

## **Last Chance BCH meeting May 11, 2019**

### **Neil and Darlene Horne Freeze Branding and Luncheon**

Attendees: Nicole Anderson, Fred Benson, Jeff Brandt, Mike Cannon, Clif Caughron, Jim Darfler, Jenell Dav, Hank Flatow, Neil and Darlene Horne, Merlyn and Linda Huso, Sherri Lionberger, Theresa and Joe Meek, Dennis and Deb Milburn, Sue Mohr, Howard Reid, Lyndsay and Tony Smith, Gerardo Vazquez, Russ Wattnum, Tom Weisman, Tom Weiss, Tyrel Wilson, Rick Yearry

Katy called the meeting to order at 1:16 pm.

#### **Introduce Guests and new members**

Gerardo Vazquez and son Dustin our newest members. Welcome!

#### **Approve Minutes from April meeting**

Haven't gone out so need to approve them next meeting.

#### **Treasurers report and bills**

Account balances

Checking: \$16,494.20

Savings: \$1,688.11

2 CD's of \$10,000 each.

One CD coming due June 9 and will be available for use or purchase. Jim will look for rates. The total will be \$10,166.02. It automatically renews in ten days.

Motion to have Jim find best deal. Merlin moved; Sherri second.

All in favor.

Memberships:

We have new memberships. If you are wondering your status, please come and see Jim.

Bills and receipts.

One receipt for Darlene for \$256.73 including food for meeting, propane, freeze branding :

Motion to pay: Clif moved, Rick Yearry second,

All in favor.

#### **Safety Protocol: Roy, Tony**

Roy Barkley: recreation program manager for Helena District.

Roy wants to focus up on safety and response plan for each project we take on in the field. Will be more homework for project leaders.

Roy has an emergency response plan document for us. Requires membership to identify areas and locations that allow for helicopters and medivacs to come in to do a rescue. So this requires putting in latitude and longitude ahead of time.

Roy suggests we identify a lead for the front of the project and a drag bringing up the rear so communications are constant.

Plan also has a communications (the 9 line) piece to facilitate the process if an incident must be called in.

Q: can we receive assigned radios for front and back riders to have? This will be provided by the Forest Service.

Tony is our designated representative on this.

Tony can identify likely evacuation areas for each trip.

### **Saw training**

One person signed up. Marcus may cancel it.

### **Volunteer agreements with USFS**

Dennis: everything we do is under a volunteer agreement which means if anything happens, we are treated just like Forest Service (FS) employees. Our district ranger is supporting this arrangement. Good job! Sherri says everyone must sign the FS agreement the morning of every project but well worth it for liability reasons.

### **Upcoming projects: Neil**

#### **Gates of the Mountains Trail clearing: Sherri**

June 1: Sherri.

Sherri suggests all show up Sat morning at Hunters Gulch by 8 am. Will do a sign up and safety meeting: plan is to cover Hunters Gulch, Big Log and Refrigerator Canyon. Sherri asked who plans to go: it will just be for the one day. Rules will be in play re: when to turn around time wise.

#### **Sign installations, Elkhorn Wildlife Management Unit: Neil**

June 7,8 and 9

Camp in Friday and work Saturday. Need a trail crew to open the trail to get sight posts set.

#### **High Divide Trail Work at Kading**

Dennis: work on June 28 and 29 with about 50 total expected from all the different groups. Dennis is hoping to get around 8 LCBCB people especially if certified with chainsaws. Walk in, backpack fuel with lunches and water: will be pretty arduous. People can come in Friday night and camp out although there is some uncertainty regarding camping spots. Doing initial clearing to establish a new trail and bringing in equipment next year. Dennis needs around 4 more volunteers. Mike, Tyrel, Darlene and Neil volunteered. Let Dennis know if you are interested in helping with this.

#### **BMWF WCC #2 6/27 to 7/4: Katy**

Dates got changed to June 27 to July 4.

4 animal minimum project although 3 animals would be all that is needed.

The project will start at Indian Meadows and go up Landers Fork about 6 miles.

Let Katy know if interested by next Saturday and she will notify the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation if we can do it given the date change for this project.

**Meetings:**

Should we cancel June's meeting as it falls in the middle of the Elkhorns? Or do the meeting at the Elkhorns.

July meeting: July 4 is day before.

Cancel the July meeting.

Sherri moves to move the June meeting to the Elkhorns and cancel the July meeting; Tony seconds. All in favor.

August meeting will still be on.

**Lifelight product: Neil**

Neil got a notice from them. Everyone says it is now questionable to purchase given legislative action. But the Lifeflite people are willing to come and talk to us.

We will get out notice to the club when a speaker is available.

**Winners of Dutch Oven contest:**

Debbie announced winners of dutch oven cookoff.

Debbie: Russ for his blueberry cobbler.

Main dish: Darlene for her Chicken and Rice.

Thanks to everyone who cooked such great food.

Shout out to Dave and Connie Cole for their donations to the club: please bid on the equipment they have left for us in the silent auction. Please see Jim to pay.

THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL HOSTS, Neil and Darlene!

**Adjourn**

Rick Yearry moved; Howard second.

All in favor.

Adjourned. 2 pm

Respectfully submitted by Sue Mohr, Secretary.