

Minutes – Last Chance Back Country Horsemen, Membership Meeting

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

- President Tony Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting
- Guests present: Cindy Gordon (new member), Mark Turner
- Guest Speaker: Eric Easton, Easton Horsemanship
Eric lives in Helena off Head Lane; wife is Joanna; he specializes in horsemanship clinics, private, semi-private and group instruction; Eric has been in business for 9 years; trained under Buck Brannaman; experience includes working with horses and people on trails with bicycles; some discussion about doing the same trail work with lamas; he is also interested in working more with mules as many club members have mules; there appeared to be some interest by members of holding a clinic with Eric after winter; more discussion to come at later meetings. For more info: eastonhorsemanship.com
- Take Roll
Tony Smith, Terry Hutton, Lynda Wiles, Darlene and Neil Horne, Cindy Jo Gordon, Eric Easton (guest), Fred Benson, Merlyn Huso, Dennis and Debbie Milburn, Bob Tomaskie, Mark Turner (guest), Allen Rowley, Katy Donnelley, Lyndsay Smith, Krissy Gillispie, Hughey Family: Jason, Jordan, Ellery, and Brenna, JoAnn Chambers, Bud Criner, Nicole Anderson, Tom Weiss, Mike Cannon, Sherri Lionberger
- Minutes from October meeting: Sherri L motioned to approve, Fred B seconds. All in favor, motion passed. (No November meeting was held)
- Treasurer's Report: Lynda Wiles, treasurer:
Checking: \$10,194.40
Savings: \$1,700.94
CDs:
\$10,261.69
\$10,549.30
\$10,615.57
- One of the CD's met the term date; Tony S and Lynda W renewed the CD with a higher interest rate
- Bills: Lynda W paid out to members for Woods Creek project mileage as reported; some members hadn't responded to Lynda's email so a few more checks will be paid out
- Note: the BEAR funding for Woods Creek project was received, \$10,000.

- Treasurer's report and pay bills: Sherri L motioned to approve, Fred B seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Note: Lynda W sent cards to members Clif Caughron and Mike Layng

OLD BUSINESS

- Woods Creek Project
 - Project is now closed out; there may be more lumber bunks to pack in summer of 2023, which would be a 'new' project, more info to come at a later date
- Neil H requested approval to purchase a case of duct tape; purchase approved
- Promotional merchandise: Precision Embroidery has the club logo; Terry H visited them in October to get prices of screen printing and embroidery to report at an upcoming meeting for further discussion; there has been no response; Terry H will continue to contact them

NEW BUSINESS

- Holiday/New Years Party: some discussion about when and where; potentially January 13 or 20 and potentially at Ramada Inn (previously Jorgenson's); a committee will plan the event and inform members; committee: Lynda W, Krissy G, Cindy Jo G
- Elections of 2023 LC BCH Chapter Officers: president, vice president, secretary and treasurer; and two State Board Directors as well as an alternate Director; officers can be in position for 3 (one year) terms, state directors can be in position for 2 (one year terms); a committee will determine nominees and present at next meeting for voting; committee: Sherri L, Jason H, Darlene H
- State Convention: April 2023 convention to be held in Kalispell celebrating the 50th anniversary of Back Country Horsemen; Merlyn H will be attending, he was invited to participate in Cowboy Poetry and will also represent the LC BCH Chapter
- 2023 Projects: brief discussion about utilizing the RAC funding available; maybe Gates of the Mountains and/or Eagle Guard Station trail work; possibly packing MCC crews in for trail work; will have to wait until project plans and needs are identified early in 2023
- Upcoming guest speakers: Chuck Whitmer, DVM in February; Cathy Lay (member and also MD) plans to discuss basic emergency medical procedures in March

- Darlene H brought up the variety of forms being used for different projects to report time, mileage, stock use, etc.; discussion about possibly coming up with a standard form for club members to use that would fit the needs of the various projects and/or project sponsor/lead i.e. USFS, Montana Back Country Horsemen; all of this reporting goes through Darlene and it is sometimes difficult to track appropriately; some is tracked as volunteering and some is or may be paid; Cindy Jo G had experience developing and using an electronic reporting form in her previous back country horseman chapter in Utah; a committee/group of members to discuss potential solutions and bring back to the club: Fred B, Nicole A, Cindy Jo G, Terry H
- Next meeting to be held in January; date to be determined by the Holiday/New Years celebration committee; elections will occur at this meeting
- Adjourn: Darlene H motioned to approve. All in favor, meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted:
Terry Hutton, Secretary