

Minutes – Last Chance Back Country Horsemen, Membership Meeting

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

- President Jason Hughey welcomed everyone
- Take Roll:
Jason Hughey, Ali Kenny, Terry Hutton, Tom Weiss, Nick and Taylor Patterson, Fred Benson, Bob Tomaskie, Darlene and Neil Horne, Anna Pieri, Mitch Gebe, John Pavsek, Micheal McDaniel, Nicole Anderson, Merlyn Huso, Mike Layng
- Minutes from June 2025 meeting: Fred B motioned to approve, John P seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Treasurer Report July 2025, Ali Kenny
 - Terry H working on review of convention financials. (NOTE: will need committee to audit 2024 year)
 - Our savings account needs to be at \$100.00 and we are encouraged to make an annual \$1.00 transfer from checking to avoid the account going dormant (although we would be prompted to do that before anything happens)

Deposits

- 7/10/25 = \$24.00 (rope purchase; Hutton)

Opportunity Bank - Total account holdings as of 7/2/25: \$50,291.58

Account Type	Current Amount	Amount Last Meeting	Interest Rate	Term	Maturity
Checking	\$14,051.96	\$15,876.93	-	-	-
Savings	\$1,728.20	\$1,727.98	0.05%	-	-
CD1-6738	\$11,688.12	\$11,688.12	Up to 5.25%	12 mo.	4/18/26
CD2-3512	\$11,253.94	\$11,253.94	Up to 5.25%	12 mo.	3/7/26
CD3-3547	\$11,569.36	\$11,569.36	Up to 5.25%	12 mo.	3/7/26

- Bills Presented – n/a
- Treasurer's report and pay bills: Darlene H motioned to approve, Merlyn H seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Some discussion about June 7th, National Trails Day work in the Gates, food receipts from York Bar; need to determine if or how the RAC grant will cover it; Jason H and Darlene H mentioned there will likely be reimbursement for food as Per Diem, as mentioned by Mandy Alvino at June meeting; in the meantime, keep your food receipts until this can all be confirmed

OLD BUSINESS

- Jason H signed a modification to the USFS RAC grant (current grant created by Allen Rowley)
- Jason also said there is another RAC grant application available; proposals due July 31st; Jason will talk with Sherri L and/or Allen R to determine if we should or can apply
- 2025 Work Projects:
 - Gates of the Mountains – Fred B mentioned there is still more to clear on trails within the Gates despite efforts to clear trails on June 7th; Mandy A had listed the Missouri River Canyon trail #257 as

- a higher priority as well as Upper Mann Gulch trail #258, a medium priority; both trails on the west side of the Wilderness; John P suggested a group to clear or at least recon these trails July 21st; watch for more info to come
- Stove Camp/Woods Creek area - Katy D and John P co-trail boss; trail #118 needs to be cleared **before** August, 12th; potential plan – set up camp at Stove Camp for membership get together and clear trail Aug 9 & 10; MCC crew plans to be there Aug 12 – Aug 20th to finish bridge building and/or fixing; LCBCH is also requested to haul in the tools and equipment for MCC Aug 12th and pack out August 20th; more info to come regarding this project once logistics are worked out with USFS & MCC
- June 7, National Trails Day; Gates of the Mountains Wilderness - Fred B is still missing driving mileage, stock use, time worked, etc. from some of the participants; be sure to submit info to Fred as there is potential for reimbursement from the RAC grant (either to you or the Chapter)

NEW BUSINESS

- Jason H mentioned the various emails to members from both BCHA and BCHMT to contact your political representatives/senators regarding federal budget items; namely changing public land to private and potential oil and gas drilling on public lands

OTHER BUSINESS

- John P asked about how best to get more members involved and participating in projects or just getting together in general; the chapter has long term members and newer members who are still learning; Neil H mentioned in his experience, good planning for bigger projects can get more members involved and getting to know each other and learn from experienced members
- Next Meeting: August 6, 2025 – Montana Wild
- Adjourn: Darlene H motioned to approve. All in favor, meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted: Terry Hutton, Secretary