

LAST CHANCE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
February 6, 2019 7:00 P.M.
Fish and WL, Helena, MT

Members present: Kerry Bartlett, Fred Benson, Bud Criner, Jim Darfler, Matt Darfler, Katy Donnelly, Neil and Darlene Horne, Sherri Lionberger, Joe Meek, Dennis and Debbie Milburn, Howard Reid, Lyndsay and Tony Smith, Tom Weiss, Sue Mohr, Rick Yearry and Nicole Anderson.

Katy opened the meeting.

Katy thanked Sherri for her leadership and support.

Agendas are up front. Attendance list is going around. Be sure and sign.

Introduce guests and new members.

Josh Olsen: Josh would like to be a member.

Curtis Gardner and Will Trimbath: Tony met Will at Smoke Elser's packing clinic. Welcome and glad to have you all here!

January Minutes

Sherri corrected the minutes to state that she was President 3 years.

The motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by Neil and seconded by Kerry . The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report.

Jim Darfler

Checking: \$17,060.38

Savings: \$1688.11

New CD: \$10,000 matures 8/20/2020.
CD: \$10,000 matures 6/9/2019

Bills: Rick presented a bill for food at the annual Christmas party: \$348.67.
Motion to approve: Sherri/ Matt second. Unanimously approved.
Thanks to Rick and his crew for organizing a great meal!

Old Business.

Convention is March 1 to 3 in Great Falls: Raffle tickets to win a Browning rifle, a hand made metal art table and a 50 inch smart TV.
Get raffle tickets from Kerry.

Other information about the convention:

Need 20 photos and chapter logos by Feb 15.

Categories:

BCH at work

Kids of all ages

Montana the beautiful

Horses and Mules

5X7 or 8X10 unframed; 2 entries per category.

Agenda: after lunch there will be breakout sessions.

Crosscut competition at 3 pm.

Convention delegates: Sherri

Sue will be the last voting delegate so that we have 8 delegates.

High Divide Group and travel planning: Dennis

This is a coalition of non-motorized trail users.

There are about 9 groups represented but four of them participate more than the other, LC BCH being one of the four.

There was a meeting last night with the group. Sherri, Dennis and Tony attended. The group is in the midst of reorganizing. Dennis is excited about the energy in the new group. He believes they will be representing a higher level of conservation ethic. Tony is now coming to these meetings so he can succeed Dennis when that time occurs.

The group is waiting for the BLM to come up with a proposed action for the Scratch Gravel hills. We are prepared to make a recommendation on that.

New Business

Website: Lyndsey

Lyndsey demoed the new website which looks fantastic!

She will get in touch with Dan March at the State BCH organization regarding the work she is doing. Other ideas for links: minutes and newsletters, classifieds.

THANKS Lyndsey. Members with ideas about the website, please contact Lyndsey.

BCHMT resolutions: Sherri/Joe/Kerry/Howard

Two resolutions.

Background: Each BCH chapter votes prior to the state convention regarding resolutions under consideration by the State BCH.

Other states have presented resolutions to be acted on at the national meeting. The state must consider and act on these resolutions first.

1. Submitted from Oregon and Washington BCH. MRA (Minimum Requirements Analysis) approval process.

MRA process provides for modern tools to be used in wilderness areas under extraordinary circumstances. Forest Service has used this process rarely.

Resolution asks Forest Service to consider using MRA process more frequently as the wilderness fires are getting more prevalent.

Discussion: we were able to get a special use permit regarding Gates of the Mountains. We didn't use it but think it is a good idea for areas which are in bad shape.

Neil: we should find out exactly how it will be implemented.

Dennis: this was provided for so the Forest Service can make use of these unusual situations.

This is a decision made by the Forest Supervisor.

Neil moves that delegates, following testimony, to vote in favor.

Rick Y seconds. Unanimous.

2. From BCH Washington.

There are 31 states in BCHA (Backcountry Horseman of America).

Resolution proposes to amend constitution to have one voting member to attend the annual meeting rather than two voting members as they have now.

Issue is a matter of expense and finding room for these many directors.

Sherri: it is expensive but you don't have to send two.

They have a lot of committees and need all the members in order to get committee work done.

Fred asked if they can do WebX meetings instead.

There are 8 active committees who break out during the national meeting.

Kerry: when our people go, they go to all the breakout meetings and often alternates also pay their own way. Dropping down to one would severely hamper activities.

Kerry pointed out that States have always had the option to send only one.

Sherri moves to not support; Kerry seconds.

All in favor. Unanimous vote.

Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation: Katy.

Foundation pack trips will go up on website 3rd week of February.

We need to decide if we want to volunteer to pack on those trips. See Joe Meek about this. We usually provide pack support for 2 or 3 projects.

March 11: Mountain Film Festival at the Myrna Loy sponsored by Bob Marshall Foundation. There are booths and raffle tickets. \$15 apiece.

Next month meeting **March 5, Tuesday**. PLEASE NOTE MEETING DATE CHANGE!

Jim urged all members to make sure you are paid up in memberships. Checks are preferred.

Howard moved to adjourn; Matt: 2nd. Unanimous .

Adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sue Mohr, Secretary.