

Minutes – Last Chance Back Country Horsemen, Membership Meeting

January 15, 2025 7:00 p.m. Montana Wild

- President Jason Hughey welcomed everyone
- Take Roll:
Jason Hughey, Ali Kenny, Terry Hutton, Cari Funkhouser, Jordan Hughey, Lyndsay Smith, John Pavsek, Sherri Lionberger, Tom Weiss, Nick and Taylor Patterson, Bob Tomaskie, Alissa Bare, Merlyn Huso, Nolan and Sheila Wanner, Katy Donnelley
- Minutes from December 2024 meeting: Sherri L motioned to approve, John P seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report: Presented by Ali K
 - Still looking to identify an individual to audit our books in 2025.

Expenses

- Fred Benson = \$250.00 (reimbursement for saw sheath) (check # 1298; issued 12/11/24)
- Nicole Anderson = \$170.98 (reimbursement for holiday party door prizes) (check # 1299; issued 12/11/24)
- Cathy Lay = \$264.38 (reimbursement for Christmas party food supplies) (check # 1302; issued 1/15/25 to John Pavsek for delivery)

Deposits

- 12/17/24 = \$80.00 (Neil and Darlene Horne - 2025 family membership (\$45.00); Mike Layng - 2025 individual membership (\$35.00))
- 1/16/25 = \$400.00 (raffle ticket sales)
- 1/16/25 = \$305.00 (membership dues)

Opportunity Bank - Total account holdings as of 1/15/2025: \$47,911.41

| Account Type | Current Amount | Amount Last Meeting | Interest Rate | Term | Maturity |
|--------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|--------|----------|
| Checking | \$13,293.10 | \$13,634.08 | - | - | - |
| Savings | \$1,727.77 | \$1,727.55 | 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

Dues Collected at meeting 1/15/2025

- Bob and Debbie Tomaskie (family membership - \$45.00)
- Tom Weiss (individual membership - \$35.00)
- Alissa Bare (individual membership - \$35.00)
- Nolan and Sheila Wanner (family membership - \$45.00)
- Ali and Pat Kenny (family membership - \$45.00)
- Treasurer's report: Jordan H motioned to approve, Cari F seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Chapter Holiday meeting/party; held December 11 at VFW in East Helena; chapter had pre-approved \$300 budget; no cost to attendees for taco bar; planning committee volunteers: John Pavsek, Cathy Lay, Nicole Anderson, Fred Benson (arranged VFW location); total final cost of event for VFW, food and prizes \$635.36
 - Merlyn H motioned to approve payment of balance \$335.36, Katy D seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Training/Certifications: members have indicated training/certifications requests (1st Aid/CPR, chain saw, cross-cut saw); discussed looking into getting these scheduled as soon as possible in 2025
- 2025 Convention Committee update: raffle tickets are still available from Katy D; reminder – top raffle ticket seller gets \$100; 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; volunteer signup forms will be available at the Feb chapter meeting; discussed who the voting delegates were and whether anyone from LCBCH who is working/volunteering for the convention needs to pay the registration fee; convention committee will determine who pays and/or what to pay; in the meantime, **DO NOT REGISTER AND PAY YET**; there is still time to do this; more information to come at the Feb chapter meeting and/or before then by email
- Website ‘manager’ volunteer needed to do chapter updates – Lyndsay Smith is no longer doing this task as of December 31, 2024. Lyndsay will help get the volunteer started and the (BCHMT) state web manager is also helpful. Please consider trying it out and volunteer!
- 2024 Work Projects: potential reimbursement to members for mileage and stock
 - Terry H has the listing of members and mileage; proposed pay at federal rate of \$0.67 per mile
 - Some discussion about paying for stock days; no final determination
 - Reminder: if a member is to be reimbursed and they want to donate back to LCBCH; they cannot return the LCBCH check to void; either member writes check back to LCBCH *or* they indicate they do not want the payment (depends upon their tax situation)
 - Katy D brought up that possibly LCBCH cannot pay members as it may have tax consequences for the chapter; more research is needed to determine if chapter can pay members

NEW BUSINESS

- 2025 Elections: Sherri L had requested nominations from the chapter prior to the meeting; no nominations or volunteers stepped forward; results follow:
 - Officers: Jason Hughey – President; Jason Funkhouser – Vice President; Terry Hutton – Secretary; Ali Kenny – Treasurer
 - Merlyn H motioned to approve officers, Taylor P seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

- State Directors: Katy Donnelley – final two-year term 2025 – 2026; Sherri Lionberger – filling second year term vacated by Krissy Gillispie through 2025; Terry Hutton – Alternate for 2025
 - Merlyn H motioned to approve directors, Nick P seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- State Director Dec meeting update: Sherri L
 - There is now an MOU between National (BCHA) and BLM; May 7th there will be a round-table with BLM in Helena
 - February 17th there will be a National Trails event/discussion with MT legislators in Helena
 - Mile High chapter will host the annual BCHMT Rendezvous, June 27 – 29 at the Gold Creek trailhead area; more info to come
 - Founders Award: nominations due Feb 14 to Connie Long; award presented at state convention
 - BCHA has lost some memberships and therefore funding; requesting additional donations; LCBCH paid \$180 to BCHA in 2024; this item is tabled until Feb chapter meeting
 - Example 2024 for LCBCH members:
 - Individuals paid \$35 = \$20 to BCHMT, \$5 to BCHA, \$10 to LCBCH
 - Family paid \$45 = \$30 to BCHMT, \$5 to BCHA, \$10 to LCBCH
- Future planning: March 14 – 16 State Convention will take majority of time and effort of all chapter members; April chapter meeting – will start discussing projects for the year and invite USFS to meeting; May chapter meeting – usually a gathering for potluck and if no freeze branding, potentially plan for defensive horsemanship training

OTHER BUSINESS

- 2025 Memberships Dues reminder: Individual \$35, Family \$45
- Next Meeting: February 5, 2025
- Adjourn: Katy D motioned to approve. All in favor, meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted: Terry Hutton, Secretary