

Minutes – Last Chance Back Country Horsemen, Membership Meeting

6:00 pm October 6, 2021

Montana Wild Pavilion

- Tony Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting
- No guests or new members at this meeting
- Take Roll
 - Lynda and Gary Wiles, Tony and Lyndsay Smith, Jason Hughey, Darlene and Neil Horne, Sherri Lionberger, Merlyn Huso, Terry Hutton, Fred Benson, Nicole Anderson, Katy Donnelley, JoAnn Chambers, Bud Criner, Rene and Debbie Duykaerts, Tom Weiss
- Minutes from September: Katy D moved to approve, Merlyn H seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report: Lynda Wiles, treasurer:
 - Checking: \$5,185.50
 - Savings: \$1,690.09
 - CDs:**
 - \$10,184.11 Matures: 10/01/2021
 - \$10,469.54 Matures: 10/01/2021
 - \$10,560.02 Matures: 02/18/2022
- Discussion about renewing the two mature CD's. Group mentioned it was prior practice for treasurer to make decision about the best rate and renew as needed. Lynda W will contact bank to renew mature CD's.
- Bills: No bills presented at this time
- Treasurer's report: Lynda W moved to approve, Sherri L seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- State BCH meeting updates; attended by Merlyn H, Katy D, Sherri L
 - BCHA use member email addresses for info sharing and for requesting donations; ATV's are using some horse area camps; if there is a horse work party suggest contacting USFS ahead of time; BCHA needs LC BCH volunteer list, Darlene H. working on it
 - MTBCH chapters encouraged to promote youth in backcountry; each chapter to submit one youth name to send to backcountry/packing school; there may be a cost
 - Sherri L met with FWP re: CDT RTP grant request paperwork; may be streamlined in the future; more discussions at state board meetings this winter; MTBCH also trying to create uniform volunteer agreement for all state chapters

- Re-cert and new certs for crosscut saw and 1st Aid/CPR are once again extended
 - 'Leave No Trace' (NOLA) more discussion at state level; MTBCH working on developing an online training program to avoid paying NOLA organization for training material
 - Dec 4th, state BCH board meeting in Missoula
 - 2022 State Convention, March 11 – 13, Three Rivers Chapter, Dillon; Katy D has raffle tickets available, 1 for \$1, 5 for \$20
- Lynda W continuing to work on member list to share, Darlene H assisting
- Once member list is up-to-date, Terry H will email group to invite members to join committee to discuss ideas to gain new and retain current members; current committee: Terry H, Merlyn H, Lynda W, Lyndsay S; need more people to join in; watch for group email

NEW BUSINESS

- Tony S indicated the USFS RAC grant request has been approved; approx \$11,800 to be spent in 2 years (Oct 1, 2023); to be used for trail repair/clearing, MCC work groups, etc.
 - Next year maybe work in the Woods Creek fire area with MCC; this work project has potential funding of \$2,400 a hitch
- Darlene H recommended club purchase a laptop for the secretary use; would be passed on to future secretaries and contain historical minutes, etc. for continuity
 - Laptop purchase: Neil H moved to approve, Sherri L seconds. All in favor, motion passed. Terry H will check out black Friday deals.
- No November meeting; Terry H rented the Fairgrounds multi purpose arena/building; Wed, Nov 3, 7:00 – 8:00 pm; everyone invited to join and ride or just hang out; an email will be sent to group closer to the date
- Winter meeting ideas: maybe Dr. Chuck Whitmer as a guest speaker
- Next Meeting: December, date and location TBD
- Other Business: Neil H indicated we needed to do a club supply inventory; as weather allows if people are going on a trail ride, possibly email the group if others are interested in joining
- Adjourn: Sherri L moved to approve, Merlyn H seconds. All in favor, meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted:
Terry Hutton, Secretary