

**BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF MONTANA AGENDA**

Ponderosa Room at Fairmont Hot Springs, Anaconda, MT  
Friday, March 8, 2024, 11:00 a.m. – 2024 Pre-Convention State Board Meeting

**(10:30 a.m. - Nominating Committee Meeting in Ponderosa Room - to be attended by the Senior Director of each chapter)**

Call to Order and Welcome	Wade Murphy, State Board Chair
Pledge of Allegiance	All
Roll Call	Keni Hopkins, State Board Secretary
Minutes	Keni Hopkins, State Board Secretary
Introduction of Newly Elected State Directors	Wade Murphy, State Board Chair
Treasurer's Report	Sandy Himmel, State Board Treasurer
Vice Chair's Report	Mack Long, State Board Vice Chair
National Directors' Reports	John Chepulis and Brad Pollman, Nat'l Directors, Henry Gottardi, Alt. Nat'l Director

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Issues	Chuck Miller
Education	Vacant (any Volunteers?)
Expansion and Membership	Brad Pollman
Newsletter	Deborah Schatz has resigned/Casey Waldrop has taken over
Newsletter Mailing List/Membership Report	Nancy Pollman
Website/Facebook	Dan Marsh
Horse Safety / Horse Safety Program Re-write	Smoke Elser
Forest Service Agency Liaison	Smoke Elser
Advisory	Sherri Lionberger and All Past Chairs
Forest and Travel Plan Revisions	Sherri Lionberger
Youth Program (report will be given Saturday)	Greg Schatz

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Volunteer Agreement Report / Cost Share	Mack Long
Light on the Land	Greg Schatz and Mark Himmel
Inventory Update	Mack Long

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nominating Committee Report	Dan Marsh
Treasurer Expense Report / Call for Outstanding Bills	Sandy Himmel
Audit Committee	3 Volunteers Needed
Nez Perce-Clearwater / Lolo Forest Plan	Mack Long

**OTHER BUSINESS / EVENTS**

Any attended events to share?

*Announcements:* Wade Murphy, State Board Chair  
*Evening events include Cash Bar/Cross-Cut Saw Competition  
and Social Time with Music and Dancing by Ken Rich from Butte*

**NEXT MEETING**

Sunday, March 10, 2024, ~12:00 p.m., Bitterroot and Sapphire Rooms at Fairmont Hot Springs, 1500 Fairmont Road, Anaconda.

Meeting Adjourn at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

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Bitterroot and Sapphire Rooms, Fairmont Hot Springs, Anaconda, MT  
Saturday, March 9, 2024, 8:00 a.m. – 2024 Convention State Board Meeting (Day 1)

Breakfast in Cutthroat Room (7:00 – 9:00)	"Early Riser" Breakfast for ticket holders
Convention Call to Order / Welcome (8:00)	Wade Murphy, State Board Chair
Presentation of Flag by American Legion of Butte (8:05)	All
Pledge of Allegiance (8:15)	All
Roll Call (8:20) <i>Remind folks to use microphone, state name and chapter and to silence phones - refer them to info sheets and sign-in sheets (maximum of 8 delegates) and turn sheets into Keni</i>	Keni Hopkins, State Board Secretary
Kahoot! Introduction (8:35)	Leah Hamilton
General Session Opens (8:45)	Wade Murphy, State Board Chair
Announcements re Convention Details (8:45)	Mile High and Upper Clark Fork Chapters
Vice Chair's Report	Mack Long, State Board Vice Chair
Treasurer's Report / Inventory for Sale	Sandy Himmel, State Board Treasurer
2023 Membership Report	Sandy Himmel, State Board Treasurer
2023 Volunteer Work Hours Report	John Chepulis, National Director
Youth Education Opportunities	Greg Schatz, Youth Chair
Nominating Committee	Dan Marsh, Nominating Committee
Morning Break (10:00 – 10:30) <i>Remind folks to bid on the Silent Auction items, vote for their favorite photos and visit Vendors during break</i>	Cutthroat and Grizzly Rooms and Foyer
Volunteer Agreement / Challenge Cost Share / Regional Forester Meeting Report (10:30 – 11:00)	Wade Murphy, State Board Chair and Mack Long, State Board Vice Chair
Mules of the Mines Presentation (11:00 – 12:00)	David Armstrong
Break for Lunch (12:00 - 1:00) <i>Remind folks to visit vendors during lunch break</i>	Buffet for ticket holders – Cutthroat and Grizzly Rooms and Foyer
National Directors' Reports (1:00 – 1:30)	John Chepulis/Brad Pollman, Nat'l Directors, Henry Gottardi, Alt. Nat'l Director
BCHA Membership Dues Increase Discussion (1:30 – 2:00)	Brad Pollman, National Director
Break Out Sessions (x3) (2:15 to 4:15)	Main Meeting Space, Ponderosa and Meadowlark Rooms
<b>Announcements:</b> • Evening events include Social Hour/No Host Cash Bar (5:00 – 9:30); Banquet Meal (ticket required) (6:00 – 7:00); Keynote Speaker (Smoke Elser) (7:00 – 7:45); Silent auction closes, live auction begins and raffle ticket drawings (7:45 – 9:30); Checkout services for live and silent auctions (9:00 – 10:00) <b>SET CLOCKS AN HOUR AHEAD for Daylight Savings Time!</b> • Cowboy Church Sunday in Ponderosa Room (7:00 – 7:45); Chapter Presidents' and Vice Presidents' Mtg. and Breakfast in Grizzly Room (food in Cutthroat-ticket required) (7:30 – 8:30); Breakfast Buffet (Cutthroat-ticket required) (7:00 – 9:00)	Wade Murphy, State Board Chair
Meeting Suspension to Sunday, March 10, 2024, 8:45 a.m., Bitterroot and Sapphire Rooms at Fairmont Hot Springs, 1500 Fairmont Road, Anaconda.	

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Sunday, March 10, 2024, 8:45 a.m. – 2024 Convention State Board Meeting (Day 2)

Presidents' and Vice Presidents' Breakfast (7:30 – 8:30)	Grizzly Room for ticket holders
Call to Reconvene (8:45)	Wade Murphy, State Board Chair
Roll Call (8:50) <i>Remind folks to use microphone, state name and chapter and to silence phones - refer them to sign-in sheets (maximum of 8 delegates) and turn sheets into Keni</i>	Keni Hopkins, State Board Secretary
Election of 2024 National Director and Alternate (9:00)	Dan Marsh, Nominating Committee
Wall of Honor Presentation (9:15 – 9:45)	Wade Murphy, State Board Chair
10th Annual Founder's Award Recipient (9:45 – 10:00) <i>Previous Winners: 2015 Mark Himmel, 2016 Smoke Elser, 2017 Phyllis Ausk, 2018 Mack Long, 2019 Connie Long, 2020 Greg Schatz and Kathy Hundley, 2021 Deena Sholtzberger, 2022 Cindy Betlach, 2023 Rich Inman</i>	Connie Long, Founder's Award Chair
Morning Break (10:00 – 10:30) <i>Remind folks to visit vendors during morning break</i>	Cutthroat and Grizzly Rooms and Foyer
Auction Proceeds and Treasurer's Report (10:30 – 10:45)/	Sandy Himmel, State Board Treasurer
Audit Committee Report (10:45 – 10:55)	Assigned Committee
Saw and Phot Contest Winners and Prizes (10:55 – 11:25)	Mile High and Upper Clark Fork Chapters
Convention Rotation (11:25 – 12:00) 2025 – Last Chance (includes Presentation) 2026 – NorthWest Montana 2027 - ?	John Chepulis, National Director
Other Business	
Thank You to Mile High and Upper Clark Fork Chapters <i>Remind folks to turn in their name tags and remove all Convention items and décor before leaving</i>	Mack Long, State Board Vice Chair
Meeting Adjourn to Post-Convention State Board Meeting at 12:00 p.m.	

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Sunday, March 10, 2024, 12:00 p.m. – 2024 Post-Convention State Board Meeting

Call to Order and Welcome	Wade Murphy, State Board Chair
Pledge of Allegiance	All
Roll Call	Keni Hopkins, State Board Secretary
Minutes <i>(Note: The minutes for this weekend's meetings will be provided for approval at the May 18 Meeting)</i>	Keni Hopkins, State Board Secretary
Treasurer's Report / Payment of Bills Received	Sandy Himmel, Treasurer
2024 Proposed Budget	Sandy Himmel, Treasurer
Vice Chair's Report	Mack Long, Vice Chair
National Directors' Reports	John Chepulis/Brad Pollman, Nat'l Directors, Henry Gottardi, Alt. Nat'l Director

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None [Committee reports were given at Friday's meeting]

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

2024 State Officer Elections: Dan Marsh, Nominating Committee  
Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer

2024-2025 Board Meeting Schedule (May 18, Wade Murphy, State Board Chair  
September 28, December \_\_\_\_,  
Pre-Convention \_\_\_\_\_, 2025)

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING**

Saturday, May 18, 2024, 10:00 a.m., Location: Elks Lodge, Deer Lodge

Meeting Adjourn at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.