

Minutes – Last Chance BCH  
April MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1pm April 3, 2021  
Renee Pipinich Arena

- Tony welcomed everyone to the meeting
- Welcome new members:
  - Steve Stonehouse
  - Andrea Sterling
- No guests this meeting
  
- Take Roll
  - Lynda and Gary Wiles, Steve Stonehouse, Tony and Lyndsay Smith, Jason and Jordan Hughey (Ellery and Brenna Hughey), Darlene and Neil Horne, Deb and Dennis Milburn, Sherri Lionberger, Nolan and Sheila Wanner, Merlyn Huso, Terry Hutton, Rene and Debra Duykaerts, Fred Benson, Nicole Anderson
  
- Minutes from March:
  - Fred Benson motioned to approve minutes, Merlyn Huso seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
  
- Treasurer's Report:

Lynda Wiles, treasurer, presented  
Checking: \$5,596.14  
Savings: \$1,689.75  
CDs:  
\$10,184.11 Matures: 10/01/2021  
\$10,469.54 Matures: 10/01/2021  
\$10,560.02 Matures: 02/18/2022

Bills: \$20 bill presented for filing with the Secretary of State. Sherri Lionberger motioned to approve the treasurer's report and motioned to pay the bills. Nicole Andersen seconds. All in favor, motion passed. Reminder to provide raffle ticket money to Katy.

OLD BUSINESS

- Elkhorns core letter and response
  - Dennis presented and discussed the letter we sent and response received about Elkhorns mountain bike use. He also discussed the Strawberry Butte project on the north end of the Elkhorns. Suggested involving the Elkhorn working group, restoration committee, MT Wilderness Association and others in pushing for travel planning for the core of the Elkhorns. Suggested sharing the response from the FS to the letter sent by LC BCH

with other groups. Fred asked about expanded bike trails such as in the Scratch Gravels and those who are clearing trails leaving stobs when cutting. Dennis notes many of these trails evolved from all users and much of the maintenance/clearing is freelance and there is not much we can do. Tony said the FS (specifically Roy) would be willing to meet with LC BCH and further explain the elkhorns decision. Dennis noted the wildlife biologist recommended not allowing mechanized use in the Elkhorns but that the forest supervisor decided differently and that is within his purview but we feel he made a poor decision.

## NEW BUSINESS

- MCC Training
  - Fred Benson presented: the MCC wants to put 16 people through two 1 day sessions with hands on and saddling training. (8 people at a time). Scheduling for May 10<sup>th</sup> and use the same outline as previous training to be held at Fred's residence. Requested volunteers to assist with training, e-mail Fred if you would like to sign up. Renee volunteered. Discussed the Nevada Creek Trail reroute and 6 week project on the Continental Divide Trail being planned by MCC.
- State BCH Update
  - Sherri and Merlyn presented. This was a 4½ hour zoom meeting and the state will send out a report. Katy talked about a facebook group for young families and suggested adding this to the newsletter. Merlyn suggested having emergency contact information in your horse trailer in the event of an accident for designated people to be contacted to care for your stock. Meryln reviewed the meeting notes. Darlene sent the membership list to the State, needs updated with new members.
- 2021 Training Needs Update
  - Tony presented. Discussed partner saw class possibly in May at the freezebranding meeting, will contact Mandy for availability. 1<sup>st</sup> aide and CPR is unknown at this time, asked Sherri to check with Connie Long regarding ability to provide this training. Welcome to other members for ideas and suggestions.
- 2021 Work Projects
  - Discussed Edith Mountain Bridge- plank bridge build. Neil suggested doing this after mid-July or possibly next year. Sherri discussed trail clearing. Blackfoot meadows discussed. Gates & Hunter's Gulch camp out discussed. Nicole offered for her dad to help cook, Darlene was nominated as chairman for coordinating meals. Neil nominated as chairman for project planning as Sherri noted there will need to be volunteer agreements completed, lining out crews, etc.

- Next Meeting
  - May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am – Freezebranding at Neil and Darlene's
    - Packing demo – lumberbunks and basic for new members
    - Dutch Oven cookoff
    - E-mail Darlene for stock to be branded, interest in bringing a dutch oven meal, packing preferences.
  
- Other Business
  - Darlene asked about Life Flight insurance. Sherri noted this is no longer available with new law passed, suggested using garmin/in reach or personal insurance.
  - Neil discussed handsaws, Ron with A to Z Leather still able to be contacted for handsaw repair.
  
- ? motioned to end the meeting, Sherri seconds. All in favor, meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyndsay Smith  
(On behalf of Secretary Connie Cole)