

Minutes – Last Chance Back Country Horsemen, Membership Meeting

June 4, 2025 7:00 p.m. Montana Wild

- President Jason Hughey welcomed everyone; guests – Julie Tate and Mandy Alvino (Helena USFS)
- Take Roll:
Jason Hughey, Ali Kenny, Terry Hutton, Sherri Lionberger, Tom Weiss, Cari and Jason Funkhouser, Nick Patterson, Fred Benson, Bob Tomaskie, Katy Donnelley, Mike Cannon, Darlene and Neil Horne, Teri Juneau
- Minutes from May 2025 meeting: Sherri L motioned to approve, Katy D seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Treasurer Report June 2025, Ali Kenny
 - Terry H to help with auditing early in the summer (NOTE: Terry will help audit convention/need committee to audit 2024 year)

Deposits

- 5/16/25 = \$35.00 (membership dues; Gillispie (\$35.00))
- 5/16/25 = \$145.00 (membership dues; Turner (\$45.00) and Doughty (\$70.00))
- 5/16/25 = \$100.00 (donation from Helena Outdoor Club)
- 5/16/25 = \$100.00 (donation from Tex Pate)

Opportunity Bank - Total account holdings as of 6/4/25: \$52,775.44

Account Type	Current Amount	Amount Last Meeting	Interest Rate	Term	Maturity
Checking	\$15,876.93	\$15,351.93	-	-	-
Savings	\$1,727.98	\$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
 - 5/19/25 = \$75.00 for Lil John's Portables (check #1337; toilet for freeze branding)
 - 6/4/25 = \$8.99 for Ali Kenny (check #1336; treasurer supplies)
 - 6/4/25 = \$274.53 for Katy Donnelley (check #1338; convention food)
 - 6/4/25 = \$56.94 for Terry Hutton (check #1339; freeze branding food)
 - 6/4/25 = \$41.96 for Neil Horne (check #1340; ice for freeze branding and blade sharpening for clip-pers)
- Treasurer's report and pay bills: Darlene H motioned to approve, Fred B seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- 2025 Work Projects: Mandy Alvino provided information
 - Stove Camp/Woods Creek area trails will need to be cleared **before** August, 12th ; MCC crew plans to be there Aug 12 – Aug 10th to finish building the remaining 3 plank bridges and fixing one of the

current ones; LCBCH will also be requested to haul in the bridge planks, tools and equipment for MCC

- The Crow Creek road will be closed for repairs this summer season; Indian Creek road may also be closed; access into the Elkhorns will be limited to other locations; check USFS website for road updates
- Mandy will provide a list of trail work opportunities that are shorter in time and lower in priority
- Question regarding availability of RAC grant funds; Mandy confirmed funds are available
- USFS Modification form will be coming to Jason H to sign
- June 7, National Trails Day: chapter members to work on trails in and near the Gates of the Mountains Wilderness; Fred B and Sherri L are trail bosses and have the equipment we'll need; Fred had volunteer forms available to sign at the meeting; show up Sat at Hunter's Gulch Trailhead at 8:00 for further instructions; track your mileage; meet at York Bar at 5:00 afterwords
- BCHMT State meeting update: Sherri L and Katy D reporting
 - Sherri L had saw cert papers from Mark Himmel; Terry H has papers for members who weren't at the meeting
 - BCHMT Rendezvous reminder: June 27 – 29; Gold Creek; sign up by June 13th
 - MT Trails Coalition – Sherri L is BCHMT rep on this group; they have a new director, they requested the LCBCH 2024 Mann Gulch article (that won the national Double Diamond Award)
 - Katy D provided info about discussion at state directors level regarding sharing of BCHMT info with chapter members; LCBCH will continue as-is
 - Proposal by Smoke Elser to develop a BCH museum in Missoula
 - USFS and local BCH chapter(s) plan to build a 5 acre equine pasture at Monture Creek trailhead

NEW BUSINESS

- Katy D offered to be trail boss for chapter gathering weekend of Aug 9 – 10 at Stove Camp to clear trails before MCC comes in to work on bridges in Woods Creek area; Katy requests a co-trail boss for this project

OTHER BUSINESS

- Next Meeting: July 2, 2025 – Montana Wild
- Adjourn: Sherri L motioned to approve. All in favor, meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted: Terry Hutton, Secretary