

LAST CHANCE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
February 3, 2020 7:00 P.M.
Montana WILD

Members and Guests present:

Kerry Bartlett, Fred Benson, Jeff Brandt, Mike Cannon, Bud Criner, Jim Darfler, Katy Donnelly, Rene Duykaerts, Debbie Duykaerts, Neil Horne, Darlene Horne, Jason Hughey, Jordan Hughey, Ellery Hughey, Brenna Hughey, Merlyn Huso, Don Kristenson, Mike Laying, Sherri Lionberger, Cheryl Metz, Howard Reid, Sue Mohr, Dave Pool, Tony Smith, Lyndsay Smith, Tom Weiss, Gary Wiles, Lynda Wiles

Katy called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Introduce guests and new members:

Welcome to our new members, Jason, Jordan, Ellery and Brenna Hughey. They have moved here from northern Michigan. They have Norwegian Fjords and are happy to be here in Helena. WELCOME!

Business meeting:

December Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report.

Jim Darfler

Checking: \$5903.80
Savings: \$1688.95

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

Bills:

One bill for holiday meeting for decorations of \$56.10 to Darlene. Motion to pay bill: Fred moved; Tony second. Unanimous approval.

Jim has 2019 RTP checks to distribute to members. Members can choose to keep the entire amount, deposit checks back to BCH and/or cash the checks and make a donation back to BCH if you want for any amount desired.

Annual BCH Convention: State Convention March 20, 21 and 22, Ravalli Co Fairgrounds, Hamilton: Katy

Jim needs to send in attendees list for annual meeting. Get applications for those attending and Jim will send in.

Sue will donate Kevin Redstar framed signed print for the club's auction item.

Spots available: Katy, Sue, Howard, Kerry, Tony, Lyndsay, Jim, Sherri

Club pays registration and mileage.

Fill out registration form.

Raffle tickets: 5 tickets for \$20.

The raffle items 2 NFR tickets plus travel expenses; 7 day pack trip for one into the Bob with an outfitter; Stihl chainsaw with protective equipment.

There will be a photo contest. Members are encouraged to submit photos for this competition.

This year there will be a display table and slide show for clubs to set up. We can put together a chapter display.

MBCH: Sherri

No resolutions to consider this year.

What is under consideration is to continue the in-house blasting program to deal with animals who die in the wilderness and need to be blasted.

Sherri representing Mt BCH with Trails Coalition group. Governors staff came and spoke. She had an info sheet that showed that 1.5% of Montana's GDP was attributed to outdoor activities. The only other state close to that was Hawaii.

Ebikes: most of them are used for urban transit rather than on public lands.

RAC grants: Tony

Tony applied on behalf of BCH to do clearing and siteposts in the Elkhorns. He also applied for a couple of other specific trails.

In addition, the club will do pack support on the Continental Divide around Nevada Mountain.

The club applied for \$23,641.34 over a two year period. Of that amount, \$11,820 will be reimbursed with the difference being in kind funds.

It is important to know the exact dates for these trips as everyone's schedules fill up over the summer.

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.

The plan would be to volunteer for an event that does not overlap with the Forest Service needs in our application.

Katy suggests that anyone who sees a good trip on the list should sign up and let Katy know as the trips always go quickly.

Katy hopes these trips can be combined with an extended camping session for members where they can ride out and camp together as a club. Should be a lot of fun!

Scheduling

Neill suggests we should plan on doing a weekend in the Elkhorns for National Trails day which is the first weekend in June.

At the Elkhorns, we arrive at Eagle Guard station on Friday night, work on Saturday, stay over and trail ride on Sunday. It is a lot of fun for all members. We should plan to get into the Gates of the Mountains trails in May if possible. Plus we need recertifications done before we go into these areas.

Certifications

Contact Darlene regarding certifications you may need.

Darlene's info may not be up to date so, if you have new information, let Darlene know.

You need to be certified in Crosscut, Chainsaw and First aid to work this summer if you plan to use a chainsaw and/or a crosscut saw on trail work.

Next meeting is March 4, 2020 MT Wild. Chuck Wittmer will be our speaker.

April Meeting: At the Forest Service office if available.

Freeze branding: May 9 at Horne's.

10 Mile Drivers are doing an event March 14 and are looking for people to sponsor a booth to sell equestrian equipment. It will be held at Floweree.

U of Mt is doing a new program in packing.

Motion to adjourn.

Sherri moved and Lynda seconded.

Unanimous approval.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Sue Mohr

LCBCH