



EAST SLOPE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

30 YEARS TRAIL TAILS JAN. 2012

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President's Letter

Greetings to everyone,

To those of you that missed the annual meeting at Ron & Debbie Ries' home, you missed a real treat, the smoked prime rib and other cowboy entrees were fantastic.

I will refer often to "cowboy" ways without discriminating against the fairer gender. My delicate darling wife realized she was a "cowboy" when she roped and loaded a wild range cow and calf in a stock trailer solo. She was in the Utah desert ~ twenty miles from the nearest help.

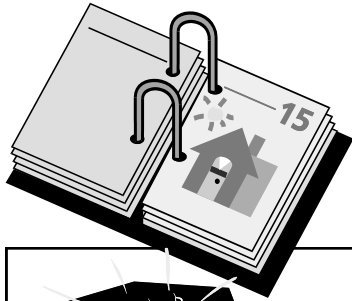
On our educational pack trip into Green Fork last summer, I understand snorkel gear might be considered a vital addition to your packing list. Ask the ESBCH newly elected treasurer for details and plan to attend as many ESBCH meetings as you can this year so you won't miss any of the very best adventure stories in the land. The March Chili feed should be a real treat, hope to see you there.

My pacemaker surgery went very well. They let me out the same day so I didn't corrupt the nursing staff. I was chopping ice one-handed for the cow herd at -30F the next day. I was back horseback in sub-zero weather 3 days later, even though I had to saddle my horse one-handed.

Seriously, I look forward to serving as your President and hope we can have a lot of good trips into the wilderness this season, improve some trails, fix some hazards, have a good safe time, enjoy the work and be a positive influence to help keep wilderness areas open for horses and riders to enjoy for generations.

Back in the saddle,

Steve Hutton



HAPPY BIRTHDAYS JAN. 2012

Joe Suta, Zane Drishinski, Dale Sand,
Colleen Gustafson, Shirley Brogger,
Drew Drishinski & Erin Galloway

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL

East Slope Back Country Horsemen Annual Meeting and Election of Officers January 7th, 2012 Ron and Debbie Ries's 5:21 PM

President Bob Hermance called the meeting to order at 5:21 PM. Connie Manning moved to accept the minutes as published, Sue Facklam 2nd, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Fred reported there were three checks written at the last meeting for supplies, news letter and church usage. Fred did send a check to the state for dues \$500.00. Bills presented were from Connie for state board meeting expenses and newsletter costs \$281.05. Steve Hutton moved to pay the bill as presented, Merlyn Huso 2nd the motion, motion carried.

Committee Reports: Connie M., Merlyn H. and Kurt D., attended the state board meeting in Missoula on December 10, 2011. Merlyn was asked by the Coalition to Protect the Rocky Mountain Front to do a presentation to Baucus at the state meeting in March. Baucus did front the bill and they wish to keep him in line as a sponsor

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Feb. 16: Regular Meeting at the Conrad Library at 7:00 PM
Mar. 7: Directors Meeting-Location Pending 7:00 PM
Mar. 10: Chili Feed and Regular Meeting at the Ron & Debbie Ries's 4:00 PM dinner At 5:00 PM
Mar. 31-Apr. 1: State Convention in Billings

of the legislation. Education handouts have been developed on "Mountain Manners". And a CD on Bear awareness for schools & club presentations is available. Connie received the packet on the state convention. Raffle tickets and registration forms are available, contact Connie. State convention will be March 30, 31st and April 1st. This year individuals will pay their own registration and the club will reimburse the members after the convention. We have space for 8 delegates.

Fred reported memberships were down by 5 families and 2 singles. A current membership list will be going out in March. Currently we have 17 families and 5 singles and 2 family secondary members.

State Convention: Connie has the raffle tickets. The club needs to donate 1 club prize for the live auction of which the proceeds go to the BCH of MT. Photo contest entries need to be entered by 9 AM on Saturday. The cross cut saw contest will be held again and Ron needs a costume for his team. Debbie has the picture board, anyone who has pictures of projects please let her know.

A discussion was held on changing the regular meeting date to a Thursday since we are running into conflict on Wednesday's. We will try the new date in hope it will improve attendance. Steve H. moved to change the regular meeting date to Thursday, Gary M. 2nd, motion carried.

Elections of Officers: Election was held and the officers are as follows – President Steve Hutton, Vice President Dick Kinyon, Treasurer Connie Manning, and Secretary Le Ann Hermance. Directors are Debbie Ries, Lisa Schmidt and Bob

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Facklam, State Director Fred Fitzpatrick, Alternate State Director Bob Hermance. The Junior Director was not filled.

Presentation of "Outstanding Member" plaque was given to Connie Manning in appreciation of all she has done for the club. Thank you, Connie.

There will not be a board meeting in February but the general meeting will be Thursday, February 16th at 7 PM at the Conrad Library. Next board meeting will be before the Chili Feed on March 10th.

No further business, meeting was adjourned at 6:35 to enjoy the prime rib dinner provided by the board of directors.

LeAnn

CLUB NOTICES

ESBCH has moved the dates for the regular meetings to the third **Thursday** of each month. There was some conflicts with the meetings on Wednesdays.

March 10: at 10:00 AM —Prior to the Chili Feed we will be having a First Aid certification class. There will be a charge—Check with LeAnn for the details. 406-289-0119

The results of the Election of the Officers were as follows:

- President: Steve Hutton
- Vice President: Dick Kenyon
- Secretary: LeAnn Hermance
- Treasure: Connie Manning
- State Directors: Fred Fitzpatrick
Ron Ries
- Alt. State Director: Bob Hermance
- Chapter Directors: Dick Kinyon
Merlyn Huso
Lisa Schmidt
Bob Facklam
Debbie Ries
Gary Manning

Jr. Director: None

PAST PRESIDENTS LAST LETTER

Greetings to All,

First I would like to thank everyone who stepped forward to run for the officer and board positions. We have a strong board who will lead the club effectively and efficiently. Thank you.

We have changed our regular meetings to Thursday nights. Our first general meeting is February 16th, 7 PM at the Conrad Public Library.

I encourage everyone to attend the meetings and if you have a program you would like to hear, let one of the board members know. We will be talking about the planning of this year's calendar.

Our chili feed is scheduled for March 10th at Ron and Debbie Ries's home. Meeting starts at 4 pm and dinner at 5. If you have anyone who is interested in our club, this would be an excellent time to bring them. The state convention will be in Billings, March 30, 31 and April 1st. This year's raffles items are a steer head stained glass window, \$500 certificate towards purchase of 4 new tires and a \$400 certificate towards a custom made hat from Rand's Custom Hats. Board members have the tickets.

This is now my last president's letter. (I thought that two letters ago.) It has been an honor to serve and work with all the members of the club. The Back Country Horsemen will face increasing issues on trail use and maintenance and wilderness. Though we might not all agree on how to protect what we have out our back door, we need to be proactive to protect our rights as horsemen in the backcountry.

Bob

We have a number of friends that need our prayers: Sue Facklam, Fred Fitzpatrick, Steve Hutton, Jim Brogger, Dick Preputin and Debbie Ries may they all have a speedy recoveries. Thank you Dick and Ron for cooking the yummy prime rib. The potatoes, vegetables and breads were amazing and then came the delicious dessert. I do not think we could have purchased a better dinner anywhere. We collected \$220.00 from the annual dinner, this paid for the prime rib. Thank you to the club members who made the rest of the dinner.

Thank you Bob for the President Award.
Connie