

Minutes – Last Chance Back Country Horsemen, Membership Meeting

June 8, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Montana Wild Conference Room

- Tony Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting
- Take Roll
Lynda Wiles, Tony and Lyndsay Smith, Jason Hughey, Darlene and Neil Horne, Sherri Lionberger, Terry Hutton, Fred Benson, Nicole Anderson, Katy Donnelley, Stefanie Herrera, Clif Caughron, Dennis and Deb Milburn, Kerry Bartlett, Bill and Ruth Sowa, JoAnn Chambers, Bud Criner, Nolan and Sheila Wanner
- Minutes from May meeting: Fred B motioned to approve, Darlene H seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report: Lynda Wiles, treasurer:
Checking: \$2,798.31
Savings: \$1,695.60
CDs:
\$10,234.06
\$10,520.89
\$10,599.71
- Treasure's report: Kerry B motioned to approve, Clif C seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Bills: Terry H presented bill to have club laptop set up by professional IT company.
 - Sherri L motioned to approve, Katie seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Bills: food bills were presented by the National Trails Day (June 4) work group. Discussion about whether to pay these individually as presented or to pay out at the end of the work/project season for work on RAC projects.
 - RAC related bills to be paid out at end of season: Lynda W motioned to approve, Nicole A seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- National Trails Day, June 4th; due to unstable weather predictions the event was canceled. However, a number of members went to Gates of the Mountains area and were able to do some trail clearing. Note: Big Log trail needs some bushwhacking/pruning done. Kennedy Broadwell, KTVH sports reporter also went along. She hopes to go on another project with LC BCH and possibly do a story.

- Back Country Horsemen of Montana (BCHMT) board meeting, May 15 updates: Katy D reporting
 - Some discussion about non-horse people using and/or parking in horse and stock areas; if you observe this occurring, report the location and info to BCHMT; the information will then be shared with Back Country Horsemen of America (BCHA)
 - 2023 - 50th anniversary; state convention, Kalispell, in April
 - Volunteer agreement simplification: club members have been provided the form to sign. Currently the signed agreement is good for one year. Reason example: if club member is volunteering on a USFS project, member is covered like an employee for work comp type claims, however, BE SAFE
 - The board would like to have two people from each chapter to assist with policy work of BCHMT; we did not discuss this further at this time
 - Mention of possible funds available for state chapters to pay for mileage on projects; only available if no other funds are used; group discussion – currently the projects the LCBCH has planned will already be covered by RAC funds; at this time we will not pursue BCHMT funds
 - And finally, BCHMT newsletters are generally sent out to member email addresses; if you aren't getting it via email, newsletters can be found on their website

NEW BUSINESS

- Work Projects: some dates/timelines were proposed
 - MCC crews are working out of Refrigerator Canyon early June and will return to the area later in June. They may not need pack support, but the club could help in clearing various trails that link up to the trails they are working on
 - MCC will also be working in other areas in July and if time allows they may be in the Elkhorns area. No word yet on need for pack support.
 - Woods Creek Fire area: this project requires pack support for bridge planking, potential of 17 bridges, current dates listed are July 30-31 and/or Aug 6-7. More info to come once the area can be scoped out.
- x-cut/chainsaw training and certification; to be done by Mark Himmel on Sat, June 18; more information to come via email
- Monture Creek gathering for all BCHMT chapter members; June 24 – 26
- Tracking mileage, stock use, hours of work, etc. - discussed that each work project will have an assigned Project Lead/Trail Boss. The lead will be responsible to gather the tracking information from the project participants and then submit the information to Darlene H. A Project Lead/Trail Boss list of duties or responsibilities will be updated and shared with club members.

- Neil H has posted a sign-out/sign-in sheet in the club storage unit. The items in the unit belong to the club so feel free to use the equipment but sign-out and sign-in. If anyone currently has items or equipment, please return them or let Neil know and it will be signed out to you. We also need to do an inventory of the items. This has been brought up before; I (Terry H) suggest a volunteer committee be identified at next club meeting to get this done in 2022.

- Neil H mentioned he is taking the current two short M tooth saws in to get the handles replaced. Discussion about purchasing another one as well as a cover.

- Sherri L motioned to approve purchase, Kerry B seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

- BMWF pack support trips: these have been mentioned previously; Tony S and Bob T are signed up as well as Fred B. You can find the trip info and dates on the BMWF website under the volunteer packer schedule. If you are interested in helping or joining, contact one of the gentlemen named above.

- Next Meeting: To be determined

- Adjourn: Sherri L motioned to approve, Katy D seconds. All in favor, meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted:

Terry Hutton, Secretary