

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

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

- President Jason Hughey welcomed everyone
- Take Roll:
Jason Hughey, Ali Kenny, Terry Hutton, Sherri Lionberger, Tom Weiss, Nick and Taylor Patterson, Bob Tomaskie, Alissa Bare, Merlyn Huso, Katy Donnelley, Nicole Anderson, Fred Benson, Lyndsay Smith, Mark Turner, Jeff Brandt, Mike Cannon, Mike Layng
- Minutes from February 2025 meeting: Sherri L motioned to approve, Merlyn H seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report: Presented by Ali K
 - Looking to identify an individual to audit our 2024 books in 2025
 - Taxes? TBD
 - CDs - 3512 & 3547 are set up with variable interest, maturity date 3/7/2025 and currently earning 4.25%. If we leave as-is, they will automatically "rollover" with the same 12-month time and variable interest rate. This is the best deal from OPP Bank. We discussed whether to withdraw any money for the convention; decided not to. Membership agrees to leave as-is. Our other CD - 6738, maturity date 4/18/2025 is the same as the others listed above. We will leave as-is unless we determine a withdrawal is necessary at our April meeting.

Deposits

- 2/18/25 = \$185.00 (Rowley membership dues (\$35.00); Donnelley membership dues (\$35.00); Huso membership dues (\$35.00); Benson membership dues (\$35.00); and Hughey's membership dues (\$45.00))
- 2/18/25 = \$60.00 (convention raffle ticket sales)
- 2/18/25 = \$2,330.00 (all convention registration: Nygren (\$180.00); Martin-Brown (\$120.00); Crawford (\$220.00); Driggers (\$130.00); Hatch (\$130.00); Charlie Russell BCH (\$720.00); Himmel (\$40.00); Harper (\$190.00); Fossum (\$120.00); Westby (\$120.00); Hollifield (\$240.00); Lucas (\$120.00))

Opportunity Bank, Total account holdings as of 3/5/25: \$54,503.30

Account Type	Current Amount	Amount Last Meeting	Interest Rate	Term	Maturity
Checking	\$19,884.99	\$17,509.99	-	-	-
Savings	\$1,727.77	\$1,727.77	0.05%	-	-
CD1-6738	\$11,147.25	\$11,147.25	Variable	12 mo.	4/18/25
CD2-3512	\$10,721.40	\$10,721.40	Variable	12 mo.	3/7/25
CD3-3547	\$11,021.89	\$11,021.89	Variable	12 mo.	3/7/25

Convention Numbers

- Attendees
 - 140 individuals registered (including speakers and LCBCH admin)

- Earnings
 - Paper registration = \$6,080.00
 - Online registration (in Stripe) = \$6,423.96
 - Total = \$12,503.96

Bills Presented:

NOTE: Jason H had list of member's request for payments for 2024 USFS work projects; he will send out letters to members who donated USFS money back to the chapter to thank them for their donation.

- Mike Layng = \$1,778.20 = U.S. Forest Service reimbursement
- Nolan Wanner = \$538.05 = U.S. Forest Service reimbursement
- Nick Patterson = \$378.10 = U.S. Forest Service reimbursement
- Jason Hughey = \$453.35 = U.S. Forest Service reimbursement
- Mike Cannon = \$50.60 = U.S. Forest Service reimbursement
- Nicole Newman = \$236.30 = U.S. Forest Service reimbursement
- Sherri Lionberger = 225.03= U.S. Forest Service reimbursement
- Treasurer's report and pay bills: Fred B motioned to approve, Nick P seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Training/Certifications:
 - Jason H indicated a 1st Aid/CPR training opportunity April 5 or 19; April 5 was chosen; cost will be \$65 per attendee; we have a member listing of training/certification requests, current count is 11
 - Mark Himmel will provide both chain saw and cross-cut saw training; we will discuss with him at the convention; need to determine a good location to do both trainings at the same time, check with Lucas - USFS; will schedule as soon as weather allows and location determined
- 2025 Work Projects: more discussion re: USFS work at April meeting; possible MCC trail support needed in Elkhorns near Tizer Cabin; more discussion at April meeting

NEW BUSINESS

- April 19: Conservation Elders Youth event at fairgrounds; possibly we can have a 'booth' to demonstrate/discuss what LCBCH does
- Katy D brought up if the chapter is interested in guest speakers at meeting; yes we are; maybe future meetings
- 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

OTHER BUSINESS

- 2025 Memberships Dues reminder: Individual \$35, Family \$45
- Next Meeting: April 2, 2025

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

- Friday 3/14 convention start time is 11:00 (per the schedule/agenda); Civic Center will be open at 8:00am; some members will be picking up supplies, etc. at the conex and kitchen trailer at Horne's and going to the

Civic Center; anyone who might be available before 11:00 is welcome to stop by and help with final set up at Civic Center; silent auction items can be brought in anytime Fri (prefer morning if possible)

- Volunteer signup sheets for the different events, days and times were available at the meeting; more members volunteered to help at the meeting; they will be sent to all membership to review
- LCBCH Convention t-shirts, black with screenprint logos have been ordered; got more orders at meeting; they will be available before convention – you may have to wait to get them Friday morning 3/14 at the Civic Center unless they are ready beforehand; Sm, Med, Lrg = \$23, XL and up = \$25; any orders from 3/7/25 and forward will need to be individually ordered and will cost more; (Cari Funkhouser & Terry H)
- Lyndsay S noted we have about 40 silent auction items at this time; additional silent auction items are welcome but they should be displayed all day Sat 3/15; silent auction closes at 7:45 pm Sat
- Reminder: 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
- Adjourn: Fred B motioned to approve. All in favor, meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted: Terry Hutton, Secretary