

LAST CHANCE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
January 10, 2020 6:00 P.M.
East Helena VFW, East Helena, MT

Members and Guests present:

Nicole Anderson, Warren Armstrong, Kerry Bartlett, Jean Bartlett, Fred Benson, Jeff Brandt, Jody Brandt, Mike Cannon, Russ Cargo, Clif Caughron, Bud Criner, JoAnn Chambers, Connie Cole, Dave Cole, Ed Darfler, Lynn Darfler, Leslie Darfler, Jim Darfle, rHank Flatow, Janelle Day, Katy Donnelly, Rene Duykaerts, Debbie Duykaerts, Cheryl Metz, Neil Horne, Darlene Horne, Merlyn Huso, Linda Huso, Aryn Kain, Tom Kain, Don Kristenson, Mike Layng, Jeanette Layng, Sherri Lionberger, Russ Wattnem, Sherri McQuire, Jim Milliron, Lynda Milliron, Howard Reid, Sue Mohr, Dave Pool, Barb Pool, Tony Smith, Lyndsey Smith, Debbie Tomaskie, Bob Tomaskie, Tom Weiss, Gary Wiles, Lynda Wiles, John Williams, Rick Yearry, Janice Yearry

Katy called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Many thanks to Darlene and the committee for a great holiday party! You guys ROCK!

Business meeting:

RAC grants

Tony said there was a meeting with our district ranger.

There are grant opportunities and RAC funding available. Also on our plate are the Gates of the Mountains trails covered under a separate grant.

Installing the site posts at Eagle Guard Station is also under a RAC grant and some trail clearing around Eagle Guard.

We would need to plan a weekend into Eagle Guard station to work on trail clearing. And then another trip would be necessary to install the site posts.

Plus we were asked to do two pack trips for MCC crews working the Continental Divide trail.

The Forest Service expects to have five plus weeks of MCC time.

We expect there to be one pack into Black Mountain and one into Blackfoot Meadows (packing in crews).

This grant must be submitted by Feb 3 and so we must make a decision.

The RAC grant is two years: if we apply in February, we would have two years to complete (such as getting in the posts).

The last time we applied, we received \$27,000 and we got another \$5000 from another group so they could go in and spray weeds.

Neil suggests we should do it all. There is no reason we can't do the site posts.

Blackfoot Meadows and Black Mountain (Nevada Mountain side) require a drop point from Marcus before we make a commitment. These will be the MCC crews comprised of 5 to 6 peeps and their gear and food.

Katy suggested we should schedule a few things for the entire group and then try to hit it piecemeal involving a few people at a time. That will be best for the project and for the club.

Tony will put something together based on comments from the group and see how it goes from there.

Bob Marshall Wilderness foundation packs

Katy will keep an eye on what gets proposed this year and see if anything comes up that looks good. She will send out an email.

Jeff suggested that Katy should simply make a decision or we will lose a good trip waiting to hear from the group. She will follow up.

Jeff feels strongly about doing at least one trip for the Foundation.

Certifications

Contact Darlene re: certifications you may need.

Next Meeting:

Change of date for February: **Feb 3** at MT Wild : there will be a vet presentation. Bring your questions!

December Minutes

The motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by Howard and seconded by Jeff. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report.

Jim made the report.

Checking: \$7700.37
Savings: \$1688.95
2nd CD: \$10,000 2.65% matures 8/28/2020.
CD: \$10,208.66 2.4% matures 11/11/20
CD: \$10,000 2% matures 9/1/2020

Bills: One from Rick Yeary to purchase food: \$295.89.

Motion to pay bill: Sherri moved; Nicole second. Unanimous approval.

Received a check for \$2300 from RTP grants. We need to write checks for each person who participated in the project. If you want the funds, take the check. If you don't want the check, refuse to cash it and let it stay in the LC BCH accounts. RTP grant from here on out will be devoted to the Gates of the Mountains.

Nominating Committee: Clif and Dave

Dave calls for nominations. 3 year terms.

President (2nd year): Katy

VP (2nd year): Tony

Treasurer (3rd year and last year): Jim Darfler

Secretary (5th year): Sue will do it for another year; however she has been secretary for five years and it would be great if someone in the club could volunteer for the upcoming year.

2 state directors (3rd year for Sherri and Kerry in 2nd year): Sherri, Kerry

Alternate director: Howard

Motion to approve slate: Fred moves nomination cease and ballot cast for the nominees. Lynda second. Unanimous.

Anyone new to the club is invited. Good time to pay membership fees for 2020.

Motion to adjourn.

Clif moved and Rick seconded.
Unanimous approval.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Sue Mohr
LCBCH