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President's Letter

Greetings to everyone,

This is the last time I will be writing as President of the East Slope BCH. I will be turning the reins over to someone that you will elect on January 7th 2012 at the annual meeting. I have enjoyed being your president for the last 3 years.

2011 was a good year for fun projects, we put up a horse high line "in the snow" and some new signage for "no loose horses" at the Swift Dam camp ground. This will keep the camping area free of horse meadow muffins. We had a few 4-H'ers join us on a work project at the Welcome Creek Administrative site. We didn't work very hard at this one, but what a gorgeous ride and the weather was awesome.

Next year we will do a little better planning so more 4-H'ers will be able to participate. The Hannon Gulch admin site was the nicest administrative cabin on the front; it had running hot water and electricity. We really enjoyed staying at this cabin. The next day we rode about 7 miles with bridge planks and extended an existing bridge and replaced a few planks on another bridge. The Swift Dam Poker ride was a success as usual. We had great weather and a good size crowd, everyone that stayed for the prizes received one "yes everyone".

If it has been a while or you have never been on one of our work projects try to make plans in 2012 to help us out. It is a good feeling to make the Back Country a better place to ride and enjoy doing it.

The Christmas party is December 3 in Choteau at the Baptist Church. We always have a lot of fun and plenty of good food. Bring a small gift to exchange, some members are ruthless about taking the gift away from anyone if it is one they want. This is a Chinese gift exchange and it is fun.

January 7th 2012 we will kick off the New Year with a Dutch oven prime rib dinner and all the trimmings for only \$10 per person. This will be put on by the Officers and Directors. If you are interested in getting involved in an elected position let me know. If not just come as a member and enjoy.

I want to thank everyone for being members of the East Slope Back Country Horsemen and we appreciate all that you contribute.

Your President

Bob



HAPPY BIRTHDAYS NOV-DEC 2011

Jack Geiger, Ed Susor, Scott Hayes,
Linda Redding, Bonnie Gregory, LeAnn
Hermance, Linda Huso, Gabriele Drishinski
and Owen Gustafson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL

ESBCH GENERAL MEETING September 21, 2011

President Bob Hermance called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. Fred F. Moved to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter, Lisa Schmidt and Connie M. 2nd the motion, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Fred Fitzpatrick gave the treasurers report. Bills paid were Connie M. for \$167.73, poker ride groceries and newsletter. Bills presented were for mileage to the state convention for Fred and Connie, \$111.51 each and Debbie Ries for \$75.52 Swift Dam work project groceries day before Poker ride. Steve Hutton moved to pay bills as presented, Dick K. 2nd, motion carried.

Program: Ron and Debbie Ries did a slide show presentation on their trip into Scapegoat and Half-moon.

Committee Reports: Nomination committee – Fred Fitzpatrick will head up the committee this year along with Ron Ries and Dick Kinyon. If anyone wishes to run for a position please contact one of the three. Fred will have a list of positions open at the next meeting.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Nov. 24, 2011: Thanksgiving Day

Dec. 3, 2011: Christmas Party, Choteau Baptist Church in Choteau. 5:00 PM

Jan. 7, 2012: Annual dinner and Election of Officers at Ron & Debbie Ries's In Conrad 5:00 PM

State Committee Report: Held in Deer Lodge, Fred stepped in for Kurt Dyer and they picked up Merlin Huso in Helena. One issue is the cost of the conference call. Clubs are responsible for having two members at the board meeting. Clubs who do not pay for members should pay for the conference call. Not much is going on at the National level. Chain saw and cross cut certification individuals need to 1st aide certified. Forrest Service said no firearms on a work project. This to be worked on by Joani Packard and was deemed not very intelligent by club members. It was requested that web sites be updated with work project pictures. There now is a BCH of MT license plate. Cost is \$25.00 and can be requested at treasurer's offices. Next convention will be March 30th at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center. Leslie Weldon from the forest service will be the speaker. Fred F. and Deb Schatz worked on the mountain manners project brochure and got a price of .48 each. Fred discussed HR 1505, which is before the house. Basically it says Homeland Security will take over all federal lands and remove any restrictions, even those in the 1964 Wilderness Act. Fred wrote a letter in response to be sent to Congressman Rehberg. There are still issues with bicycling in the Wilderness. Next meeting will be December 10th in Missoula.

Fred did a Facebook update. People are starting to check out the website. Also Fred received a request for packing stock and replied that our club does not loan or rent stock in a very nice letter. More comments were received on what a nice trail head Swift Dam is.

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Certificates of Appreciation were signed for the very generous businesses who donated to the Swift Dam Poker ride. Please if you go into their businesses, thank them for their support. Businesses who donated are listed in the newsletter.

Unfinished Business: Bob Hermance moved to nominate **Bob Facklam** to full fill the remained of the open directors' position, Lisa Schmidt 2nd the motion, motion carried. This position will be up for election at the annual meeting. The **Christmas party** will be December 3rd in Choteau at the Baptist Church. Festivities will start at 5:00 pm with a potluck and then the Chinese gift exchange. The **Annual meeting** will be January 7th, 5:00 pm, at Ron and Debbie Ries. Cost will be \$10.00 per person and the chapter will furnish the meat and officers and directors will bring salad and deserts.

A discussion was held on the meeting schedule for October. With the number of meetings and hearings to be attended Bob Facklam moved to cancel the October and November meetings, Lisa Schmidt 2nd the motion, motion carried. Reminder the next regular meeting will be the Christmas party in Choteau, December 3rd. Ron and Debbie to send their gifts with Fred F.

No further business, Fred moved to adjourn, Connie 2nd the motion, meeting adjourned 8:52 pm.

LeAnn

2011 SWIFT DAM POKER RIDE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Party and Gift exchange will be held at the Baptist Church in Choteau at 5:00 PM.

There will be a Chinese Gift exchange so bring a gift if you would like to participate. Please mark your gifts for (male or female).

Annual Dinner & Election of Officers will be held at the home of Ron & Debbie Ries, at 5:00 PM. We will be having a Prime Rib dinner with all the trimmings. The cost will be \$10.00 each for the dinner. We will be electing our new officers at this time, if you are interested in a position let one of the nominating committee know.



Cricket is a 7 year old registered black and white tobiano paint mare. She has been ridden and is green broke. She has great stamina and is a quick learner and will do great in an environment where she can work as she gets bored otherwise. She is very gentle and is great when working with her feet.

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