

## Minutes – Last Chance Back Country Horsemen, Membership Meeting & Holiday Party

December 11, 2024 6:00 VFW, East Helena

- This was the annual party/dinner event with prize drawings and a brief meeting. Event committee: John Pavsek, Cathy Lay, Nicole Anderson, with limited assistance from Terry Hutton, Fred & Janet Benson; buffet style taco bar with desserts was provided and will be paid for by the chapter. Thank you to everyone involved for helping set up and clean up. Special thanks to Janet Benson for the chocolate bar gifts and Cathy Lay for the honey jar gifts. Event/food costs to be provided at the January meeting.
  - President Jason Hughey welcomed everyone; guest Ernie (friend of John P)
  - Take Roll: role not taken; good event turnout
  - Minutes from October 2024 meeting: Katy D motioned to approve, Cari F seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
  - Treasurer's Report:
    - Still looking to identify an individual to audit our books in 2025.
- Expenses:
- Ali Kenny = \$29.38 (reimbursement for convention logo work) (check # 1294; issued 11/10/24)
  - Jason Hughey = \$1,839.00 (reimbursement for Whova, Inc. purchase for 2025 convention) (check # 1296; issued 11/20/24)
  - MTBCH = \$1,070.00 (chapter dues payment to state) (check #1267; issued 11/27/24)
- Deposits:
- 10/25/24 = \$56.00 (Alissa Bare individual membership (\$35.00); LCBCCH hat sale (\$21.00))
  - Opportunity Bank: Total account holdings as of 12/11/24: \$48,252.17

Account Type	Current Amount	Amount Last Meeting	Interest Rate	Term	Maturity
Checking	\$13,634.08	\$16,916.46	-	-	-
Savings	\$1,727.55	\$1,727.33	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

- Treasurer's report and pay bills: Sherri L motioned to approve, John P seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

### OLD BUSINESS

- LCBCCH chapter membership dues reminder: 2025 dues will remain at \$35 single or \$45 for family; 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; dues can be paid at the January 2025 meeting or mailed to LC BCH, PO Box 4008, Helena, MT 59604

- 2025 Convention Committee update: Sherri L noted a need for additional budget pre-approval; costs to include: Whova software to accept registrations and payments on-line plus many additional features, Civic Center rental & set up, raffle ticket printing, set of bear/kitchen boxes (raffle prize), misc. printing of packet information for other state chapters, other misc. items to be determined as we get closer to event date. Request pre-approval of \$5,000: Merlyn H motioned to approve, Nicole A seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
  - Jason H noted raffle tickets are printed and available from Katy D, suggest everyone take some; the chapter member with the highest number of sales will get \$100 cash prize. Some discussion about current prizes for raffle tickets and live auction items; still need help getting or donating silent auction items.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Elections to be held for 2025; nomination committee/person: Sherri L volunteered
  - Elections to be held at the January meeting for: Officers, State Directors and other volunteer positions (examples: Website coordinator, Volunteer coordinator, Membership coordinator)
  - Krissy Gillispie recently vacated the State Director position to pursue her PhD; need someone to fill in for the remainder of her two-year term – through 2025; brief discussion of duties and meetings to attend in person or via Zoom (four meetings per year one of which is the State Convention)

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Merlyn H mentioned the Helena Outdoor Club would like to have a LC BCH speaker at their April 2025 meeting
- Fred B brought a new crosscut saw with a leather case to look at
- Next Meeting: January 15, 2025
- Adjourn: Sherri L motioned to approve. All in favor, meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted: Terry Hutton, Secretary