

Minutes – Last Chance Back Country Horsemen, Membership Meeting & Convention Update

April 2, 2025 7:00 p.m. Montana Wild

- President Jason Hughey welcomed everyone; new members Jake Martenis, Mitch Gebe and Anna Pieri; guest - Lucas Parriman with Helena USFS
- Take Roll:
 - Jason Hughey, Ali Kenny, Terry Hutton, Sherri Lionberger, Tom Weiss, Cari Funkhouser, Nick Patterson, Bob Tomaskie, Jim Milliron, Merlyn Huso, Katy Donnelley, Nicole Anderson, Fred Benson, Mike Cannon, John Pavsek, Jake Martenis, Mitch Gebe, Anna Pieri, Lucas Parriman
- Minutes from March 2025 meeting: Fred B motioned to approve, Nick P seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Treasurer Report April 2025, Ali Kenny
 - Looking to identify an individual to audit our 2024 books in 2025?
 - Taxes to be done next week
- Expenses
 - See convention costs
- Deposits
 - 3/10/35 = \$80.00 - membership dues: Cannon (\$35.00); Brandt (\$40.00 + \$5.00 (cash))
 - 3/10/25 = \$860.00 - convention registration: Crawford (\$20.00); Weiss (\$130.00); (Wilderness Outdoor Adventures (\$140.00); Bitter Root BCH (\$10.00); O'Leary (\$80.00); Betlach (\$240.00); Murphy (\$240.00)
 - 3/10/25 = \$1,030.00 - convention registration and vendors: Wild MT (\$50.00); Gebe (\$240.00); NW MT BCH (\$540.00); Straughn (\$80.00); Boswell (\$130.00)
 - 3/18/25 = \$2,735.00 - live auction items: Morse (\$250.00); Funkhouser (\$300.00); Donnelley (\$50.00); Iversen (\$100.00); Habel (\$435.00); Chepulis (\$1,100)
 - 3/18/25 = \$380.00 - silent auction: Hughes (\$50.00); Gebe (\$150.00); Basham (18.00); Hollifield (\$72.00); Hughey (\$90.00)
 - 3/18/25 = \$795.00 - silent, live, and youth: cash
 - 3/18/25 = \$1,396.00 - silent and live auction: Nygren (\$575.00); Boswell (\$601.00); Drishinski (\$220.00)
 - 3/18/25 = cash box and silent auction: cash
 - 3/18/25 = \$2,300 - raffle ticket sales: cash
 - 3/18/25 = \$2,160.00 - Last Chance raffle ticket sales: Medina (\$40.00); Brandt (\$40.00); Iversen (\$40.00); Stafford (\$40.00); Hutton (\$20.00); Brandt (\$20.00); Bartels (\$20.00); Donnelley (\$20.00); Hutton (\$20.00); Benson (\$610.00); Smith (\$40.00); Reichert (\$20.00)
 - 3/18/25 = \$1,125.00 - raffle ticket sales: Duggan (\$40.00); Flathead BCH (\$570.00); Rogan (\$40.00); Amsden (\$40.00); Krownen (\$40.00); Hedges (\$55.00); Habel (\$40.00); Himmel (\$40.00); Ferguson (\$40.00); Gottardi (\$40.00); Criswell (\$40.00); Boswell (\$40.00); Cartwright (\$20.00); Basham (\$20.00); Culver (\$20.00); Harper (\$40.00)
 - 3/18/25 = \$280.00 - raffle ticket sales: Pollman (\$20.00); Hollifield (\$40.00); Hollifield (\$40.00); Mussard (\$80.00); Ries (\$40.00); King / Walrath (\$40.00); Hill (\$20.00)
 - 3/18/25 = \$80.00 - membership dues: Pavsek (\$35.00); Martenis (\$45.00)
 - 3/18/25 = \$410.00 - convention t-shirt reimbursement: Funkhouser (\$46.00); Cannon (\$23.00); Donnelley (\$23.00); Kenny (\$23.00); Hutton (\$23.00); Hughey (\$48.00); Patterson (\$23.00); Patterson

(\$23.00); Lionberger (\$23.00); Patterson (\$23.00); Benson (\$23.00); Weiss (\$23.00); Bare (\$46.00); To-maskie (\$46.00); Anderson (\$23.00)

- Total earnings from two CDs: $\$532.54 + \$547.47 = \$1,080.01$

Opportunity Bank - Total account holdings as of 4/2/25: \$52,775.44

Account Type	Current Amount	Amount Last Meeting	Interest Rate	Term	Maturity
Checking	\$17,076.91	\$19,884.99	-	-	-
Savings	\$1,727.98	\$1,727.77	0.05%	-	-
CD1-6738	\$11,147.25	\$11,147.25	Up to 5.25%	12 mo.	4/18/25
CD2-3512	\$11,253.94	\$10,721.40	Up to 5.25%	12 mo.	3/7/26
CD3-3547	\$11,569.36	\$11,021.89	Up to 5.25%	12 mo.	3/7/26

- Convention Numbers
 - Attendees
 - 182 individuals attend (including speakers and guests)
 - Website webpage views = 1,006
 - Earnings
 - LCBCH auction items = \$4,852
 - Raffle ticket = \$5,925
 - Registration
 - Paper registration = \$7,970
 - Online registration = \$6,693.60
 - Total = \$14,663.60
 - GRAND TOTAL = \$25,440.60
 - Miscellaneous
 - Men's 50/50 raffle = \$482.00
 - Women's 50/50 raffle = \$430.00
 - Youth Program = \$1,800
 - Cost total = \$23,400.17
 - **Net = \$2,040.43**
- Bills Presented
 - Nick Patterson = \$8.56 - convention photo contest decor
 - Nick Patterson = \$400.90 - convention President's Breakfast burritos
 - Sherri Lionberger = \$102.99 - convention supplies
 - Terry Hutton = \$180.47 - convention supplies
 - Ali Kenny = \$9.00 - convention expenses
- Treasurer's report and pay bill: Sherri L motioned to approve, Nick P seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Convention Update: Sherri L reported, the convention was successful; thank you to many of you (members) who participated and helped in preparation and over the weekend. Fred Benson sold the most raffle tickets; he wins \$100 for selling the most!

- Training/Certifications:
 - CPR/1st Aid training opportunity April 5 at Montana Wild; BCHMT can no longer cover the cost; cost will be \$65 per attendee; Merlyn H made a motion for the LCBCH Chapter to pay for the cost per training, Nick P seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
 - Mark Himmel will provide both chain saw and cross-cut saw training; potentially scheduled for April 19th; more info to come
- April 19: Conservation Elders Youth event at fairgrounds; Hughey family and Sherri L will have a 'booth'
- MCC Crew Leader Training: Fred B said he is willing to continue to have the event at his home, but someone else needs to be the "trail boss" to plan and lead the event; generally occurs in May each year; Jason H will check with Adam H at MCC regarding training
- April 10: Merlyn H and Katy D will be presenting info to Helena Outdoor Club re: LCBCH and what we do

NEW BUSINESS

- Lucas Parriman of USFS: discussed good location for saw training – probably up near York/Nelson; he also identified a few potential projects for 2025:
 - Woods Creek: MCC crew, will need more bridge planks and tools/equipment packed in
 - Gates Wilderness: Merriweather canyon needs cleared towards the top of the trail
 - Elkhorns: maybe work to be done near Eagle Guard Station (was scheduled last year but didn't happen); bridge repair at or near Willard Creak area; also possibly pack in tools/gear for MCC to work in the Tizer Cabin area – Jason H will check with MCC
 - Out of area: Lincoln USFS may need help clearing trails in the Nevada Creek/Marsh Creek area near Black Mountain
 - Lucas has a priority list at his office and will share with us for planning purposes
 - Fred B asked about the volunteer forms to be used for adults and children; Terry H will distribute
- May Chapter gathering: Sherri L will check with Neil & Darlene Horne regarding having the event at their home; will plan for a May date that works for most; likely have a freeze branding, packing demo and dutch oven cookoff

OTHER BUSINESS

- John P mentioned he met a person at the gym who does podcasts; he would be willing to go on a trail clearing event and possibly take videos/pictures/dialog for a podcast; no charge to the chapter; might be a good promotional item; no decisions made at this time
- 2025 Memberships Dues reminder: Individual \$35, Family \$45
- Next Meeting: May 2025 – Date to be determined
- Adjourn: Sherri L motioned to approve. All in favor, meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted: Terry Hutton, Secretary