

## Minutes – Last Chance Back Country Horsemen, Membership Meeting

October 5, 2022 7:00 p.m.  
Montana Wild Conference Room

- President Tony Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting
- Guests present: Montana Conservation Core (MCC) members attended for beginning of meeting; received thanks from LC BCH for their trail work throughout the year and gifts: t-shirts with Montana screen printing; cake was served
- Guest/New member present: Cindy Jo Gordon, recently moved to Montana, previously from Bridgerland BCH chapter, near Logan, Utah; previously president and vice president of chapter
- Take Roll  
Tony Smith, Darlene and Neil Horne, Fred Benson, Terry Hutton, Nicole Anderson, Katy Donnelley, Bud Criner, Merlyn Huso, Rick Yearry, Krissy Gillispie, Tom Weiss, Nolan and Sheila Wanner, Lynda and Gary Wiles, Cindy Jo Gordon
- Minutes from September meeting: Fred B motioned to approve, Lynda W seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report: Lynda Wiles, treasurer:  
Checking: \$1,341.47  
Savings: \$1,695.94  
**CDs:**  
\$10,234.06  
\$10,520.89  
\$10,599.71
- Bills: Fred B submitted two bills: saw handles and chain saw repair; Darlene submitted bill for MCC t-shirt gifts
- Treasurer's report and bills: Merlyn H motioned to approve, Terry H seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Note: BEAR funding for Woods Creek project not received yet; expecting it to direct deposit to bank account soon

### OLD BUSINESS

- Katy D reported on state board meeting:

- New proposed logo/motto: 'Light on the Land', for BCHA spearheaded by BCHMT; lawyers reviewing for any copyright concerns
  - Mountain/e-bikes still being discussed to address equine trail use concerns
  - BCHMT is in need of an Education Chair
  - 946 BCH members in Montana; numbers are again increasing (after COVID)
  - Trout Creek Chapter is now defunct; most or all members went to High Plains Chapter
  - BCHMT has \$58,000 available to chapters for mileage reimbursement only for USFS projects that are not reimbursed by other means; LCBCCH chapter has limited mileage to be used for this as most of the club projects have other funding available
  - BCHMT youth program; ages 14-17, level one (basics + camping) and level two (trip into wilderness + camping) first one did not fill up, second one did; they usually occur in August; if LCBCCH chapter members know of youths who may be interested and/or qualify, they can get signed up when the opportunity is available in 2023; watch for updates on BCHMT
  - Annual BCHMT chapter gathering: has been at Monture Creek campground/trailhead but the location may change in 2023
  - Annual volunteer agreement; 2022 was initial year of agreement, it seemed to work well
  - Holland Lake Lodge, development changes proposed; public comment welcome; BCHMT will compose a letter and comment regarding potential impact to trails in the area
  - BCHMT continues to support Blackfoot/Clearwater Initiative
- BCHMT requested members to help provide information/communication regarding local chapter area USFS and other US and state government activities so BCHMT can develop policy as needed; Krissy G volunteered to do this with Tony S as backup
  - Inventory of LCBCCH cargo unit storage and 'kitchen' trailer has been completed; both located at Neil and Darlene Horne's; the supplies belong to the club so use them if needed, be sure to check items out and in, if questions ask Neil H

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Tony reported the USFS will need more bridge planks hauled in the Woods Creek area in 2023; they may need about another 200 planks to complete repair/rebuild of the rest of the bridge crossings
- State Convention: LCBCCH will be responsible in 2025; will need to start the initial planning in 2023; Kalispell is the location for the state convention in 2023 celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Back Country Horsemen

- Promotional merchandise: brief discussion about LCBCH logo shirts, hats, etc. Precision Embroidery has the club logo; Terry H to find out prices of screen printing and embroidery and report at next meeting for further discussion
- Suggestions for speakers over winter: Katy D is contacting Chuck Whitmer, DVM; Cathy Lay (member and also MD) plans to discuss basic emergency medical procedures in March 2023
- No meeting in November
- Next meeting to be held December 7; discussions will include LCBCH chapter board elections and the New Year celebration in January; plan to attend the December meeting
- Adjourn: Rick Y motioned to approve, Krissy G seconds. All in favor, meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted:  
Terry Hutton, Secretary