



EAST SLOPE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

30 YEARS TRAIL TAILS FEB. 2010

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Bob Hermance

Vice President:

Ronald Ries

Sec-Treasurer:

Fred Fitzpatrick

State Director:

Fred Fitzpatrick (09-11)

Merlyn Huso (08-10)

Alt. State Director:

Connie Manning (09-10)

Chapter Directors:

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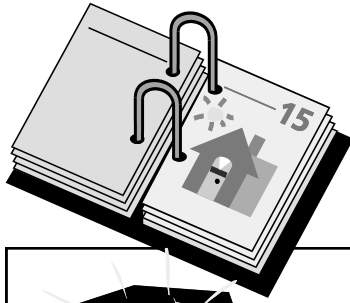
President's Letter

Greetings,

We are starting into the new year with projects planned and the chili feed will be later this month. We look forward to seeing and visiting with everyone on the new projects. We are planning several projects this year including the Equine Expo that has been a great hit in past years. The Expo will be in Choteau, April 17, included with the Equine Expo is the tack swap, so if you have any tack you want to trade or sell, this is a great opportunity to hit the horse crowd. We also are planning to have some fun day rides, these dates will be published in the upcoming newsletters. Gloria Preputin and Don Cleveland are in charge of the day rides and if anyone has a fun suggestion, I am sure they would be happy to visit with you.

LeAnn and I are in Florida enjoying the sunny weather. It is not really hot, but warmer than the freezing fog you are getting. Stay Warm and hopefully the weather will be better by the time we get home.

Bob



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAYS
FEB 2010**

Cletis Gregory, Steve Hutton,
Dick Kinyon & Ginger Flesch

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO ALL**

**EAST SLOPE BACK COUNTRY
HORSEMEN**

Unofficial Minutes of the Regular Meeting
January 9, 2010

Opening

The regular meeting of the **East Slope Back Country Horsemen** was called to order at 5:30 P.M. in Dunkirk, MT at the Frontier Inn and Supper Club by: President; Bob Hermance.

Members Present

Bob & LeAnn Hermance, Don Cleveland, Dick & Gloria Preputin, Dick & Mary Jane Kinyon, Bill Poser, Al Winter, Clete Gregory, Steve Hutton, Lisa Schmidt, Abby Hutton, Joe & Helen Suta, Bob & Charlotte Marshall, Bob Facklam, Pat Daily and Fred Fitzpatrick.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the newsletter on a motion by Mary Jane Kinyon.

Treasures Report

The treasures report was given and Connie Manning had some bills for newsletters and postage in the amount of \$147.94; Fred presented two mileage bills for state directors meetings in the amounts of \$187.65 and \$98.00; Merlyn Huso had a mileage bill for \$98.00. Clete Gregory made a motion to accept the report and pay the bills, the motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Dick Kinyon gave a report for the nominating committee and went down the list of candidates that they had come up with for this year's elections. They

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Feb. 27: Chili Feed and Meeting at Ron & Deb's House. 5:00 PM

March 19-21: 2010 BCH State Convention
Bozeman at the Holiday Inn

are as follows; Bob Hermance for President, Ron Ries for Vice President, Fred Fitzpatrick for Secretary/Treasurer, Connie Manning for State Director, Bob Facklam for Alternate State Director, Kelsey Fitzpatrick for Junior Director, Gary Manning, Steve Hutton, Lisa Schmidt, Don Cleveland and Dale Sands for Chapter Directors.

New Business

Fred reported on the resolution that himself, Merlyn Huso, Greg and Deb Schatz have been working on that with approval be sent to the Back Country Horsemen of Montana State convention in Bozeman. This resolution will hopefully be submitted as a joint resolution from the Back Country Horsemen of the Flathead and East Slope Back Country Horsemen. On a motion from Clete Gregory the membership gave their ok with a couple of minor corrections on the resolution.

We then discussed when to hold the next directors meeting and it will be held on February 3, 2010 at Bob & Leann Hermance's in Conrad at 6:30 P.M.

We then discussed when to hold our annual chili feed, it was decided to let the directors find a date and place possibly for late February or early March.

Bob Hermance then presented the annual President's Award. This year's recipient is Clete Gregory as he had been instrumental with helping Bob on numerous matters and has been very gracious as serving as our annual election administrator for the past decade.

Bob Hermance then turned the meeting over to Clete Gregory to hold the elections after going over the ballot and taking nominations from the floor the elections were held and the results are as follows; President, Bob Hermance; Vice-President, Ronald Ries; Secretary / Treasurer, Fred Fitzpatrick; State Director, Connie Manning, Alternate State Director, Bob Facklam; Chapter Directors, Steve Hutton, Lisa Schmidt and Dale Sands; Junior Director, Kelsey Fitzpatrick

Other Business

Dick Preputin brought up the suggestion of having a Fun Ride Coordinator and after discussion and the possibility

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of having two coordinators; Helen Suta made a motion to have Gloria Preputin and Don Cleveland head up the fun rides, motion carried.

Bob Hermance brought up the idea of possibly having a work project at the Beartooth Game Range on Memorial Day.

Pat Dailey also suggested that another project that could be done in that area would be to preserve the crosses of the fire fighters at Mann Gulch.

We also discussed the possibility of helping out with the newly acquired Charlie Lincoln property by Fish, Wildlife and Parks. This is something that has been in the works with Gary Olson of FWP previously and who will possibly be our featured speaker at the chili feed when it is rescheduled.

Adjournment

On a motion by Fred Fitzpatrick the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

**East Slope Back
Country Horsemen's
New Officers and Directors for 2010**

Our annual dinner and elections was held at the Frontier Inn at Dunkirk, MT and the following is the results from the election.

President:

Bob Hermance

Vice President:

Ronald Ries

Secretary-Treasurer:

R. Fred Fitzpatrick

State Director:

Connie Manning

Chapter Directors:

Steve Hutton

Lisa Schmidt

Dale Sands

Junior Director:

Kelsey Fitzpatrick

Alt State Director:

Bob Facklam

Remaining Chapter Directors are Dick Kinyon, Debbie Ries and Bob Facklam. R. Fred Fitzpatrick is the remaining State Director.

CHILI FEED

Bring your favorite cooker of chili to share with the rest of the members. If you would rather bring rolls or a dessert you can do that too. 5:00 PM is the starting time. I believe there will be a program as well. Larry Copenhaver with the Montana Wildlife Federation will be giving a talk, we would like a big turn out.

**2010 MONTANA STATE
BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
CONVENTION**

The convention will be hosted at the Holiday Inn, 5 Baxter Lane, Bozeman, MT.

<http://hibozeman.com/> 1-800-366-5101 or 406-587-4561. Convention rate discounts will be offered through March 5, 2010.

Contact information may also be found on the enclosed brochure. Or online at;

www.bchmt.org

**Back Country Horsemen of
Montana 2010 Convention Agenda**

Friday March 19, 2010

12:00pm Nominating Committee

1:00pm State Board Pre-Convention Meeting

1:00-9:00pm Convention Registration

Raffle Ticket Sales

Photo Contest Registration

Chapter Displays

Vendor Table Setup

7:00pm No-Host Cocktail—Dry Fly Saloon

Saturday March 20, 2010

7:00am Convention Registration

Raffle Ticket Sales

Photo Contest Registration

8:00am Presentation of Flag

Invocation

9:00am General Session Begins

10:00am Morning Break (PLEASE visit the Vendors)

10:30am General Session Continues

12:00pm Luncheon (Ticket Required)

1:00-2:00pm General Session/Presentation

2:15-5:00pm Workshops

6:00pm No Host Cocktails

6:30pm Banquet Buffet (Ticket Required)

Raffle Drawings

Silent & Live Auctions

9:00pm *SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT ~ Montana Rose*

Sunday March 21, 2010

6:30am Cowboy Church service

7:30am No Host Presidents' Breakfast

7:30am Breakfast (Ticket Required)

8:30am General Session

10:00-10:30 Break

12:00pm General Session Adjourns

Chapter and Vendor Display removal

12:15pm State Board Post-Convention Meeting

*Conrad Centennial Parade
October 2009*

*Bob Hermance, Ron Ries, Fred Fitzpatrick
and Debbie Ries*

