

## Minutes – Last Chance Back Country Horsemen, Membership Meeting

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

- President Jason Hughey welcomed everyone; no guests attending
- Take Roll:  
Jason, Jordan, Ellery and Brenna Hughey, Ali Kenny, Terry Hutton, Tom Weiss, Taylor, Nick, Payton and Madeline Patterson, Fred Benson, Bob Tomaskie, John Pavsek, Alissa Bare, Sherri Lionberger, Katy Donnelley, Nicole Anderson, Teri Juneau, Anna Pieri, Mark Turner
- Minutes from October 2025 meeting: Nick P motioned to approve, Teri J seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Treasurer Report November 2025, Ali Kenny
  - Dues distribution information
    - LCBCH single membership = \$35; we send \$25 to BCHMT; they send about \$15 to BCHA
      - As a result: LCBCH keeps \$10
      - BCHMT keeps about \$8 - \$10 (Dan Marsh didn't know at the time)
      - BCHA gets the rest of membership payments.
  - Deposits - NA

Opportunity Bank - Total account holdings as of 11/5/25: \$49,145.80

Account Type	Current Amount	Amount Last Meeting	Interest Rate	Term	Maturity
Checking	\$12,905.96	\$13,155.96	-	-	-
Savings	\$1,728.42	\$1,728.20	0.05%	-	-
CD1-6738	\$11,688.12	\$11,688.12	5.25%	12 mo.	4/18/26
CD2-3512	\$11,253.94	\$11,253.94	5.25%	12 mo.	3/7/26
CD3-3547	\$11,569.36	\$11,569.36	5.25%	12 mo.	3/7/26

- Bills Presented
  - \$250.00 = deposit for Event Thyme Catering for Christmas party food (#1345)
  - \$125.00 = deposit for the Christmas party venue (#1343)
  - \$150.00 = deposit for the Christmas party venue (#1344)
- Treasurer's report and pay bills: Sherri L motioned to approve, John P seconds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Terry H asked if ok to submit a receipt for black ink since she does misc. printing for the chapter; attendees consensus ok'd this

## OLD BUSINESS

- Christmas Party: John P, Ali K, Alissa B planning committee; Fred B is VFW venue contact; Fri. December 5, VFW open at 5:00 for set-up and decoration, Janet Benson helping with decorations; Event Thyme caterer starting at 6:00; Ali created a draft invite; group discussion about attendee costs; decided \$10 per adult, kids free (can be paid at the event); other people (non-members) can be invited; the invite will include a

request to RSVP by Monday, November 24 to ensure we have a head count for the caterer; attendees are encouraged to bring a homemade desert for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Bake-off; a traveling “Golden Spatula” trophy award will be given based on voting; there will also be a raffle drawing for prizes; current approved budget \$1,000, costs may go over this a bit

- USFS/RAC (Resource Advisory Committee) report for work done in 2025 by LCBCH for reimbursement; Terry H submitted the report and request for reimbursement BUT the federal government shutdown has put everything on hold; once Mandy Alvino and the USFS gets back to work the documents will get finalized and sent on
- Elections: Terry H volunteered to find nominees for officer/director elections to be held in Jan 2026; per the by-laws: ARTICLE 7 – ELECTIONS
  - Section 1 All Officers and State Board Directors must be members in good standing and shall be elected at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the year. Their term of office shall be at the end of their nominal term (one year) plus or minus those days, which make up the difference to the nearest election date.
  - Section 2 No Officer shall hold the same office for more than three consecutive terms.
  - Section 3 A nominating committee of three current members shall be selected one month prior to the election of Officers.
  - Section 4 The nominating committee shall provide a list of suitable candidates for Officers and State Board Directors to the membership. Nominations for other candidates may also be made by any current member at the election meeting.
- Current nominees identified:
  - President – John Pavsek
  - Vice President – Mike McDaniel
  - Secretary – Terry Hutton
  - Treasurer – Ali Kenny
  - State Director – Sherri Lionberger (Note: Katy Donnelley will continue in her role thru 2026)
  - Alternate State Director – Terry Hutton
- As noted in Article 7 Section 4; other members are encouraged to volunteer as a nominee!!
- Other roles include: Forest Service Point of Contact (Pres); Public Lands Rep (Vice Pres); Membership Coordinator (to be filled); Website Coordinator – Alissa Bare; Volunteer Hours Coordinator – Terry Hutton; Alternate Email Contact – Sherri Lionberger

## NEW BUSINESS

- Future meeting presenters: John P mentioned some ideas; maybe someone from FWP; Jason H mentioned maybe a shooting range day as a group; presenter regarding handgun safety info; some good discussion about ideas; chapter would welcome presenters for monthly meetings in the winter and spring
- L&C County Search and Rescue: Fred B is a current member; he indicated they are looking for more equine user volunteers; they meet monthly on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of each month in East Helena on Valley Dr (near Fire Station); you get training and some reimbursement along with injury/work comp coverage via L&C Co; training includes Wilderness First Aid (2 year certification); contact Fred B for more info if interested
- Life Flight Network, (Steve): he was a presenter at the March 2025 State Convention; Jason H has talked with him about possibly providing Wilderness First Aid training; training takes two days; cost per person \$450; certification is for 2 years; they need a minimum of 10 people up to 18; discussion about the cost, could LCBCH subsidize some of the cost for members; discussion about inviting other local outdoor related groups (hikers, bikers, snowmobilers, etc.) to get enough people; possibly also invite other BCH Chapters;

Jason said event could possibly be in April 2026; Jason H will gather more info and share with members at another meeting

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- LCBCH Website: Dan Marsh (GVBCH) provided some helpful info on how to better manage our website; Alissa B, Terry H and Ali K will work together to make this happen
- LastChanceBCH email group: Ali K has been working on streamlining the lists; we also need to determine who can or should have access to it; Katy D mentioned maybe the lists can be broken into paid members only and another 'bigger' list of current and past members and other interested people
- Next Meeting/Gathering: December 5, 2025, Christmas Party – VFW, East Helena
- Adjourn: Sherri L motioned to approve. All in favor, meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted: Terry Hutton, Secretary

**Reminder – RSVP for Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party to [LastchanceBCH@gmail.com](mailto:LastchanceBCH@gmail.com) by Nov 24. More info to come!**