

LCBCH Board meeting: April 29 2020

Attendees: Katy, Sue, Howard, Sherri, Jim, Fred, Tom, Darlene, Neil and Tony

Katy opened meeting.

Newsletter very important to maintain communications with the members.

Next meeting will be via Free Conference Call at 7 pm May 6...

Newsletter to be distributed by weekend of May 2.

Agenda:

MCC: Fred

Fred hasn't heard from Adam Hine but Fred spotted a posting from Flathead BCH in the Hungry Horse News, Wed, Apr 29 edition referencing MCC crews wanting to get back into the woods. Will do quarantine for 14 days after arrival and 14 days after they get home.

MCC will conduct online orientation.

They will be limiting participants to adult college age students this year.

https://hungryhorsenews.com/news/2020/apr/29/crews-hoping-to-get-into-the-woods-eventually-10/?fbclid=IwAR2Dgy8doYxemCp9t-IO1dwDaLk-oQTi2XAnojP2BEm_IFMLIHLJKa45Pps

Fred will speak to this at next week's meeting.

Katy believes the Webb Lake Bob Marshall Wilderness foundation project was cancelled.

A lot less people are signing up for projects.

The second project is still on.

Arrastra project is still open.

Forest Service projects: Neil

Spoke with Marcus...Nevada Mtn is still a go.

Marcus doesn't know if MCC crews are still available but will keep us in the loop.

Pack project in Elkhorns first week of June. Only need to pack in site posts and install.

Need more information from Marcus.

Elkhorns don't open until May 15 which is only two weeks from National Trails Day. So will follow up with another email.

Neil plans to still have a freeze branding if he can so folks should let him know if they want to get their animals freeze branded and he will arrange for them to meet up at his house.

Gates of the Mountains:

Sherri: Do we want to work on a volunteer agreement if people don't want to assume their own liability? Tony is asking what we want to do re: this?

Darlene asked if Tony would put an article in the newsletter regarding who is willing to operate under a cost share and assume their own liability.

Tony and Sherri will be contacts for those who want to do small group work in the Gates this spring.

Tony and Lyndsay got 1st Aid kits figured out and they cost \$250. Here are Tony's observations:

"The first aid kit me and lynz really liked was the one on the attached link. \$250 ish but we had a few things to add to make it more well rounded and semi horse and person applicable. Probably way more than we need but there are 100's of options out there."

<https://mymedic.com/collections/first-aid-kits/products/recon-first-aid-kit?variant=13599606276192>

Jim: By laws can only spend money once per meeting and we already did this.

Katy will call for a vote next week.

Chainsaw field training from Mike Cannon

Darlene will poll the group and see who is interested in getting the training.

For conference calls, it appears that some people, depending on their phone package, may have to pay long distance charges. The club will offer to reimburse those members who participate and incur long distance charges.

If people aren't comfortable with a conference call, we will provide minutes. Please email Darlene or Katy with issues you want raised.

Sherri: State board news:

Carrying a weapon under a volunteer agreement is not legal to do and was brought up at Regional Forester's meeting in February. They have been dealing with this issue over the last few months.

Forest Service policy is, if you are carrying a weapon in backcountry and under a volunteer agreement, individuals can submit contact information to Marcus. That information will be submitted to law enforcement and a form will go to the individual to fill out for a background check. Every three years the background check will need to be re-submitted.

If you want anything else included in newsletter, send to Darlene.

The agenda for the May 6 meeting will be sent to Darlene to include in this weekend's newsletter.

NOTES FOR MAY 6 CONFERENCE CALL:

If you have any problems getting on, call Howard's phone at 406 475 4437 so Sue can talk you through.

It seems to work better if you have your phone on speaker. If you get too close to your phone while talking, it causes the sound to be muffled and hard to pick up words.

It is advised to mute your phone unless you are speaking. Press *6.

*6 to unmute your phone when you want to talk. Background sounds esp when you are on speaker will disrupt the conference call especially when quite a few folks are on.

May 6, 7 pm.

Dial-in number (US): (978) 990-5000

Access code: 286979#

International dial-in numbers: <https://fccdl.in/i/suemohr65>

Online meeting ID: suemohr65

Join the online meeting: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/suemohr65>

For additional assistance connecting to the meeting text "Call Me" to the Dial-In number above and you will be called into the conference. Message and data rates may apply.

Please see the newsletter for the agenda.

Remember *6 to mute and unmute your phone.

Put your phone on speaker. Try not to speak too close to the phone as it causes a muffled voice.

Identify yourself when you speak.

Looking forward to hearing from everyone!

Having problems? Call Howard at 406 475 4437.