

Minutes – Last Chance Back Country Horsemen, Membership Meeting, Packing Demos, Dutch-oven Cook-off Challenge

10:00 am start time, May 14, 2022

Neil and Darlene Horne's

- The day was going to start with freeze branding some animals, but due to unforeseen circumstances, it did not happen
- Various packing demonstrations were provided: examples included hanging bags/boxes with a top pack; different ways to tie up a mantie pack; hanging mantie packs; how to hang lumber bunks and to pack logs/lumber; decker saddles were used for all demos
- Guests: Some of the MCC crew members attended the event
- Dutch-oven cook-off challenge: many people participated in the dutch oven challenge; most were main dishes with a couple of bread, side dishes and dessert entries; every dish was excellent; members got to vote for their favorites although it was challenging to pick from so many good dishes; Debbie Tomaskie won top prizes for both the main dish and dessert, Gary Wiles won top prize for a side dish and Ellery Hughey won top prize for the bread category.
- Take Roll – roll was not taken as the meeting was very brief however the event was well attended by members
- Tony Smith started the meeting; brief discussion of the USFS and Back Country Horsemen of MT volunteer agreement and the subsequent RA's (Risk Assessment); Tony had sent an email with all of the information to club members prior to this day; the forms were available to sign at the meeting; the main one is the volunteer agreement which authorizes members for the full year to work on club projects in conjunction with the USFS in this region. This form must be signed before doing any work project.
- Minutes from April 2022 meeting: Russ W moved to approve, Sherri L seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report: Lynda Wiles, treasurer:
 - Some bills were presented for the dutch-oven challenge prizes, the porta potty (at this event), and for a small safe
 - Lynda purchased a small safe to store the club 'kitchen' trailer title which had been stored in a safe deposit box at the bank, the safe deposit box has been closed; the safe will be stored in the club supply container; Lynda W and Darlene H each have a key

Checking: \$3,172.08

Savings: \$1,695.60

CDs:

\$10,234.06 Matures: 02/07/2023

\$10,520.89 Matures: 02/07/2023

\$10,599.71 Matures: 11/18/22

OLD BUSINESS

- First Aid/CPR training was held April 23 for members who signed up and attended; certificate is valid for 2 years
- x-cut/chainsaw training and certification; more info to come
- MCC group/crew leader training held at Fred Benson's May 9 and 10; participants learned many things including how to safely be around stock, how to pack gear and how to load gear on pack saddles, both decker and sawbucks; the training was well received; the facility was great and the weather cooperated; LCBCH attendees: Fred B, Allen R, Jeff B, Rene D, Sherri L, Terry H; LCBCH will likely do pack support for some of the participants when they take their work groups out on projects

NEW BUSINESS

- Some discussion about potential mileage reimbursement due to fuel prices continuing to rise; the club has upcoming RACC grant work projects, examples include the Gates and the Elkhorns; RACC grant funds would possibly be available; the club will follow guidelines which will be one way mileage assuming it complies with the RACC grant 2022 guidelines
 - Fred B moved to approve, Sherri L seconds. All in favor, motion passes.
- Discussion regarding other work projects that may be done for the USFS and whether there would be possible reimbursement maybe through the regional FS office
 - Committee to check into the possibilities: Sherri L, Tony S, Darlene H, Terry H
- 2022 BMWF pack support; Fred B signed up and needs help for a few summer trips, July 14 - 16, Aug 2-3 in and Aug 9-10 out; if you are interested in helping as a packer and/or outrider contact Fred B
- Next Meeting: discussed meeting on National Trails Day, Sat. June 4, 2022
 - The plan is to gather for a work project day in the Gates of the Wilderness; likely based out of Nelson; more info to come on logistics. Stay tuned!
- Adjourn: Darlene H moved to approve, Tony S seconds. All in favor, meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted:

Terry Hutton, Secretary