

Minutes – Last Chance Back Country Horsemen  
September MEMBERSHIP MEETING

7:00 pm September 1, 2021  
Montana Wild Pavilion

- Tony Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting
- New member: Stephanie Herrera
- No guests this meeting
  
- Take Roll
  - Lynda Wiles, Steve Stonehouse, Tony Smith, Jason and Jordan Hughey (Ellery and Brenna Hughey), Darlene Horne, Debbie and Dennis Milburn, Sherri Lionberger, Nolan and Sheila Wanner, Merlyn Huso, Terry Hutton, Fred Benson, Nicole Anderson, Katy Donnelley, Clif Caughron, JoAnn Chambers, Bud Criner, Kerry Bartlett, Tom Weiss
  
- Minutes from August: Sherri Lionberger moved to approve August minutes, Debbie Milburn seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
  
- Treasurer's Report: Lynda Wiles, treasurer
  - Checking: \$5,154.58
  - 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
  - Deposited \$5.00 'rebate' from Amazon. Lynda will contact bank to determine best rates for the maturing CDs and report at next meeting.

Bills: No bills presented at this time

**OLD BUSINESS**

- New secretary: Terry Hutton
  
- Fred Benson received a thank you card from MCC for work/packing accomplished this summer
  
- Darlene Horne purchased a meat tray for Darfler family as condolence from LC BCH (Darlene paid for it)

- Monture Gathering:
  - LCBCH Attendees - Tony & Lindsay Smith, Sherri Lionberger, Lynda & Gary Wiles. Tony reported they were there the full weekend and rode trails; good stories from Smoke Elser; Saturday dinner was good. There were misc. chapter members from BCHMT (Back Country Horsemen of Montana) in attendance, including Mark Himmel, Deputy Director of BCHA (Back Country Horsemen of America) from Great Falls as well as BCHA Director Sherry Copeland.
  - Sherri went on to discuss “Leave No Trace” which is the motto of NOLS (National Outdoor Leadership School); BCHA may determine a need for a different or specific motto for Back Country Horsemen; there were no USFS staff available to attend the gathering; BCHMT founders awards were presented: Kathy Hundley and Greg Schatz for their work with youth training and Deena Schotzberger for her RTP grant work.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Tony offered a trail clearing opportunity in the Gates of the Mountains Labor Day weekend; he will send an email to the members
- Much discussion by meeting attendees on thoughts and ideas to bring in and retain new members: Treasurer Lynda will provide a print out of members and contact info at the next meeting; email member list if going riding and/or clearing trails (if appropriate); possibly create a new member packet – boxes of LCBCH booklets, paraphernalia in LCBCH container at Horne’s, Terry and Merlyn will check it out and present info at next meeting; discussed updating our website as well as the Officer Duties document; maybe hold a tack/pack gear exchange/sale; keep communication channels open; continue discussion at next meeting
- Will need to find an indoor location for winter meetings; some discussion on possible locations; may be challenging due to virus situation; idea to hold a meeting at the fairgrounds barn – could hold the meeting and possibly do a ‘clinic’ (riding, packing, etc.); will need to determine a location for Christmas/December meeting
- Winter meeting ideas: discussion included it would be a good time to possibly provide the 1<sup>st</sup> Aid/CPR certification training and the saw certification and/or re-certification training
- Sherri Lionberger brought up the BCHMT State Board meeting, Sat, Sept 25 in Deer Lodge; it will be face-to-face and also available on ZOOM; any members are welcome to attend
- Next Meeting: October 6; location TBD; if meeting is to be outdoors, may need to begin earlier due to earlier sunset

- Other Business: there will be no November meeting – hunting season!
- Adjourn: Clif Caughron moved and Darlene Horne seconded. All in favor, meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Hutton  
Secretary

p.s. As the newly elected secretary, I would appreciate any helpful feedback on my note taking and minutes. I apologize up front if I spelled anyone's name wrong!