

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

February 5, 2025 7:00 p.m. Montana Wild

- President Jason Hughey welcomed everyone
- Take Roll:
Jason Hughey, Ali Kenny, Terry Hutton, Jason and Cari Funkhouser, Jordan and Ellery Hughey, John Pavsek, Sherri Lionberger, Tom Weiss, Nick and Taylor Patterson, Bob Tomaskie, Alissa Bare, Merlyn Huso, Katy Donnelley, Nicole Anderson, Allen Rowley, Fred Benson
- Minutes from January 2025 meeting: Sherri L motioned to approve, Katy D seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report: Presented by Ali K
 - Still looking to identify an individual to audit our 2024 books, Katy D will check with Jim Darfler

Expenses/Bills

- Sherri Lionberger = \$42.78 (reimbursement for convention packet flyers)
- Sherri Lionberger = \$83.75 (reimbursement for miles to state convention meeting)
- USPS = \$232.00 (annual payment for mailbox fee)
- Katy Donnelly = \$210.20 (reimbursement for convention packet flyers and shipping)

Deposits

- 1/31/25 = \$210.00 (Funkhouser membership dues (\$45.00); Lionberger membership dues (\$35.00); Patterson membership dues (\$45.00); Hutton membership dues (\$35.00) Jody Martin convention vendor (\$50.00))
- 2/3/25 = \$80.00 (Armstrong membership dues (\$35.00) and Wadsworth membership dues (\$45.00))
- 2/3/25 = \$3,750.00 (all convention registration: Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (\$1,100.00); Bruce (\$120.00); Bare (\$120.00); Francis (\$130.00); Selway-Pintler Wilderness (\$610.00); Morse (\$120.00); Wadsworth (\$240.00); Smith-Nix (\$80.00); Mission Valley Back Country Horsemen (\$30.00); Mission Valley Back Country Horsemen (\$960.00); Allard (\$240.00))

Opportunity Bank - Total account holdings as of 2/5/25: \$52,128.30

Account Type	Current Amount	Amount Last Meeting	Interest Rate	Term	Maturity
Checking	\$17,509.99	\$13,293.10	-	-	-
Savings	\$1,727.77	\$1,727.77	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

Bills Presented – None

CD's – 2 of the CD's mature early March, will check with Opportunity Bank to determine best rates and terms; will report findings at next meeting

Convention Numbers (tracking convention separately)

- Attendees
 - 70 individuals registered (including speakers and LCBCH admin)
- Earnings
 - Paper registration = \$3,750.00
 - Online registration (in Stripe) = \$3,023.60
 - Total = \$6773.60
- Treasurer's report and pay bills: Merlyn H motioned to approve, Sherri L seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Training/Certifications:
 - Jason H is checking on 1st Aid/CPR training; funding has or may be reduced to cover costs; the chapter may have to pay for members; 1st Aid/CPR certificates last 2 years; we have a member listing of training/certification request and will check into trainer availability possibly in April
 - Jason H also confirmed Mark Himmel will provide both chain saw and cross-cut saw training; we will need to determine a good location to do both trainings at the same time; will schedule as soon as weather allows and location determined, possibly in April or May
- 2025 Work Projects: USFS will likely have reduced funding in 2025 to hire more help, they will continue to rely on MCC and LCBCH for trail projects; LCBCH currently has funding available from USFS Agreements/Grants for work projects within designated areas; Lucas Parriman, USFS will provide more info to the chapter regarding trails/projects to work on
- Website coordinator needed: Alissa Bare volunteered to give it a try; Lyndsay Smith stopped doing this task as of December 31, 2024; Lyndsay will help get Alissa started and the (BCHMT) state web manager is also helpful. Thank you for volunteering Alissa!

NEW BUSINESS

- Helena Outdoor Club: Club is meeting April 10, 7:00pm, Montana Wild; they requested representatives from LCBCH to provide info on what we do; Merlyn H and Katy D will attend

OTHER BUSINESS

- 2025 Memberships Dues reminder: Individual \$35, Family \$45
- Next Meeting: March 5, 2025
- Adjourn: Merlyn H motioned to approve. All in favor, regular chapter meeting ended.

CONTINUED MEETING/DISCUSSION Regarding 2025 Convention: March 14, 15, 16

- Raffle tickets are still available from Katy D; reminder – top raffle ticket seller gets \$100
- Blackfoot Brewery, Mon, Feb 10, 4:00 – 7:00; Fred B will be selling raffle tickets; please join and help out; Fred will look for signage to put on the table; Sherri L may have one
- LCBCH members who volunteer to work a minimum of 2 hours during the convention *do not* need to register or pay and are welcome to join the Sat lunch and/or dinner buffet

- Volunteer signup sheets for the different areas and days to be covered were available at the meeting; they will also be sent to general membership as there is a need for more volunteers
- LCBCH voting delegates: Jason H, Jason F, Ali K, Terry H, Sherri L, Katy D, Lyndsay S, Merlyn H. Delegates will be attending meetings most of Sat, so other volunteer help would be appreciated
- Convention committee is looking into LCBCH t-shirts with screenprint logos; this will help other attendees identify LCBCH members; more info on cost, etc. will be coming
- Additional silent auction items are welcome; if person/business donating an item requests a tax deduction contribution letter, Lyndsay Smith can provide one to you
- Jordan H mentioned the LCBCH chapter display could use some updating; if you have any photos or other info for the display, please contact Jordan Hughey, 906-563-5514 or jhugheydvm@gmail.com

Respectfully submitted: Terry Hutton, Secretary