

Minutes – Last Chance Back Country Horsemen, Membership Meeting

7:00 pm April 6, 2022

Montana Wild Conference Room

- Tony Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting
- Guests: Mandy Alvino, USFS employee
- New members: Gabrielle Garciaserra, Brett Hunsicker, Krissy Gillispie, Cathy Lay, Luke Lenski, Ruth Kincaid, Bill Sowa

- Take Roll
 - Lynda and Gary Wiles, Tony and Lyndsay Smith, Jason Hughey, Darlene and Neil Horne, Sherri Lionberger, Merlyn and Linda Huso, Terry Hutton, Fred Benson, Nicole Anderson, Katy Donnelley, Tom Weiss, Stefanie Herrera, Clif Caughron, Bob Tomaskie, Jeff Brandt, Allen Rowley, Mike Cannon, Steve Stonehouse and the new members listed above

- Minutes from February (no March meeting): Fred B moved to approve, Lynda W seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

- Treasurer's Report: Lynda Wiles, treasurer:
 - Checking: \$3,084.19
 - Savings: \$1,695.60
 - CDs:**
 - \$10,599.71 Matures: 02/18/2022
 - \$10,234.06 Matures: 02/07/2023
 - \$10,520.89 Matures: 02/07/2023

- Lynda W is working on closing the club safe deposit box; it has been used only to store the club trailer title.
- Darlene H brought up motion to purchase a ham for Bev and John Tomaskie memorial, Sherri L seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Treasurer's report: Sherri L moved to approve, Katy D seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- State Back Country Horsemen of Montana (BCHMT) convention updates
 - 2022 State Convention, March 11, 12, 13. Three Rivers Chapter, Dillon; attendees: Sherri L, Katy D, Merlyn H, Tony and Lyndsay S., Bud Criner
 - Sherri L is no longer state chairperson
 - 2023 - 50th anniversary; state convention will be in Flathead area

- 2025 – LCBCH chapter is responsible for state convention; will need to start planning process soon
 - State USFS volunteer agreement simplification project is coming along; example: if club member is volunteering on a USFS project, member is covered like an employee for work comp type claims
 - Authorization to carry firearm on USFS land; if you want to be authorized, let Tony S know; he will pass along your name to the USFS law enforcement person in charge who will then contact you; this is a 3 year authorization
 - Greg Schatz (BCH of the Flathead chapter) is working on a new tag line for Back Country Horsemen; 'Light on the Land'; the 'Leave No Trace' tag line is a trademark owned by another organization.
 - Greg Schatz will hold a youth (14 – 17) packing clinic at Indian Meadows, August 11 – 14; LCBCH will possibly sponsor a youth to attend; let Tony S know if you have a youth in mind to attend
- Scratch Gravel, BLM, has approved some new trailwork; may be used for bicycles but no e-bikes; find more info online at Bureau of Land Management
- Sherri L mentioned a previous long time club member has cancer. If anyone would like to send a note: Sue Mohr, 8650 US HWY 285, Salida, CO 81201

GUEST: USFS

- Mandy A mentioned the RAC agreement has been completed with help from Tony S and Jason H; \$12,000 project money available for 2 years; \$10,000 is available through September for work on the Woods Creek Fire area
 - USFS got funding for MCC crews for 13 weeks; will be working various trail projects; examples: Refrigerator, Merriweather, Crow Creek, Woods Creek; may need pack support; more info to come at the May meeting
 - USFS also got 4 trail people hired to help in the Helena and Townsend Districts

NEW BUSINESS

- First Aid/CPR training; April 23, 11:30 – 4:30 at USFS office/conference room, Connie Long to train; Tony S has the list of those interested, or let Tony know you want to attend; certificate valid for 2 years
- x-cut/chainsaw training and certification; more info to come at May meeting
- Monture Creek gathering for BCHMT chapter members; June 24 – 26

- Traveling equine dentist; Lynda W has been working on finding a location to have this event, May 21; it may need to be canceled; if you have questions or a suggestion on a possible location contact Lynda 208-317-7743
- 2022 BMWF pack support; Tony S, Bob T and Fred B signed up for a few summer dates; if you are interested in helping as a packer and/or outrider contact Fred or Tony for more information; Fred B also mentioned there may be an emergency pack support need, let Fred know if you are interested in helping
- Search and Rescue (SAR) pack support; Fred B is staying in contact with SAR to determine if they will need pack support this summer
- 2022 Work Projects
 - Woods Creek; Gates of the Mountains; Elkhorns – as weather allows and dates are identified, club members can help with trail clearing, pack support, etc.
 - MCC crew leaders livestock and pack initiation/training; 2 groups of about 6 – 8 people; will be held at Fred Benson's the week of May 9th; starting about 8:30; final dates and times to be determined; if interested in helping, contact Fred B 507-360-7172
- Next Meeting: May 14, @ 10:00 start time; location – Neil and Darlene Horne's. Additional information was listed in the April Newsletter. Will include freeze branding (currently about 7 animals), contact Neil Horne 406-431-0130; packing instruction, contact Neil if you have an item you would like to learn; potluck + dutch oven cook-off challenge. Contact Darlene Horne if you are bringing a dutch oven or a potluck item and whether it is main dish or dessert. mules2ride@msn.com or 406-431-0276
- FYI: Mission Valley BCH are having a spring ride, May 22, Dayton, MT; info can be found on this chapter's website and FaceBook page
- Adjourn: Tony S moved to approve, Sherri L seconds. All in favor, meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted:
Terry Hutton, Secretary