

MINUTES - Last Chance BCH  
February MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1 pm February 6, 2021  
Renee Pipinich Arena

- Katy welcomes everyone to the meeting. She and Tony are running the meeting. Sue asked that everyone sign a liability waiver whether they are planning to ride a horse or not. The waiver is good permanently for all activities out at Renee's. Sue also advised that if you ride in the arena, you are responsible for cleaning up after your equine as this is a sand arena which must be kept clean.
- New members: Sheila and Nolana Wanner on Strawberry Lookout road.
- Lisa Donnelley, Katy's sister wintering in Helena.
  
- Take Roll
  - Katy Donnelly, Darlene and Neil Horne, Sue Mohr, Howard Reid, Sherri Lionberger, Jim Darfler, Fred Benson, Tony and Lyndsay Smith, Merlyn Huso, Mike Laying, Nolana and Sheila Wanner, Warren Armstrong, Clif Caughron, Jason Hughey, Kerry Bartlett
  
- Minutes from November:
  - Fred moved to approve November meeting; Clif seconds. All in favor.
  
- Elections: nominations  
President: Tony Smith  
VP: Jason Hughey  
Treasurer: Lynda Wiles  
Secretary: Connie Cole  
State Board: Katy Donnelly (2 year term)  
Clif Caughron (rest of Howard's term: one year)  
Need an alternate: Merlyn Huso volunteers  
Motion for unanimous ballot: Fred, Kerry second.  
All in favor: CONGRATULATIONS to all our new officers!!!

- Treasurer's report – Jim  
 Checking: \$5245.12  
 Savings: \$1689.75  
 CDs:  
 \$10,560.02 Matured: 2/18/2022  
 \$10,184.11 Matures: 10/1/2021  
 \$10,469.54 Matures: 10/1/2021

Bills: \$148 for box rent reimbursed to Jim. Clif moved, Katy second. Jim said there are other bills coming due in 2021 for the next treasurer to address having to do with annual expenses as they come due including fees to Sec of State, state membership fee, taxes fee, PO box: Unanimous approval for new treasurer to cover these costs.

Fee for arena rental: \$110. Sherri moved, Lyndsay second. Unanimous. Jim needs to get together with Lynda and new officers to sign over all bank documentation so they can be new signators.

- Forest Service report from Marcus.  
 Discussion of work on Muskrat bridge proposal as discussed with BLM last fall. Wait to hear final decisions on how to proceed when it comes out. Marcus would like to talk to the group in the next few weeks. Cross cut and chainsaw certifications are grandfathered for this year. First aid CPR will extend for 3 months: look for courses on that. Defensive horsemanship: look into the online course and sign up. Could do it in the arena at a future meeting.
- Projects – Tony  
 Tony will visit with Marcus to see if MCC crews can help with the Gates trail around upper Bear Prairie. Fred recommends doing an overnight up there so we can spend more time at the upper part of the trail. May be able to fill out our project calendar at next meeting.
- Sherri: State convention.  
 In person State convention cancelled and will be offered on line. Bitterroot will be doing a raffle again and proceeds going to the state budget this year as the state organization is hurting for funds. THANKS to the Bitterroot for doing this: very generous of them. Buy your raffle tickets: prizes are One night stay at Cripple Creek luxury ranch resort in Bitterroot ranch.

One night stay at a hot springs resort.

Montana Silver Smith jewelry

\$5 each. Buy from Katy. All raffle proceeds checks should be made out to LCBCH. The drawing will be on March 27. Return all raffle tickets to Katy by the next meeting.

Next convention in 2022 should be in person and will go to the next in line after Bitterroot.

State boards needs to do a statewide election to elect a national director for National BCH.

National Convention is end of April. So there will be a need for all members to vote online this spring.

This is the year we would normally do the Regional Forester Pack trip but it will be postponed until 2022. We may gather at Montour in late August and do something informal.

- Future LCBCH Meetings/Activities

Next meeting: March 6 at Renee's.

Invite a farrier: Bill Davis.

And then riding from 2 pm after the business meeting. Bring your pony!

- Adjourn: Sherri moved and Lyndsay second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Mohr  
Secretary