

Minutes – Last Chance Back Country Horsemen, Membership Meeting

September 6, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Montana Wild

- President Jason Hughey welcomed everyone; Jason briefly noted that Tony Smith has recently stepped down as president of the chapter; as vice president Jason has stepped in as president for the remainder of the term.
- Guest Gina Johnson was welcomed by everyone
- Take Roll
Jason Hughey, Terry Hutton, Lynda Wiles, Darlene and Neil Horne, Fred Benson, Nicole Anderson, Merlyn Huso, Sherri Lionberger, Taylor and Nick Patterson, Krissy Gillispie, Cindy Jo Gordon, Gina Johnson, Bob Tomaskie, Katy Donnelley, Tom Weiss
- Minutes from August 2023 meeting: Darlene H motioned to approve, Fred B seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report: Lynda Wiles, treasurer:
Checking: \$5,986.68
Savings: \$1,701.47
CDs:
\$10,271.03
\$10,558.90
\$10,615.57
- A couple final Woods Creek project bills being paid and/or will be paid when receipts are turned in
- Treasurer's report and pay bills: Sherri L motioned to approve, Merlyn H seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Woods Creek project report: Neil H thanked the work crew and all who assisted; it was a job well done; Neil was thanked for organizing the project. Darlene thanked all kitchen helpers (Darlene was one of them), including the 4 young girls who did a good job.
 - A few more people need to report mileage/odometer to Darlene; this USFS project will pay \$10,000 to the LC BCH chapter; members are eligible for mileage reimbursement at \$0.65
 - MCC crew was supposed to do the trail work with the planks hauled in; LC BCH crew had also hauled the MCC tools and camp supplies; the MCC crew did not do the work

and left a day early; no explanation at this time; USFS staff Lucas and Mandy do not know what the story is but will try to determine a crew to do the trail work.

- Woods Creek project stock use reimbursement; Terry H brought up an option to help pay for wear and tear on vehicles and tires for people who use trailers for stock; this USFS/LCBCH project allows payment to the chapter of \$10,000; costs include member mileage reimbursement, food, porta-potty. The remainder of the funds go to the club. The stock could be paid at \$50 per day used; this cost would be about \$2,450; also, Horne's used their flatbed trailer to haul equipment/supplies and had a flat tire that could be paid for.

- Sherri L motioned to approve stock use reimbursement; there was much discussion; it was brought up that if anyone got paid \$600 or more, the club may be required to file a 1099, Sherri L will look into this; Fred B brought up that this payment may set a precedent; Sherri L amended her motion to approve payment for stock use for this specific project, Katy D seconds. All in favor with one exception, one member not in favor, motion passed. It was discussed that for similar future projects that includes a project payment, members will vote to pre-approve items like this.

- LCBCH logo embroidered hats for the chapter to buy and/or sell: Terry H provided pictures and info on hats from Shining Mountain Images, Great Falls. Sandy Himmel is owner; she has set up the embroidery at no charge, she is a member of the Charlie Russell BCH chapter and does embroidery for other chapters as well.

- Chapter will order 6 structured (Richardson 112) and 18 unstructured hats; graphic is offset on left front and letters will be on the left side of the hats; costs: 6 at \$25.25 each, 18 at \$22.25 each, total cost = \$552.00; Katy D motioned to approve, Merlyn H second. All in favor, motion passed. Terry H will place order; hats should be available at next meeting in Oct.

- LCBCH 2025 State Convention committee: Sherri L reported we have the Civic Center ballroom booked for March 14, 15, 16, 2025; committee meetings will be held, any and everyone is welcome to attend meetings and work on this event

NEW BUSINESS

- Montana Conservation Elders/Montana Matters event to be held at Helena L&C Co fairgrounds in the spring of 2024; Greg Schatz of Flathead BCH chapter is involved; event to welcome kids and get them interested in the outdoors and possibly the wilderness; maybe LCBCH would have a booth; Jason H will check into this event and provide more info

- BCHA Youth Grant Application: Nick and Taylor P will check into this and provide more info

- LCBCH chapter by-laws were reviewed and updated in late spring by the board; Terry H will send out the modified By-Laws to members; members are to review and be ready to vote to approve or modify amendments at the next meeting. Once the By-Laws are approved, the officer duties, state board director duties and other support role duties will be reviewed and updated. If all works out, these will be done before elections in January 2024.
- LCBCH trailer: Jason H was interested in the history of trailer; Darlene H provided a good description of the past use and current use (storage of club kitchen supplies); it could be used in the future but would need new tires
- October guest speaker suggestions? Fred B will check with Young Professionals group that did trail work for BMWF in the Scapegoat this summer. Other suggestions included a leather worker to provide tips for preserving tack; topic 'Stop the Bleed', this may be a good item for springtime.
- Christmas party planning committee: Fred B will check into use of VFW hall in East Helena
- Next meeting to be held October 4
- Adjourn: Sherri L motioned to approve. All in favor, meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted:
Terry Hutton, Secretary