

**MINUTES - LAST CHANCE BCH TELECONFERENCE  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

7 pm May 6, 2020

- Please announce yourself when you call in, we'll read a roll of those present when we start the meeting.

Katy Donnelly, Sue Mohr, Howard Reid, Fred Benson, Sherri Lionberger, Tom Weiss, Jim Darfler, Darlene and Neil, Kerry Bartlett, Bud Criner, Terry Hutton (new guest), Tony and Lyndsay Smith, Don Christenson, Merlyn Huso.

We do have a quorum (requires 8 members)

- Approve Minutes: Sherri moves approval; Jim D 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Unanimous.
- Treasurer's report – Jim Darfler
  - Checking \$6190.10; saving: \$1689.16
  - Three CD's of \$10,000 each.Wrote a check for \$500 donation to Food Share who sent a thank you letter for the donation. Signed by Bruce Day, ED. Jim submitted the letter.  
Approved by officers.
  - Authorize payment for saw sharpening and maintenance
  - Sherri makes a motion to authorize payment for saw maintenance not to exceed \$500.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Merlyn. Motion passes.
  - Other payments?
  - Tony: First aid kits: Sherri authorizes Tony to buy 1<sup>st</sup> aid kits up to \$350.
  - Merlyn 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion passes
- First Aid Supplies – Tony and Lyndsay
  - Need to maintain a list re: what expires so to be able to replace each year. Or, if we have a working relationship with a vet, be able to swap it out as it ages.
- Chainsaw field training – Mike Cannon
  - No info as Mike not on the call tonight.
  - Not required but a nice offer on Mike's part.
  - Sherri notes that all of our training has been extended for next year.
  - Darlene will check with Mike to see if he still wants to do this.
- 2020 Projects – All Tentative
  - Cost Share v. Volunteer Agreements – Tony  
Biggest difference is that cost share is what we do through RTP and we are on our own regarding liability. With Volunteer Agreement (VA), the Forest Service covers liability. Marcus is developing a VA for the Gates and the Elkhorns. This means we will be good to proceed this year along with submission of our COVID plan and risk assessment. Tony will work on these for the club. Tony will send to the Board and have Katy sign the plan. Each person who works on a project must sign the Agreement and it must be signed each time a person goes out. Tony will follow through on this and try to find an easier way for the paperwork to be completed.

- Gates of the Mountains – Sherri and Tony  
An email will go out once the process is resolved with Forest Service with documents and information regarding how this should be approached.  
A protocol will be established. Ex: A phone call, text or email to Sherri notifying when a person is going out. Provide a radio or some sort of contact device so that anyone doing work in the Gates or Elkhorns can reach out if necessary.
- Elkhorns, other forest service projects – Neil  
Neil: As of this time, we can't get in to the Elkhorns. Marcus will try to get fire crews to do clearing so all we have to do is pack the site posts and install. If we don't get something organized in the next two weeks, doing this on National Trails Day will be difficult.  
It is possible we can do it later in the summer. We will monitor and let people know as information comes in.
- MCC – Fred: no one knows if there will be an MCC crew. If yes, it will be short notice but we should be able to pull something together quickly. MCC plans to get older college age kids this year. Adam hoping to get crews on the ground. Fred will let us know.

- Firearms Policy – Forest Service Volunteer Agreement – Sherri

If we are carrying firearms on any BCH project, we will need to follow a process. Forest Service was as accommodating as they could be. Katy could provide a list of people interested in carrying a weapon to be used to euthanize an animal out on a project. Privacy will be protected. List will have each individual's name, email address and phone no. Info given to local law enforcement. Law enforcement will send each person a form to fill out with information on firearms training (self certification). Each person will have to provide the SSN so a background check can be done. Once background check clears, law enforcement sends a letter to the Forest Supervisor who then sends a letter to the person authorizing him/her to carry a weapon. It is advised to keep the letter at least in the horse trailer when individuals go out on a project. Must be renewed every three years.

Members should email their info to Katy so she can compile a list and Katy will send the list to Forest Service.

- BMWF pack projects – Katy  
No new info.
- North Fork Camping – August 14-16  
Coincides with Tony and Sherri's pack trip. Katy proposes a fun campout that weekend for people to gather and camp and trail ride. May not have group meals but we will see. Let Katy know if you would like to do this so she can get a count.
- Freeze branding – Neil  
Neil would like to know if anyone has stock who needs freeze branding and he will get it scheduled.  
Contact Neil if you need to do this.  
Tony has one or two to do this year.  
Kerry needs to have one done.  
Neil will get it set up.
- Next meeting? June 3. Somewhere outside? MT Wild if open; fairgrounds?
- Old Business
- New Business

Adjourn. Sherri moved; Merlyn 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved

**SUMMARY:**

Notify Katy of the following:

Are you interested in attending the fun campout weekend of August 14 to 16 at North Fork. Yes or No and, if yes, how many people and how many equines.

Are you interested in obtaining Forest Service approval for carrying a firearm on projects?

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Mohr, Secretary  
LCBCH