

Last Chance Back Country Horsemen Meeting – February 2nd 2022 at 1800

President Tony Smith started the meeting

Guests and new members: Lucas Parriman, trails manager for USFS present as guest speaker. Lucas is an honorary member of LC BCH.

Members in attendance: Tony and Lyndsay Smith, Bud Criner, Bob Tomaskie, Gary and Lynda Wiles, Fred Benson, Mike Layng. Neil and Darlene Horne, Mike Cannon, Sherri Lionberger, Nicole Anderson, Tom Wiess, Allen Rowley, Katy Donnelley.

January Minutes: Minutes from January meeting have been presented and Fred Benson motioned to approve the minutes as written. Nicole Anderson seconded motion. All members in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Lynda Wiles presented.

- Checking: \$3,593.91
- Savings: \$1,695.43
- CD's:
 - \$10,591.70 matures 02/18/2022
 - \$10,234.06 matures 02/07/2023
 - \$10,520.89 matures 02/07/2023

Lynda reported receiving no dividends back from Amazon Smile.

The following bills were presented: Staples for \$14.97 and filing fee for the Secretary of State for \$20. Fred Benson motioned to pay the bills as presented. Lyndsay Smith seconded the motion. All members were in favor of paying the bills, motion passed.

A donation was received in memorial of Nevin from Nevin's cousin of \$50.

Mike Cannon inquired about the safety deposit box that holds the trailer title for the LC BCH trailer, Mike has the key for the safe deposit box. The bill for the safety deposit box was paid last month and cost was \$25 for the year. Discussion was had amongst members regarding whether to maintain the safety deposit box. Fred Benson suggested cancelling the safety deposit box and purchasing a portable safe for storage of the trailer title. Neil Horne motioned to cancel the safety deposit box and purchase a portable safe for storage of the trailer title. Fred Benson seconded the motion. All members were in favor, motion passed.

New Business:

Convention/Delegates/Raffle Tickets: The convention in Dillon will be March 12th and 13th. Currently there are six delegates planning to attend, there is room for two more delegates if anyone else wishes to attend. There are registration forms that need to be completed and turned in by the February 11th. Bud Criner expressed interested and filled out registration form.

Katy Donnelley has raffle tickets for sale, arrived towards the end of the meeting with raffle tickets to share with members

Sherri Lionberger presented the quilt she made to be auctioned off at the convention, pictures were taken to post to the facebook page.

Forest Service Projects: Lucas presented. Lucas reports awaiting information from the Great American Outdoors Act regarding funding for projects, anticipates a response by February 12th.

Lucas hopes to have 15 weeks of help from the MCC crew to help with the following projects:

- Blackhall Meadows trail re-route.
- Two weeks in Gates of the Wilderness for trail clearing, will need pack support.
- Replacing bridges on Woods Creek fire, uncertain number of bridges that need replaced. Will also need pack support for this project.
- Crow Creek trail clearing.

Discussed firearms certification which is good for 3 years once certified and saw training.

Emily Platt is the new Forest Service Supervisor for the Lewis and Clark, she will be starting in March.

Discussed the letter regarding the bikes in the Elkhorns written by Dennis and NEPA. Discussed non-motorized recommendations and the transportation plan, initially presented to Bill Avey but uncertain if Emily Platt will have different response.

First Aid, CPR, Saw Training: Tony Smith has a list of those needing updated certifications. Sherri Lionberger has communicated with Connie Long and she is booked up every Saturday for training starting in the middle of February, would need to look at Sunday or Friday classes. Sherri will reach out to Connie.

Saw certifications- looking at the middle of May. Lucas needs a date from us. Mark Himmel also does training. For cross cut would need to look at someone from Lincoln or possibly the Rocky Mountain Front. Discussed Mike Cannon becoming a certifier.

Freeze Branding: Proposed May 14th at Neil and Darlene's with a packing clinic and making sure our newer and younger members are able to attend to learn packing skills. This date may conflict with search and rescue request for pack support for training.

Other Business:

Fred Benson was contacted by the MCC group for another training this year and they would also like to donate bear boxes to the LCBCH. This training typically occurs during the week with the crew leads, an overnight trip was discussed as a possibility. Contact is Adam Hein.

Search and Rescue also contacted Fred with request for pack support the second week in May. The plan is to pack in to a remote lake for water rescue training. Will need to determine how many animals will be needed for pack in.

Tom Weiss suggested The Heroes of the Bob Marshall Wilderness book that is for sale for \$16. It includes stories of Smoke Elser, Deb and Greg Schatz, and others. Some of the funds for the sale of the book become a donation for the youth program for the Back Country Horsemen of Montana.

Fred reminded members that March 1st is the start of signing up for Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation pack trips.

Adjourn: Sherri Lionberger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bob Tomaskie seconded motion. All members in favor, meeting was adjourned.