

Minutes – Last Chance Back Country Horsemen, Membership Meeting

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

- President Jason Hughey welcomed everyone
- Guests/New members: Dusty Hendrickson, Kayla Iverson
- Take Roll:
Jason Hughey, Terry Hutton, Ali Kenny, Jason Funkhouser, Katy Donnelley, Merlyn Huso, Jordan Hughey, Taylor and Nick Patterson, Mike Layng, Allen Rowley, Cari, Haylie & Hannah Funkhouser, Sherri Lionberger, Shirley Verstraete and Steve Wadsworth, Dusty Hendrickson and Kayla Iversen
- Minutes from June 2024 meeting: Nick P motioned to approve, Merlyn H seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Treasurer’s Report: Presented by Ali Kenny
 - In possession of nearly all treasurer-related items (i.e., checkbook, past/present organizational binders, membership applications, mailbox key, etc.)
 - Met with Terry Hutton to onboard and review responsibilities
 - Met with Brenda Reichert at Opportunity Bank to gain access to in-person and online banking functions
 - Plan to meet with Darlene to gather historical information and discuss membership Excel organization, update membership Excel, identify an individual to audit our books in 2025, and fulfill daily / weekly duties

Opportunity Bank

Total account holdings as of 7/1/24: \$43,757.17

Account Type	Current Amount	Amount Last Meeting	Interest Rate	Term	Maturity
Checking	\$9,139.30	\$10,080.77	-	-	-
Savings	\$1,727.33	\$1,727.11	0.05%	-	-
CD1-6738	\$11,147.25	\$11,147.25	5.25%	12 mo.	4/18/25
CD2-3512	\$10,721.40	\$10,721.40	5.25%	12 mo.	3/7/25
CD3-3547	\$11,021.89	\$11,021.89	5.25%	12 mo.	3/7/25

Expenses & Deposits:

- Received bill from Fred B for the two Katana Boy saw blades
- No bills paid or deposits made by newly elected treasurer, Ali K, as of this meeting
- Treasurer’s report: Jason F motioned to approve, Merlyn H seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Cub Scouts event at Fairgrounds, June 13 recap: Sherri L with help from Jordan Hughey and girls had a successful event: mule petting, crosscut saw, etc. (Sherri reminded Jordan to complete volunteer form for education and submit to Darlene)
- BCHMT Rendezvous Recap: held in Blackfoot/Clearwater Game Range area, June 21-23; a few LCBCH members attended and enjoyed the event and location; Jack Rich – good speaker
- 2025 BCHMT Annual Meeting Planning Committee update: Sherri L reported: Auctioneer is Zane ??; Friday night band is Todd Harwell; Lyndsay S currently has three vendors and multiple silent auction items; Cari F offered to help committee; LCBCH retains all silent auction funds; LCBCH can also have three live auction items (should be valued at \$100 +)
- RAC Meeting – Allen R reported the (Resource Advisory Committee) award committee met June 26th; LCBCH awarded the grant of \$27,000 for projects in the Elkhorns and Gates of the Mountain; funds for 2025 – 2026.
- 2024 Project Updates
 1. Gates of the Mountain – trail clearing, Fred Benson, Trail Boss
Fred B and Nick P cleared more trail about 6 ½ from Refrigerator trailhead; Fred B currently out of town but recommends finishing July 13 and/or 14; about 2 miles to still be cleared; almost halfway between Refrigerator and Hunter's Gulch; Sherri L and Terry H volunteered to help; watch for more information
 2. Townsend area small projects – trail clearing, Cathy Lay, Trail Boss
Cathy not at meeting but requested help July 7th; Cathy will send out email with details
 3. Eagle Guard Station – Jordan H, Taylor and Nick P Trail Boss
Cabin will be available to use August 10 – 12; Jason H will check with Lucas (USFS) what supplies are available at the cabin and determine what chapter members should bring, ex: wall tent, tables, etc.; potential for chapter to provide breakfast and dinner, water, Gatorade if there is a larger group; Katy D offered to help coordinate

NEW BUSINESS

- Electric Chain Saw – discussion about if chapter should purchase a battery-operated chain saw; Sherri L made a motion to purchase a battery-operated chain saw with back-up battery (likely a 16" Milwaukee saw) and extra chain. Jason F seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Chapter website 'manager' needed to do updates – a few small items to be added: change in treasurer and meeting minutes posted; no one volunteered at meeting; Lyndsay S will continue updates until a chapter website volunteer can be identified

- Membership Coordinator – most BCHMT chapters have a volunteer identified; LCBCH currently does not; what the coordinator volunteer is responsible for, is to be determined
- LCBCH Chapter will be responsible for a Fall Decker Dispatch article; due Sept 5 – Jason H will coordinate with Fred B to get article and photos from the Mann Gulch monument project
- Share the list of members with contact info with everyone? – minimal discussion: ok to share the names, email and phone numbers as LCBCH contact list; Terry H will share this list

OTHER BUSINESS

- Chapter member certification list(s) – Terry H will send email to members for certification date/year to update certification list; ex. Chain saw, crosscut, CPR/1st Aid
- Sherri L will check with Mark Himmel for potential dates for crosscut saw certification
- Next Meeting: August 7, Wed
- Adjourn: Sherri L motioned to approve. All in favor, meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted: Terry Hutton, Secretary