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## MVBCH GENERAL MEETING April 5, 2022

Mack Long, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Candy Weimer reported a bank balance of \$23,872.57. There were no changes or corrections. Those present voted to accept the balance as reported.

**Minutes:** Draft minutes were distributed via email to all members prior to the meeting by Mark Potter, Secretary. There were no corrections or additions. Those present approved a motion by Pete Weimer and seconded by Theresa Lynch to accept the draft minutes into record.

**2022 State Convention (Dillon):** Mack Long commented that the Three Rivers Chapter did a great job hosting the convention. MVBCH had four delegates in attendance: Connie and Mack Long, Laura Nelson, and Mark Potter. The State Directors from our chapter (Connie and Mark) were reimbursed one-way mileage expense at the federal rate of \$.585/mile.

**Spring Ride:** The Spring Ride at the Muele Ranch at Dayton will be held May 22. Event set-up will be on Saturday, May 21 (large rainfly, tables, chairs, wall tent for registration, firepit, flagging the trail, etc.) along with a potluck dinner. All members should bring a dessert to share for the Sunday meal. A Pre-ride will be on Sunday, May 15 to determine the trail ride course.

Bonnie Kiser made a motion, approved by those present, to donate two Spring Ride tickets to Polson Fairgrounds, Inc. to use as a door. Kiser also made a motion to approve spending \$200 for door prizes for the event. Pete Weimer seconded the motion, which passed.

Bonnie Kiser reported that she arranged liability insurance coverage for the event a cost of \$279.00.

**State Board Meeting:** The next BCHMT Board Meeting will be held Saturday, May 14 in Deerlodge.

**Trail Work:** Mack Long reported that trail work for the U.S. Forest Service is covered by either a volunteer or Cost-Share "agreement" (contract) which provides worker protection via Worker's Compensation, should an injury occur. The USFS requires trail crew sawyers to have training certifications in Defensive Horsemen, CPR/First Aid, and chainsaw and/or crosscut saw use. Trail crew members who are not operating saws do not need the saw certification, but still need the Defensive Horsemanship certification and the CPR/First Aid training is highly recommended.

The trails we clean are close to St. Regis in the Lolo National Forest Superior Ranger District. Participants meet at Dixon at 8 am for a required safety review.

Donlan Saddle Trail (205) cleanup is May 7. The trailhead is a couple miles west of the Ferry Landing River access (12 Mile Bridge). The trail is 3.5 miles to the CC Divide Trail.

Flatrock Creek Trail (253) cleanup is June 4. The trail is about 6 miles from the lower trailhead (I-90 exit 22, about 12 miles west of St Regis) to the intersection with Tamarack Creek Road (284). We divide into two crews and work from both ends.

Olson Peak or Keith Creek Trail cleanup is June 18. More information forthcoming.

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## **Certification Courses:**

Saw Certification Class: April 30, 10 am at Patrick Creek, 1 mile west of 12 Ferrys Landing, Hwy 135. Mark Himmel, Charlie Russel BCH, is the BCH certified instructor for this class. Both chainsaw and crosscut certifications will be offered.

Defensive Horseman Certification: Rescheduled for Friday, May 6, 1-5 pm at the Long Ranch, Charlo. Mack Long will be the instructor for this class.

**Highway Cleanup**: April 28, Hwy 35, Milemarker 12 at 4:30 pm.

Those present approved a motion to adjourn made by Theresa Lynch.