

Minutes – Last Chance Back Country Horsemen, Membership Meeting

April 5, 2023 6:00 p.m.

Lewis and Clark Library Community Conference Room

- President Tony Smith welcomed everyone

- Guests present: Mark Rabold

- Guest Speaker: Chuck Whitmer DVM

Topic: Equine vaccines, recommends the 5 best

- 1 & 2 - Eastern/Western Encephalitis (E/W)
- 3 – West Nile
- 4 – Tetanus
- 5 – Rabies
- Others may include: Herpes; influenza; potomac (valley) fever – this is known in the Helena area therefore recommended
- Sometimes there may be a reaction to the shot; generally a minor lump, it is ok unless it gets larger; if the animal is lethargic and isn't eating, it may be sore, raise the feed and can administer Banamine
- General 1st aide: stop the bleeding; leg injury, splint full length from foot to wither; if breathing issues, use about 6" (or less if smaller animal) regular garden hose and put it into their nose
- Meds: Bute for inflammation, pills are easier to maintain and cheaper to buy, can be used past expiration date in most cases; Banamine for colic type condition, do not use past expiration date, do not give if animal is dehydrated, Banamine requires a vet ok to purchase; Zyrtec for allergic reaction, can use up to 15 – 20 pills per day per animal; have a thermometer
- Other: Pigeon fever not common in MT; Strangles vaccine is not recommended

- Take Roll

Jason and Jordan Hughey, Tony and Lyndsay Smith, Terry Hutton, Lynda Wiles, Tom Weiss, Jeff Brandt, Krissy Gillispie, Sherri Lionberger, Neil and Darlene Horne, Bob Tomaskie, Mike Layng, Fred Benson, (guest) Mark Rabold, Cindy Gordon, Debra Remillard, JoAnn Chambers, Bud Criner, Katy Donnelley, Nicole Anderson, Luke Lenski, Merlyn Huso

- Minutes from March 2023 meeting: Sherri L motioned to approve, Fred B seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

- Treasurer's Report: Lynda Wiles, treasurer:
 Checking: \$8,128.07
 Savings: \$1,701.28
CDs:
 \$10,271.03
 \$10,558.90
 \$10,615.57
- Treasurer's report: Darlene H motioned to approve, Nicole A seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- State convention – April 14 – 16, Kalispell
 - Katy D has convention event raffle tickets available to purchase, 1 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00; get them now (at meeting); Katy will get all raffle money to Lynda W on Wed, April 12 to get one check to pay for the chapter raffle tickets sold
 - Resolutions to be discussed at convention: misc. resolutions were shared via email prior to meeting; some discussion re: resolutions presented by Oregon and Wyoming, determined to not be of importance at this time; other resolution was briefly discussed at March meeting, chapter members agree any chapter bringing about a legal suit should first contact the state board
- Forest Service and other projects: Tony S has talked with Lucas (USFS) – Woods Creek bridge plank hauling (similar to 2022 project), Neil H is working with USFS, planned dates August 4, 5, 6; National Trails Day, June 3 – possibly Hunters Gulch, Gates of the Mountain area trails; Elkhorns – possible stock bridge project this year
- 1st aid/CPR certification: April 29, 11:00 – 4:00 at Montana Wild, 3 LC BCH members plus members from Upper Clark Fork chapter
- Freeze Branding + event: May 20 at Horne's; let Neil H know if you require freeze branding; there will be a dutch oven cookoff, a packing demo and a chapter meeting; more info to come
 - There will be some costs in prep for the event (ex: food); discuss pre-approval up to \$500; Sherri L motioned to approve, Katy D seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- MCC training: Fred B is coordinating this event, potential schedule May 9 & 10, held at Fred's home; demo safe equine handling, building packs, learning to load packs on animals; chapter members will participate and some will supply stock and gear

- Firearm certification: cert through USFS allowing person to carry a firearm when working on a USFS project; cert lasts 3 years; if you need to renew, let Tony S know
- Fred B mentioned two BMWF pack trips he is signed up for; one in June 16-19 in the Webb Lake area and one in July 22-26 in the Gibson Reservoir area; both are weeds projects
- Next meeting to be held May 20 at chapter Freeze Branding + event

OLD BUSINESS

- None presented
- Adjourn: Merlyn H motioned to approve. All in favor, meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted:
Terry Hutton, Secretary