

2021-05-08 LCBCH Minutes

Tony called the meeting to order.

Attending: Jason Hughey, Gary and Lynda Wiles, Tony and Lyndsay Smith, Sherri Lionberger, Neil and Darlene Horne, Connie Cole, Nicole Anderson, Katharine Donnelley, Bob and Deb Tomaskie, Terri Hutton, Fred and Janet Benson, Mike and Jeanette Layng, Rene Duykaerts, Merlyn Huso, Mike Cannon, Jeff Brandt, Nolan and Sheila Wanner, Russ and Sherry Wattnem, Dennis and Debbie Milburn, Clif Caughron, Bud Criner, Jo Ann Chambers.

Sherrie L moved and Gary W seconded to approve the minutes with corrections. Motion carried.

Lynda W gave Treasurer's report. There is no response getting a receipt from Pipinich Stables for barn rent so it was concluded that the cashed check will have to suffice.

Checking \$5,756.14
Savings \$1,689.92
CD #1 \$10,184.11
CD #2 \$10,469.54
CD #3 \$10,560.02
Total \$47,659.73

Neil H moved and Nicole A seconded to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Neil H stated Jenco donated liquid nitrogen for today May 8 freeze branding and have for several years. Darlene provides them with a 501(c)3 organization letter for tax donation purposes.

Old Business

First Aid and CPR provided by Connie Long. There were many positive comments. There were questions on Life Flight for helicopter support should it be necessary. Sherrie L would follow-up with Connie Long. (Before lunch, Sherrie L had contacted Connie L. I heard Life Flight is available with flights coming from Butte if needed.) More detailed information is probably needed. It appears to be a western Montana, Washington and Oregon. There are reciprocal partners in other western states. Hyper link [Membership Enrollment | Life Flight Network](#)

Horse Safety is available online Hyper link [Education | Back Country Horsemen of Montana \(bchmt.org\)](#) Partial screen print below if needed.

Horse Safety

Defensive Horse Safety Course- manual to view, download, and print

Saddle Fitting

USDA/FS Defensive Horse Safety- presentation to view, download and print

There is no card or proof of completion.

New Business

MCC Training May Tuesday and Wednesday May 11 and May 12 at Fred B home, 250 Norris Road. Training starts at 9 and ends between 2 and 3 p.m. Bring a chair and noon lunch. Planning on two days with 2 sets of 8 MCC crew leaders. The second day is a repeat of the first day. All are welcome to come.

The first two packing trips into the Bob for the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation, leaving from Indian Meadows TH. First pack in occurs June 8 and out June 12. This group is working on the BMWF #2 Mainline Trail. It is about 4 miles to camp and need a minimum of 4 pack animals. Fred B could use another pack animal or two and a couple outriders in case the trail needs clearing. Then again to pack the crew out on Saturday June 12

The second pack trip is to Webb Lake Cabin. Pack in date is June 17 and out June 20. It is about 7 miles in and there is a need for 3 pack animals. Fred B could use another pack animal or two and a couple outriders in case the trail needs clearing.

Please contact Fred B 507-360-7172 if you would like to participate in these events.

Project ID	Location/Trail #	RD	Trailhead	Crew Leader	Miles to camp	Minimum # Of pack Stock needed	Pack IN Date	Pack OUT Date
BMWF#02 Mainline trail	#481	LRD	Indian Meadows	All	3-4	4	6/8/21	6/12/21
Weeds #01 Webb Lake	Web Lake Cabin	LRD	Indian Meadows	Marty	7	3	6/17/21	6/20/21

Mandy Alvino, Recreation Program Lead, from the Helena National Forest, Helena and Townsend Ranger Districts:

Current chainsaw and crosscut certifications are valid through September 2021

Mandy spoke about basic chainsaw training May 14 beginning at 9 a.m. for those needing new certifications. Better to bring your own equipment. The FS realizes there is a backlog of training needs. They are working on filling training needs for chainsaw, crosscut and CPR trainings.

There is a planned 2021 work project mid to late July to pack planks for a foot and stock bridge near Duck Creek Pass & Mt Baldy close to where trail 150 meets trail 151. Expected packing needs of 24 to 30 planks (2" * 10" * 48"). This is about a 4-mile one-way trip leaving from Thompson Guard Station. We would approach the trailhead from White Sulphur Spring side of the mountain.

Mandy A also stated carry permits are completed for those who sent in their information to the LEO for background checks. Notices – letters should be coming soon.

LCBCH National Trails Day will target Gates of the Mountains Wilderness Area, June 5 & 6. Setting up camp June 4 at Hunter's Gulch TH near the creek. Nicole A's dad, Carl has offered to do evening cooking of ribs for at least one night or more if needed. Nicole and Carl will work with Darlene for food order. There will be an RSVP sent to help with amount of food needed.

Mandy A added that the Volunteer Agreement provides Workers Compensation to the volunteers working with the LCBCH, thus the need for certification.

Dennis M shared with the group, the collaboration with other groups expressing similar concerns about proposed mechanized use changes in the Elkhorns and other public lands. A letter is circulating for a finalized draft that will or could be signed by the LCBCH by the end of May.

Next meeting will be held at Hunter's Gulch TH as part of the National Trails Day.

Meeting adjourned outside for packing demonstrations.

Potluck held at noon with a good selection of main courses, salads, and desserts. Russ and Sherri won best main dish with their white chicken chili and Nicole won best dessert with her peach cobbler.

1. Bob/Deb Tomaski - Kitchen Cabinet Stew (aka "Slop")
2. Darlene - Chile
3. Darlene - BBQ Coke Wings
4. Sherri Lionberger - Beef Bourguignon
5. Tony and Lyndsay Smith - Elk Meat Balls
- 6. Nicole Anderson - Peach Cobbler WINNER**
- 7. Sherri/Russ Wattnem - White Chicken Chili WINNER**
8. Deb Milburn - Apple Crisp
9. Gary Wiles - Sparkling Breaded Chicken
10. Fred/Janet Benson - Chicken Parmesan Pizza
11. Fred/Janet Benson - Meat Supreme Pizza

Lost and found from potluck - Fred B is missing a 3 tined short wood handled fork. If found great, your reward is a Rainer Beer.