. Gene led the pledge. The guest was Neptune, Mike Batnick's service bird. Welcome, Neptune!

PROGRAM

Jesse Irwin, FS Wildlife Biologist, BNF Proposed Food Storage Order: Karen introduced our speaker, Jesse Irwin from the Bitterroot National Forest. The food storage regulations will start March 1, 2025, on the Montana side of the BNF, with the goal to reduce adverse human-wildlife interactions. The emphasis in 2025 is education over enforcement. The new food storage order requires that all unattended food, garbage and attractants be stored using one of these methods: in hard-sided vehicles; in bear-resistant containers, suspended at least 10 feet above ground and 4 feet away from adjacent trees/pole out of reach of wildlife, or placed within a fenced area that uses approved bear resistant products. A grizzly has been sighted in the Big Hole. Bears still have a few more weeks before they hibernate.

BUSINESS

Minutes: The September minutes were printed in the Nag News. There were no corrections.

Treasurer's Report: The October treasurer's report was provided by Barb Walker. There were no questions. The 3 savings accounts at Trail West will be consolidated into two \$10K CDs from Clearwater Credit Union at 4.8% for 6 months when Jan Bullock returns from her class reunion. Barb and Jan will take care of the paperwork then.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Safety Moment: Mark Wright presented information on hunting season precautions. Wear orange yourself and put orange tack on your stock. Or tie orange flagging on yourself and your animal. Gene reminded us when you go out, let your family know where you intend to go and if you change your plans, let someone know.

Thanksgiving Dinner Signup for Nov Meeting: Kathy Stoppel-Holl circulated a signup sheet for the November 21 meeting meal.

Calf Creek portable toilet: Kathy SH reported that we received the Rapp Family Foundation grant of \$1,000 to cover the cost of the toilet for 2025. Dan Maiyo will do a Facebook post about this award.

Coffee Signup for Dec Meeting: Kathy SH noted one more volunteer is needed to make coffee for the Dec meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grants: Gene reported that Brandi Ashford has volunteered to serve on this committee, and he stated that it is an important committee. We weren't successful winning grants last year but we did end up coordinating with the FS and

their MCC crew. Mary O'Dell mentioned the BCHA grant of \$1,000 and Brad Pollman mentioned the BCHA youth grants too.

Issues/Public Lands: Carol Johns provided a list with info on various public lands topics. She discussed road and trail closures, fire updates, and a delay to the BR Front Project. Sheep Creek is still in the exploration stage and Carol showed a map of the area; FS scoping process starts Jan. 1. Gene stated individual members can comment when the scoping process starts. The question raised was what has more impact: a group response or multiple individual responses. Carol will research this. The BNF is amending their 1987 road plan and groups are threatening to sue over the proposed changes. Missoula and Selway-Pintler BCH groups are suing the FS regarding a repeater tower in a wilderness study area in the Beaverhead-Deer Lodge NF. BNF is being sued over the Gold Butterfly project. HB 6492 (the EXPLORE Act) outlines relationships with volunteer partner groups that are required.

Projects: The project reports were finalized and submitted to BCHMT and the FS by Dan Brandborg and Lionel Lavallee.

State Directors: Chuck reported on the state meeting in Deer Lodge. There is declining membership at the national level and BCHA is having some funding issues. A dues increase doesn't take effect for one more year. The FS budget has been frozen and that has caused a hiring pause. Brad said that BCHA wrote a letter to the FS asking how this will affect BCH chapters' volunteer work. This concern was submitted to the FS chief. Contact Brad for more information. Defensive Horsemanship training is being updated at the state level and Bonnie is helping with that. Light on the Land is now the official name of the training we do that was previously called Leave No Trace. Our trailer logo will be changed to Light on the Land. Nancy Pollman asked about the mileage reports that were submitted by Dan B. and Lionel before the Oct. 3 board meeting. The 2025 BCHMT rendezvous will be at Gold Creek.

Education & Training: No report.

Membership: Joan Scheffer reported that there are 83 memberships and 132 members. Please donate for the December meeting membership raffle.

Outreach: Karen Philips reported that 17 members attended the fair volunteer appreciation potluck, and 8 members represented us at the FS partners potluck. Ed Bullock spoke about the BRBCH table set up at the MT Equine Rescue tack sale and the contacts he made. He answered lots of questions from the public. The sale made \$5,200 for the MT Equine Rescue organization.

Program: Karen reported for Monica Stanton that there is no speaker scheduled for the Nov. 21 general meeting because we will be voting at that meeting. This is also our big Thanksgiving Dinner night.

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

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(General Meeting minutes continued)

Constitution Committee: Kathy SH said the committee is nearly 90% through their review and update of the BRBCH constitution. The next meeting is Nov. 3 at 3:00 pm at the Etna Fire Station.

OLD BUSINESS

BRBCH Articles of Incorporation and State of MT filing status: Gene said he is still trying to sort out our 501c3 status with the state. He is making progress.

2025 Budget Items: Gene asked for two volunteers to serve on the budget committee along with Earl Philips who has already volunteered. Cherie Barton volunteered. Gene will guide the group. Gene explained what the committee does. He reminded folks to submit requests for budget items or program expenses soon.

NEW BUSINESS

Officer & Board Nominations: Bonnie provided the slate of candidates for this year’s election at our Nov. 21 meeting. The committee included Bonnie, Leslie Maiyo and Diane Duffie, and they contacted almost all of our members. Candidates are: President – Brad Pollman and Ed Bullock; VP – Dennis Hardman and Tony Westbrook; Treasurer - Elaine Driskell; Secretary – Karen Philips and Kathy Stroppel-Holl (if no one steps up); State Director: Ed Duggan; Alt State Director – Chuck Miller; and Directors – Diane Duffie (1-yr), Chris Carrera, Barb Walker, Julie Schram, Christy Schram-Duggan and Mary O’Dell. Update after meeting: Pam Ristad and Dan Brandborg chose not to run for director positions.

Pantry Partners Christmas Food Box Pack: Barb and her sister Pam Ristad will lead the Pantry Partners Christmas food box packing event this year with guidance from Gene. Gene is waiting to hear the event’s date from Pantry Partners. We will pass the hat for Haven House at the November 21 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: Nov. 21 at the Corvallis Primary School Lunchroom. Remember that this is our Thanksgiving Dinner. Coffee: Leslie Conner-Maiyo; Hot Water: Ed Bullock

Bonnie Duggan motioned and Joan Scheffer seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm. Motion carried.

Karen Philips, Co-Secretary BRBCH

BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

DRAFT BOARD MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 7th 2024

The November 2024 Board meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order by Dan Brandborg at 7:11 pm at the Coffee Cup Restaurant. Present were Vice President Dan Brandborg, Treasurer Barb Walker and Co-Secretaries Karen Philips and Kathy Stroppel-Holl; Directors Cherie Barton, Carol Johns, Lionel Lavallee, Dan Maiyo, Brad Pollman (also State Director), Joan Scheffer, and Mark Wright; and Alt State Director Ed Duggan. Absent were President Jan Bullock, Director Joe Kirkland and Travise Grinnell, Past President Gene Merrell; and State Director

Chuck Miller. There was a board quorum. Committee chairs/ members present: Bonnie Morgan. All led the Pledge.

BUSINESS

Minutes: The October 2024 minutes were published in the Nag News. There were no updates. **Lionel Lavallee motioned and Joan Scheffer seconded to accept the October minutes. Motion carried.**

Treasurer’s Report: Barb provided account balances. There were no updates. **Lionel Lavallee motioned and Cherie Barton seconded to accept the November treasurer’s reports. Motion carried.**

Discussion on the CD followed. Barb had to get a form from Clearwater CU requiring board signatures, and she circulated note paper for signatures. Barb provided a budget summary for 2024.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You Card to Rapp Family Foundation: Kathy SH circulated a card for the Rapp Family Foundation to thank them for their \$1,000 grant to us to pay for the Calf Creek portable toilet.

Dec. General Meeting Raffle Items: Joan reported that Leslie will discuss this at the Nov. 21 meeting. This will go into the newsletter and the membership email sent out by Joan.

Reminder - Where the Cook Trailer is Located: Laura McManus has it stored in her barn. Thank you, Laura!

Grants: Dan Brandborg talked with Brandi Ashford who has agreed to head this committee; she needs help. She needs committee members and trail project ideas. Mary O’Dell, Kathy SH, and Ed Duggan volunteered to help on the committee. Dan B. learned that the RAC grant money is not available in time for projects this year. MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks Recreational Trails Program (RTP) and Trail Stewardship Program (TSP) grants are available; their deadlines are Jan 15. The FS might hire the MCC crew again in coordination with one of our projects. Carol suggested calling Steve Bull who is retiring. He could help with trail crews. Brad reported on the availability of Legacy Trails Program grants, which are administered by American Trails; application deadline is Dec 16.

Pantry Partners, November 22nd, 9am—12 pm
On Friday, November 22, the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen will be preparing and packing food boxes for Pantry Partners. We will need at least 12 volunteers to assemble boxes, set up tables for the donated food items, filling the boxes, sealing the boxes and loading the trailer for delivery to Pantry Partners. Instead of doing this in 2 days we have decided to complete this task in one day at the St. Mary’s Family Center, 333 Charlo St., Stevensville. A Sign-up sheet will be distributed at our General Membership meeting on Thursday, November 21 (which is the night before) or you may email Barb Walker at (barb.walker@hotmail.com)

(Board minutes continued)

Projects: Dan Maiyo met with Erika Strayer and another FS staff member at the East Fork Guard Station and they walked the site. There remains about 1,000 feet of wire on FS land. At East Fork trailhead they saw extensive burn damage on the trail but minimal damage in the trailhead area. The trails are in rough shape due to fire damage, especially the first quarter mile. This could be a possible trail project if it is determined safe enough for volunteers. Dan M thought it would be a one-day project to remove wire in the East Fork Guard Station area. These projects are a potential nice fit for the grant committee to consider. Dan B. is stepping down as Projects Chairperson so we will need to find a new chair. Brad noted that we should be looking long term for grants, planning for 2026 now. Another suggestion was to get grants for more front country projects. We have 2,913 reimbursable miles that have been submitted and we're waiting for the check. Mark suggested combining educational activities with trail projects. Our Light on the Land trailer could be used for that and might involve MCC or Trapper Creek Job Corps students. Carol asked about the trail classification chart, and Mark Smith should be contacted for that.

Issues/Public Lands: Carol spoke with Phil Ramsey about the Sheep Creek Mine, and he would like to speak to our group. Carol researched activities that are not allowed by 501c3 groups, including legislative bills. Her research shows that his topic would be okay. This speaker topic will be presented for member approval at the November 21 meeting. Our county commissioners said no to a Utah attempt to give BLM lands to states. A Ravalli County commissioner requested an amendment to FWP trapping regulations to eliminate trapping setbacks on winter-closed county roads; the FWP is against the amendment.

State Directors: Brad reported that the next state meeting is in Missoula on December 14th, from 10-3. This is a good opportunity for our members to attend since it is close. Mack Long has been busy working on the volunteer agreements and that effort may be delayed because of the FS budget freeze.

Membership: There are 83 memberships and 132 members. **Kathy Stoppel-Holl moved and Lionel Lavallee seconded that we approve several new and renewal members. Motion passed.**

Outreach & Program: Karen reported that cards for thank you notes to volunteers have been printed, and she thanked Christy Schram-Duggan for submitting the photos used on the cards. George Bettas is scheduled to speak at the December general meeting.

Education & Training: Bonnie said we might be able to do a Wilderness Skills clinic in coordination with the East Fork Project. Dan Maiyo will ask Brand Browning about reserving the site.

Constitution Committee: Dan Maiyo reported the committee has completed a review of the constitution and are working out details on Article II, Section 6. Bylaws come

next. Next meeting is December 8 at 3:00.

Google Drive: Lionel reported that the files are set up, and he and Tim are close to the point of training folks in how to submit data. They are working on security now. The drive data will be searchable. A dedicated IT person is needed.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee: Bonnie reviewed the list of candidates, with two changes: Pam Ristad and Dan Brandborg are not running for directors' positions. Mark asked about the voting process for people who can't make it to the meeting. Bonnie will send an email out to all members with the ballot and instructions on how to vote absentee. Bonnie will accept absentee ballots, either by text, email or postal mail. Members attending the meeting will receive ballots there.

Thanksgiving Meal Signup Sheet: Kathy SH circulated the signup sheet.

NEW BUSINESS

LNT Trailer: This trailer is currently at Dan Brandborg's barn. This trailer will be moved to Brad's for a logo change from "Leave No Trace" to "Light on the Land". Dan Maiyo will ask Laura if she has room to store it along with the cook trailer.

Christmas Santa: No report

Pantry Partners Food Pack: Barb said the date is November 22 at 9:00, the morning after our general meeting. Boxes will be assembled and 220 boxes filled with food that morning. Barb will circulate a signup sheet at the November 21 meeting.

Calf Creek Portable Toilet: Barb called Sweet Pea and they needed an address for Calf Creek that she submitted. Their charge is \$110 a month. Barb will get a contract signed with Sweet Pea Septic for 2025.

OTHER BUSINESS

Lionel Lavallee moved and Bonnie Morgan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:42 pm.

Karen Philips, Co-Secretary BRBCH



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Sticking Your Neck Out

Eclectic Horsemen Magazine

How many times have you watched your horse reach to scratch his leg or his back? Have you ever had him reach out to you for a carrot? Did you ever wonder about what happens in his neck as he does these movements? If so, you may have realized that he has the advantage when it comes to sticking his neck out.

While the horse's neck is much longer than ours, we both have the same number of neck vertebrae. All mammals except manatees and sloths have 7 cervical vertebrae. Both the human and horse cervical vertebrae have the same names and similar types of movements. The difference is due more to orientation, horizontal for the horse and vertical for you, rather than design.

Cervical (C) vertebrae are often referred to as C1 – C7, with C1 starting from the head. The first two vertebrae also go by other names, atlas and axis. The atlas (C1) meets the skull. Think of your head resting upon C1 like the world resting on Atlas' shoulders. C2 is the axis, which allows the head to rotate on the top of the spine like the earth on its axis. The remaining cervical vertebrae are typically referred to as C3 – C7. (Photo 1)

The atlas and axis are unique in that they have a much greater range of motion than the remaining five. The joint where the skull meets C1, the atlanto-occipital joint, is designed for a tremendous amount of flexion and extension. There are two occipital condyles where the skull meets C1, which allows a rocking motion. (Photo 2) When your horse reaches out for a carrot with his muzzle, he extends this joint as his chin moves forward. When he flexes correctly at the poll, he is flexing at the atlanto-occipital joint.

The atlas/axis joint, the joint between C1 and C2 is extremely specialized and allows the horse to rotate his head. Hold a carrot high and to the side so that your horse has to tip his nose up to grab it. Notice that his ears are no longer level; therefore, he has rotated at C2.

To understand how these first two joints (atlanto-occipital and atlas/axis) move, do the following: Place the knuckles of your index and middle finger of your left hand against the grooves of the same fingers on the right hand. Move your left elbow up like your horse's face reaching out. Notice how your knuckles stay on track in the grooves. This is basically how the skull and C1 move in relation to each other. Nod your head "yes" as a very tiny movement up and down imagining this joint between your ears, which is just like in your horse.

Make a circle with the thumb and forefinger of your left hand. Insert your right thumb into the hole. The "thumb" on the axis is called the odontoid process. This is how the C1 and C2 join to-

gether, like a tab in a hole. (Photo 5) Notice that you can rotate the tab in the hole or the hole around the tab. This arrangement allows head rotation. If you turn your head a little to the left and right, by shaking your head "no" you would be turning primarily in this atlas/axis joint.

Now here's where orientation comes in. When you say "no" you move your head left and right. But when the horse makes this movement he rotates his head side to side because he stands horizontally. While your ears will stay level his ears will not. Therefore, if you ever see your horse's ears unlevel, you know he has rotated at the atlas/axis joint in his neck.

Take your left ear towards your left shoulder. You use all the vertebrae in your neck for this movement. Each one side bends a little which adds up to the total movement of bending the horse's whole neck.

To get a feeling of the vertebrae in your horse's neck, take a few minutes to explore your horse next time you are at the barn. Place the palm of your hand just behind the poll. You will feel a large wing-shaped bone just behind the line of the jaw. This is the wing of the atlas (C1). Explore the edges of the vertebrae; it is the easiest one to find in the horse's neck.

From there take the palm of your hand and press firmly and gently down the side of the neck. Feel for the same kind of firmness you felt when pressing on C1. See if you can identify each of the cervical vertebrae moving from the poll down the neck towards the chest. Remember that the neck curves downward, so if you are running your hand along the crest of the neck. I doubt you will feel any vertebrae. Depending on how fleshy your horse is, you may be able to feel all of the vertebrae.

Place the palm of your hand on the vertebrae approximately halfway down the neck. Put your other hand on your horse's nose and gently bring his head to the side. Does it make it easier to feel the vertebrae? Have someone else bend his neck while you stand on the other side. As your horse's head moves away from you, feel for the firm spots. You might even be able to see the outline of the vertebrae as your horse's head turns away.

Imagine what is happening in the neck vertebrae as your horse stretches for a carrot or looks behind himself. When you are riding in a circle keep in mind that the neck should express the bend of a circle throughout the entire length from poll to sternum.

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2. ½ cup minced onion 2 cups cooked white or brown rice
3. 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
4. ½ cup sour cream
5. ½ cup plain Greek yogurt (+ 1T for creamier)
6. 1 cup (4oz) shredded sharp cheddar cheese (or other favorite hard cheese)
7. ¼ cup shredded or grated Parmesan cheese, divided
8. 1 tsp salt
9. ½ tsp pepper
10. ½ tsp garlic powder
11. 1 tsp Italian seasoning, divided
12. 1/3 cup Panko breadcrumbs (or crushed Ritz crackers)

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray an 11x13 baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine eggs, sour cream, yogurt, cheddar cheese, 2 T Parmesan cheese, salt, black pepper, garlic powder, ½ tsp Italian seasoning. Add shredded zucchini, rice, and onions. Stir until well mixed. Spread into prepared pan.
3. In a small bowl, combine breadcrumbs, ½ tsp Italian seasoning, and 2 T Parmesan cheese. Sprinkle over the zucchini mixture. Add the slices of zucchini on top.
4. Bake for 1 hour or until golden brown.

Servings: 10-12

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Budget	Gene Merrell, Jan Bullock, Barb Walker
Education	Ed Duggan/Christy Schram-Duggan
Election & Nominations	Bonnie Morgan, Leslie Conner-Maiyo,
Equipment & Inventory	Ed Duggan
Fair and Reports	Christy Schram-Duggan
Advertising	Ed Bullock
Grants	Dan Brandborg, Diane Duffie, Barb Walker
Historian	Tim Meyer
Issues	Carol Johns, Kathy Stroppel-Holl
Memberships	Joan Scheffer
Newsletter	Dan Maiyo
Parliamentarian	
Programs	Monica Stanton
Projects	Dan Brandborg
Social Marketing	Travise Grinnell
Sunshine	Jenna Wright
Trail Rides	Jan Bullock, Dan Maiyo
Training	Bonnie Morgan
Website Design	Nancy Pollman

Bitter Root Backcountry Horsemen Officers and Board

Chapter officers				
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Travise Grinnell	2023-24	Chuck Miller	2023-24	Mack Long
Carol Johns	2023-24	Brad Pollman	2024-25	
Joe Kirkland	2023-24			BCHMT Vice State Chairman
Brad Pollman	2023-24	Alt. State		Sandy Himmel
Cherie Barton	2023-24	Director		
Lionel Lavallee	2024-25	Ed Duggan	2024	
Joan Scheffer	2024-25			BCHMT National Directors
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Leslie will bring it to the November meeting.

FOR SALE: Leather Purse.

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Contact Leslie Conner-Maiyo
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Leslie will bring it to the November meeting.





Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen



NEXT BRBCH MEETING

Thursday, November 21st, 2024

Corvallis Primary School Cafeteria

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

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