



EAST SLOPE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

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President's Letter

Dear ESBCH Members,

The 2011 ESBCH year is off and running just as predicted.

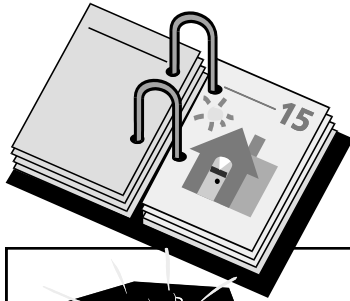
We had some minor housekeeping to take care of at our first Director's meeting on the 26th of February. Steve Hutton our Vice-President elect resigned his remaining year of his two year Director position. The Board of Directors elected Debbie Ries to fill this position. Fred Fitzpatrick stepped down as State Director due to a complicated issue on term limits. The Board of Directors elected Ron Ries to fill the remainder of his position.

We had the Chili feed Saturday Feb.26th and the chili was hot but the weather was not. Only the locals were able to make it due to the cold and blowing snow. Thank you to Ron and Debbie for hosting.

The horse clinic at Wylie Gustafson's for members only was rescheduled for April 2. The cost is \$30.00 per participant to be donated to the Ranch horse 4-H program. Lisa Schmidt talked to some of the 4-H leaders and told them we would like to take the 4-H'ers on an overnight pack trip /work project. They were really excited with the idea. In order for this to happen the 4-h'ers would have to be an ESBCH member. The Board decided to use the funds from the Clinic to help pay for the membership of the 4-H'ers that want to go on the trip. We hope that you will participate in the Clinic. It sounds like a lot of fun and we might get some of the Horse 4-H'ers and their families involved in our club.

The calendar of events and projects is in the newsletter and on the web site. Please get your calendar out and plan a few week-ends with us. We will have a good time and the projects help improve the mountain trails for all to enjoy.

Your President,
Bob



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAYS
FEB/MAR.
2011**

Cletis Gregory, Steve Hutton, Dick Kinyon.
Ginger Flesh, Adam Fitzpatrick, Taylor Hayes
and Will Early

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO ALL**

**Draft minutes of the February 26,
2011 Directors Meeting**

Directors' meeting was called to order by Bob Hermance at 4:40 pm. Members present are Bob Hermance, Kurt Dyer, Steve Hutton, Lisa Schmidt, Ron and Debbie Ries, Fred Fitzpatrick and LeAnn Hermance. Sign in sheet and minutes of the annual meeting were passed around. Minutes were read and having no corrections, Fred moved to accept the minutes as read, Steve 2nd, motion passed.

Treasurer's report was given, no bills were presented. Steve Hutton moved to accept treasurers report as read, Dr. Dick 2nd, motion carried.

No committee reports presented.

Unfinished business.

Steve Hutton resigned his position as director. At this time we have three members willing to run for this position. Debbie Ries, Bob Facklam and Don Cleveland. Debbie Ries gave a short presentation why she is running for this position. Due to weather Bob Facklam and Don Cleveland were not present. Fred moved to close the ballot and Steve Hutton 2nd, motion carried. Board

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mar. 25-27: BCHM State Convention in Butte, Mt. Copper King Hotel

Apr. 6: Directors Meeting in Conrad, 7:00 PM
Bob & Leann's House

Apr. 20: Regular Meeting at the Conrad Library in Conrad at 7:00 PM

May 4: Directors Meeting in Conrad, 7:00 PM
Bob & Leann's House

May 18: Regular Meeting at the Conrad Library in Conrad at 7:00 PM

May 28-30: Memorial Day Weekend & Work Project (Swift Dam Trailhead)

members voted and Debbie Ries will fill this position for one year.

Due to term limits, Fred Fitzpatrick asked to resign from the State Director position. This will be the last year as his position as State treasurer. Fred is in line to be vice chairman of the state but he will be term limited out. To be in position to run for the vice chair position, he needs to step down for one year. Kurt Dyer explained the reasons behind the state term limit reasoning. Bob Hermance read the by-laws as to the vacancy of the position. Steve Hutton moved to have the directors vote on this position, Lisa Schmidt 2nd, motion carried. Two nominations for the position were Dr. Dick Kinyon and Ron Ries. After a vote by the directors, Ron Ries will now be the new state director.

Article V, Officer and Directors ESBCCH Constitution changes were reported on by Fred Fitzpatrick. To change the secretary and treasurer position to read: **Officers of this organization shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurers, and such other officers as the voting membership, may from time to time, create, also be it noted that from time to time the position of Secretary and Treasurer can be combined if such arrangement is approved by the voting membership.** This change will be voted upon by the general membership.

Program director – Discussion as to if we want to keep the program director with the vice president or appoint another member. Suggestion was to have Vice President Steve Hutton and Ron Ries give assistance to do this position together. They agreed.

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The Wylie Gustafson riding clinic will be march 5th from 10 am to 4pm at Wylie's riding facility. Lisa Schmidt explained that the cost of the riding clinic will be a donation to the 4-H Ranch Riding group. A suggestion was to do a packing clinic or mountain trail ride as the donation, or participate on a work project. For them to participate on this ride they will need to be a member. One issue is that kids have to be 16 to have an individual membership or a family membership is required. Kurt Dyer motioned that we charge \$30 per person for participants in the clinic to fund an internal grant program to educate the 4-H horse group in the art of packing. Dick K 2nd the motion, motion carried.

New Business:

A chain saw certification/recertification or cross cut certification clinic will be held on April 16th and 17th in Helena. Response for the clinic is needed by March 15th. Ron Ries and Fred Fitzpatrick are current with their certification. Anyone interested in more information contact Bob Hermance.

Convention registration – Fred passed out information on the convention March 25-26th. To participate in the convention and be a delegate, you must participate in the entire program. Participating will be Kurt Dyer, Debbie & Ron Ries, Bob & LeAnn Hermance, Gary & Connie Manning and Merlyn Huso.

An update on the bicycle trespass resolution in the wilderness sponsored by ESBCH and Flathead group was presented. There currently is no enforcement on this problem. This resolution is to bring awareness of this problem to the attention of the U.S. Forrest Service.

The state board has put together a resolution to the BCHA which will be presented at the state convention. This resolution would state or resolve "that only BCHA National Board of Director Members from member state organizations is allowed a seat, voice and vote on the BHA Executive Committee".

Calendar and Projects:

Bob Hermance passed out maps of potential work projects and the projects for 2011 are:

Swift Dam - putting up a permanent high line on Memorial Day weekend.

July – 9th Weed pulling and 4-H clinic

June 11th – Trail 153 Blackleaf to N. Fork of Dupuyer Creek

July 23rd – Blacktail Bridge, planks to be replaced

August 7th Swift Dam Poker Ride and Trail Clearing

Labor Day packing clinic September

Next directors meeting – April 6th, Bob Hermance residence, dinner 6:30 meeting 7:00. Regular meeting April 20th, 7:00 pm, Conrad Public Library, program to be announced. June directors meeting at Hutton's. Meals for May – Fred, July - Ries, August – Dr. Dick.

No further business meeting Steve Hutton moved to adjourned, Dr. Dick 2nd, motion carried. 6:46 meeting adjourned.

Draft minutes of the February 26, 2011 General Meeting and Chili Feed

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Bob Hermance at Ron and Debbie Ries. Members present: Joe & Helen Suta, Zane Drishinski, Dr. Dick K., Clete Gregory, Kurt Dyer, Fred Fitzpatrick, Steve Hutton, Lisa Schmidt, Will Early, Abby Hutton, Nancy Powell, Bob & LeAnn Hermance, Ron & Debbie Ries, Wyatt Fisher

Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Dick moved to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter, Steve Hutton 2nd, motion carried.

Treasurers Report:

The treasurers report was given, no bills presented, Steve Hutton moved to accept the report as given, Lisa Schmidt 2nd the motion, motion passed.

Committee Reports:

There was no committee reports presented.

Unfinished Business:

Regular meetings of the ESBCH will be moved to Conrad. Next meeting will be April 20th, Conrad Public Library at 7:00 pm.

Fred Fitzpatrick explained the changes of the ESBCH Constitution. Wording clarifications on

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Article V, Section 1 to read: Officers of this organization shall be President, Vice President, **Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as the voting membership, may from time to time, create, also be it noted that from time to time the position of Secretary and Treasurer can be combined if such arrangement is approved by the voting membership.**

Article VII, Section 5 to read: No officer shall hold the same office for more than three consecutive terms. There shall be no limit for service by Chapter Directors **or the positions of Secretary and Treasurer.** Helen Suta moved to accept the changes as presented, Clete Gregory 2nd the motion, motion passed. Fred will change the constitution and send out to the membership. Dr. Dick reported on the Labor Day packing clinic. Tentative plans are to go to Circle Creek by Cabin Creek. There is camping on the preserve side. 2nd day fun ride to Bear Lake and the route back might be different. We hope for lots of participation from members. Riding clinic at Wylie's will be March 5th. Cost \$30 per person, bring lunch & horse.

New Business:

Calendar for the 2011 season is listed in the directors' minutes. Fred Fitzpatrick will also publish the calendar on the website. Fred also went over the resolutions to be presented at the state convention:

- *Bicycle trespass in the Bob Marshall Wilderness and Surrounding Wildlands, developed with the Flathead Chapter and
- *BCHA resolution that only BCHA National Board of Director Members from member state organizations is allowed a seat, voice and vote on the BCHA Executive Committee.

These resolutions were passed by a unanimous vote of the membership present.

Fred Fitzpatrick resigned as State Director. Due to term limits and to be able to run for Vice Chair of Montana Back Country Horsemen next year, this needs to be done. By a vote of the Board of

Directors, Ron Ries will fill the position. Since Steve Hutton was voted in as Vice President of ESBCB in January, he also resigned as Director. By a vote of the Board of directors, Debbie Ries will fill the remainder of the term.

Due to weather, Mike Madel was unable to attend. Fred Fitzpatrick will show a presentation on his trip to the Chinese Wall.

Steve Hutton moved to adjourn the meeting, Dr. Dick 2nd, meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Thanks to Ron and Debbie for sharing their home and hosting the Chili Feed.

ESBCH CONSTITUTION CHANGES

These changes reflect the split of the job of Secretary/Treasure into two separate positions.

SECTION 1

Officers of this organization shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as the voting membership, may from time to time, create, also be it noted that from time to time the position of Secretary and Treasurer can be combined if such arrangement is approved by the voting membership.

SECTION 5

No officer shall hold the same office for more than three consecutive terms. There shall be no limit for service by Chapter Directors or the positions of Secretary and Treasurer.

Hello fellow ESBCH members,

The horsemanship clinic at Wylie Gustafson's indoor arena has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 2.

The same details apply -- bring your own lunch and a horse. Or if you just want to watch, bring your own lunch. The cost will be \$30 per person, check or cash. Checks can be made out to our club because we will use those funds to supplement ESBCH memberships for 4-H Ranch Horse Project members. We plan to take those 4-H members on an overnight pack trip/weed pull on July 9-10.

Wylie would like to have some semblance of a head-count so if you plan to attend, please let me know.

Thanks,
Lisa Schmidt
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MEETINGS

Directors Meetings 1st Wednesday of each Month at 7:00 PM (Place may change and dates are tentative as they are needed ask a board member if you are not sure and would like to attend.)

Regular Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Conrad Library in Conrad, MT at 7:00PM

ESBCH Website:

www.bchmt.org/esbch/default.html

2011 Calendar

East Slope Back Country Horseman

January 8:	Annual Dinner and Election of Officers and Directors in Choteau, Mt at 4:00 PM
February 26:	Directors Meeting in Conrad, Mt. at 4:30 P.M.
February 26:	Regular Meeting and Chili Feed in Conrad at 6:30 P.M.
March 5:	Wylie Gustafson Horsemanship Clinic in Conrad at 10:00 A.M.
March 25-27	BCHM State Convention in Butte, Mt. at the Copper King Hotel
April 6:	Directors Meeting in Conrad, Mt. at 7:00 P.M.
April 20:	Regular Meeting at the Conrad Library in Conrad at 7:00 P.M.
May 4:	Directors Meeting in Conrad, Mt. at 7:00 P.M.
May 18:	Regular Meeting at the Conrad Library in Conrad at 7:00 P.M.
May 28-30:	Memorial Day Weekend and Work Project (Swift Dam Public Park and Trailhead)
June 1:	Directors Meeting in Conrad, Mt. at 7:00 P.M.
June 3-5:	Whoop -up Trail Days, Parade, Rodeo in Conrad, Mt
June 4:	National Trails Day
June 11-13:	Work Project: (Trail 153 North Fork of Dupuyer Creek)
June 15:	Regular Meeting at the Conrad Library in Conrad at 7:00 P.M.
June 25:	Valier Homesteaders Days, Parade in Valier, MT
July 4:	Choteau 4th of July Celebration - Parade, Rodeo and Fireworks
July 6:	Directors Meeting in Conrad at 7:00 P.M.
July 9-10:	4-H Youth Pack Trip and Weed Pulling Work Project (Gibson Reservoir or Green Fork)
July 20:	Regular Meeting at the Conrad Library in Conrad at 7:00 P.M.
July 23-24:	Blacktail Bridge Work Project (Hannon Gulch)
August 3:	Directors Meeting in Conrad at 7:00 P.M.
August 6:	Grizzly Days and Parade in Dupuyer, MT
August 6-7:	Poker Ride and Work Project (Trail Work around Swift Reservoir)
August 17:	Regular Meeting at the Conrad Library in Conrad at 7:00 P.M.
September 3-5:	Labor Day Weekend and Chapter Pack Trip
September 7:	Directors Meeting in Conrad at 7:00 P.M.
September 21:	Regular Meeting at the Conrad Library in Conrad at 7:00 P.M.
October	Directors & Regular Meetings in Conrad (TBA as Needed)
November	No Meetings Hunting Season Good Luck
December 3:	Christmas Party, Gift Exchange & Meeting (TBA)
January 2012	Annual Dinner and Election of Officers and Directors (Date & Place TBA)

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Vice President: Steve Hutton
Sec-Treasurer: LeAnn Hermance
State Directors: Connie Manning-Ronald Ries
Alt. State Director: Kurt Dyer
BCH of MT Chairman: John Chepulis
Editor: Gary Manning
Webmaster: Fred Fitzpatrick
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Chapter Directors:
Lisa Schmidt
Debbie Ries
Merlyn Huso
Dick Kinyon
Dale Sands
Gary Manning

Call the event chairperson or Bob Hermance (278-5378) with any questions.
Fun Rides will be posted in the news letter.



Back Country Horsemen of Montana State Convention
Copper King Hotel in Butte, MT
March 25,26 & 27, 2011

Visit the following website for more information

<http://www.bchmt.org/>

Wylie Gustafson

Horsemanship

Clinic



April 2, 2011

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