

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

February 7, 2024 7:00 p.m. Montana Wild Conference Room

- President Jason Hughey welcomed everyone
- Guest: Angi G, welcomed by members
- Take Roll:  
Jason Hughey, Terry Hutton, Jodie Ross, Neil Horne, Fred Benson, Nicole Anderson, Krissy Gillispie, Bob Tomaskie, Katy Donnelley, Jordan Hughey, Taylor and Nick Patterson, Sherri Lionberger, Merlyn Huso, Tom Weiss, Cathy Lay, Lyndsay Smith, Allen Rowley, Jeff Brandt
- Minutes from January 2024 meeting: Sherri L motioned to approve, Merlyn H seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Treasurer’s Report: Jodie Ross, treasurer:

Total Account Holdings as of 1/31/24: \$46,145.55

Account Type	Amount	Interest Rate	Term	Maturity	Interest for Term of CD
Checking	\$12,601.62	-	-	-	
Savings	\$1,726.89	0.05%	-	-	
CD1	\$10,987.11	3.5%	17 month	4/18/24	\$371.54
CD2	\$10,271.03	4.05%	13 month	3/7/24	\$408.00
CD3	10,558.90	4.05%	13 month	3/7/24	\$419.43

- Request members to pay 2024 membership; dues \$35 single, \$45 family; an updated membership application form was created and is available on the LCBCCH chapter website
- Bills being paid for January party event - caterer, water, prizes, kid gifts
- Discussion about CD’s that will be coming up for renewal; determined to roll CD(s) and interest into highest rate CD available regardless of term; Terry H motioned to approve, Merlyn H seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Treasurer’s report and pay bills: Sherri L motioned to approve, Katy D seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- State Directors December Meeting report, Katy D and Sherri L:
  - BCHMT requests each chapter to identify a member to participate in quarterly zoom meetings regarding Public Lands use/policy; no one volunteered at this meeting; if interested, Katy and/or Sherri can provide more info.

- Other topics included: Beaverhead/Deer Lodge USFS is looking into a system for use day permits; BCHMT is evaluating Google Analytics for website use & Facebook use; USFS travel planning is open for comments for Lolo National Forest
- 2025 State Convention (March 15, 16, 17) Committee update: Sherri L/Katy D co-chairs
  - Lyndsay S prepared an excellent video for LCBCH which was shown at this meeting and will be available at 2024 State Convention
  - Brief discussion about food caterer for event; Event Thyme Catering (as used for Jan 2024 dinner event) was identified
  - Committee requesting ideas for raffle items; auction items; breakout speakers; guest of honor speaker

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- January 20, 2024 Holiday Party/Event committee update: Pre-approved funds \$1,500; total expenses \$1,217.02, less amount paid by attendees \$415.00, total cost to chapter \$802.02; thank you to Fred B for providing everyone attending a 'prize' – small baggie of equine pellets
- 2024 State Convention, Fairmont Hot Springs, March 8, 9, 10:
  - Katy D has raffle tickets for purchase, make payment to LCBCH, one for \$5 or five for \$20
  - Wall of Honor for members who recently passed away; Linda Huso identified
  - Reimbursement for eight LCBCH delegates; discussed reimbursement for registration and mileage for one way (at the current Fed business mileage rate); per the current by-laws the chapter must approve reimbursement payments for these items on an annual basis; Merlyn H motioned to approve paying for registration and mileage one way for 2024 delegates, Sherri L seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- BCHMT Youth Program update:
  - Krissy G reported LCBCH did not get Youth grant request for \$500; money was planned for LCBCH trailer repairs
  - BCHMT is still gathering extra gear to distribute to youth to use as needed for packing/trail projects, youth to apply for item(s); contact Krissy for more info
  - Grant is available to fund a BCH chapter membership scholarship (pilot program); youth 14 – 25; individual to participate in a local chapter event; individual pays for membership; then proof of membership and event submitted to BCHA for membership reimbursement

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- LCBCH chapter membership list and dues: when annual memberships are received the membership list is updated; be sure to identify current info such as name(s), phone number(s), address and email address (also see topic under Treasurer's report)

- Montana Conservation Elders Youth Expo: April 13, Helena fairgrounds; Jason H volunteered to be Trail Boss for this event
- USFS projects available for LCBCH in 2024: per Mandy A and Lucas P
  - Gates of the Mountain – Refrigerator to Merriweather trail clearing (prep for Mann Gulch anniversary in Aug); will likely take multiple trips; Fred B volunteered to be Trail Boss for this event(s)
  - Woods Creek – finish building bridge/planking project
  - Elkhorns/Crow Creek – remove fallen tree and repair foot bridge; may be some trail clearing; Jordan H, Taylor & Nick P volunteered to be Trail Boss for this event
  - Townsend trail – per Lucas, various trails in the area need clearing; Cathy L volunteered to be Trail Boss for this and/or these events
  - The chapter has approx. \$10,000 RAC grant funds available to be used in 2024; members working on a project will be required to report time, stock, mileage, etc.
- Chapter Freeze Branding event – held in May; location will be at Horne’s; Krissy G and Jodie R volunteered to be Trail Boss for this event

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- LCBCH logo embroidered hats: still some available for purchase; structured (Richardson 112) \$24; dark gray or maroon unstructured for \$21. The remaining hats will be available at future meetings or contact Terry H
- Long time member Clif Caughron; it was reported he is currently back in Helena and is on a Hospice program, Terry H will get a card, sign and mail it from the LCBCH chapter
- Fred B brought up that the Helena Young Professionals were in contact regarding helping the chapter with projects; Fred will stay in contact with them
- Darlene Horne recently had surgery; Terry H passed around a card to sign; Jodie R will purchase some flowers and deliver to Darlene on behalf of the chapter
- Krissy G asked about applying for the USFS 2025-2026 RAC Grant; Sherri L is not eligible to assist as she is on the grant review team; Alan R has experience and offered to assist
- Jason H will work on determining the list of members who have and/or need saw certification – 2 years; 1<sup>st</sup> Aid/CPR – 2 years; weapon carry permit on USFS projects- 3 years
- Adjourn: Sherri L motioned to approve. All in favor, meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted:  
Terry Hutton, Secretary