

Minutes – Last Chance Back Country Horsemen, Membership Meeting

April 3, 2024 7:00 p.m. Montana Wild Conference Room

- President Jason Hughey welcomed everyone
- Guests: Taylor Walker, Brianna, Cam Lay, Ali Kenny, John Pausek
- Take Roll:
Jason Hughey, Terry Hutton, Jodie Ross, Fred Benson, Krissy Gillispie, Bob Tomaskie, Katy Donnelley, Jordan Hughey, Taylor and Nick Patterson, Merlyn Huso, Tom Weiss, Cathy Lay, Jeff Brandt, Lyndsay Smith, Mike Layng, Mike Cannon, Robyn Barkley, Mark Turner, Allen Rowley, Darlene and Neil Horne, Nicole Anderson
- Minutes from March 2024 meeting: Katy D motioned to approve, Jordan H seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Treasurer’s Report: Jodie Ross, treasurer:

Total Account Holdings as of 4/3/24: \$46,333.41

Account Type	Amount	Interest Rate	Term	Maturity
Checking	\$11,875.63	-	-	-
Savings	\$1,727.11	0.05%	-	-
CD1-7679	\$10,987.11	3.5%	17 mo	4/18/24
CD2-3512	\$10,721.40	5.25% variable	12 mo	3/7/25
CD3-3547	\$11,021.89	5.25% variable	12 mo	3/7/25

Expenses:

- 1271 BCH State Convention Raffle Ticket sales - \$180.00
- 1272 Jason Hughey, state convention reg + milage - \$148.65
- 1273 Sherri Lionberger, state convention reg + mileage - \$152.00
- 1274 Fred Benson, state convention reg + mileage - \$152.67
- 1275 Jason Funkhouser, state convention reg + mileage - \$152.67
- 1276 Katy Donnelley, state convention, mileage - \$57.62
- 1277 Jodie Ross, state convention, mileage - \$64.99
- 1278 Nick or Taylor Patterson - state convention, mileage only - \$62.31

Total \$642.26

Deposits:

Membership Dues: Armstrong \$35; Rowley \$35; Milburn \$45; Patterson \$45; Funkhouser \$45; Barkley \$45; Hughey \$45; Smith \$35; Gillispie \$35

Donations: Armstrong \$15; Welt \$50 (Clif Caughron memorial)

State Raffle Ticket sales (from Chapter): \$180

Total \$610.00

- Treasurer's report: Merlyn H motioned to approve, Fred B seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Discussion about one CD coming to term 4/18/2024; is there a need to keep as 'cash' for 2025 State Convention or renew the CD with interest into a 5.25% Variable Rate CD with a 12 month term; decision to renew CD. Merlyn H motioned to approve, Lyndsay S seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- 2025 State Convention (March 15, 16, 17) Committee update: Sherri L/Katy D co-chairs
 - Katy D reported people assigned to tasks: Lyndsay S – donation list; Krissy G – registration and hotel room blocks; Katy D and Fred B to work with food vendor (Event Thyme) and possibly food trucks for Fri night; Fred B – liquor vendor
 - Fred B has liquor vendor identified; need to sign a contract and pay \$400. Katy D motioned to approve payment, Fred B seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- RAC Grant Application – Allen R has worked on the application with help from Mandy Alvino USFS; due April 15; maybe reviewed by Oct – Nov; if awarded the grant, funds of approx. \$12,000 will be for the 2025-2026 year projects; proposed primary project is in the Upper Little Blackfoot River area; other projects as needed in the Helena-Townsend Ranger Districts.
- Current RAC funding of approx. \$10,000 for projects to be used by Oct 1, 2024
- Montana Conservation Elders Youth Expo: April 13, Helena fairgrounds 10:00 – 3:00; Jason H is Trail Boss; Hughey family will be there with horses and some pack gear for demo; other members are welcome to attend and assist
- State Board Meeting update: Katy D is co-chair of Education Committee with Cathy Huntley; an updated defensive horsemanship training is being developed; committee is working on improving certification process (ex. Crosscut and chainsaw, defensive horsemanship); BLM agency may be reaching out to chapters and asking for more involvement; annual BCHMT Rendezvous will be in Blackfoot/Clearwater Game Range area, June 21-23, more details to come

2024 Project Updates

- Eagle Guard Station/Elkhorns/Crow Creek – Jordan H, Taylor and Nick P Trail Boss
 1. Eagle Guard Station will be available to use August 8 through August 12 (Thur -Mon)
- Townsend trails – Cathy L Trail Boss
 1. Cathy L and Terry H checked out Pole Creek for the primary trail project as requested by Lucas, but road is not ready for travel to the trailhead: mud, ice, snow
 2. Tizer Guard Station – secondary project; MCC crew will be doing some clearing in the area in July/August; they will need pack support to haul tools, chain saws and gas

- Mann Gulch Project – Monuments; Fred Benson, Trail Boss
Fred indicated project date of May 21st; estimates the need for: 9 mules total, 4 to 5 packers, 2 to 3 outriders, 1 to help with each string unless packer wants more (4 monuments, 4-6 bags Quikrete, 10-20 gals water, tools and supplies); potential packers and outriders identified at meeting; contact Fred B to confirm your availability. Road to Willow Creek has been improved.
- Gates of the Mountain – Trail Clearing, Fred Benson, Trail Boss
 1. LCBCH to clear from Refrigerator to Upper Kennedy Springs and/or from Hunters Gulch
 2. Propose begin clearing National Trails day, June 1st; brief discussion about possibly having a BBQ gathering in the evening; to be determined
 3. Propose setting up a common use drop camp (near water) for multiple trail clearing dates

NEW BUSINESS

- Chapter Freeze Branding/Dutch Oven event – Krissy G and Jodie R Trail Boss
 1. To be held Saturday May 18 starting at 10:00 at Neil and Darlene Horne's
 2. Some discussion about tasks to be done and members were assigned
 3. There will be some costs for set up, food, etc. Members discussed pre-approval of budget to be \$300. Jodie R motioned to approve budget, Terry H seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
 4. Discussion about opening event to public; unclear regarding liability; this event will not be open to public; Katy D will check with State Board re: liability coverage for Chapter events
- Saw certification & 1st Aid/CPR training: Jason H indicated 1st Aid/CPR dates available – more info to come in email for members who need/want it; crosscut & chainsaw cert. training still to be determined; most of the chapter projects for the year will require saw certification

OTHER BUSINESS

- Fred B indicated handles can be purchased for donated cross-cut saw at \$160 + shipping. Brief discussion about cost + shipping. Fred B motioned to approve payment, Merlyn H seconds. All in favor, motion passed. Neil H indicated the saw may need a better scabbard; Fred B will check.
- MCC crew leader training - Fred B said it will be at his house, May 7 & 8; members to assist with mules and/or pack training; contact Fred B to confirm
- Helena Outdoor Club – Merlyn H indicated they have requested a speaker/presenter from LCBCH
- Krissy G announced Big Sky Print Wear (Helena) has LCBCH logos software; members can order items however, the initial item(s) will include a set-up fee
- Some historical LCBCH documentation was transferred from Katy D to Krissy G who will keep it
- Lyndsay S indicated incoming new member, Taylor Walker is willing to assist Lyndsay with website and social media for LCBCH Chapter. Terry H motioned to approve once Taylor's membership has been processed, Lyndsay S seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
- Adjourn: Katy D motioned to approve. All in favor, meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted: Terry Hutton, Secretary