



MEETING MINUTES
January 12, 2017
Cottonwood Creek Retirement Center

Chapter President Fred Leslie called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. There were 19 members present. Fred welcomed everyone and explained that our primary meeting purpose is to plan our service projects and rides for 2017. Doris Richards reported on service hours, for 2016 our chapter had a total of 1235 hours (also 11,422 service miles and 43 stock days. Next, Stephanie Yeager gave the Treasurer's report, we have \$9,354.04 on hand and a proposed 2017 budget of \$7,372.26, leaving \$1,972.78 in prospective discretionary funds. Stephanie also reported on the results of our annual dinner meeting and silent auction. At or just prior to that event we took in \$1,705 in new or renewing memberships, and the silent auction brought in \$1,681. Final expenses for the banquet haven't yet been totaled, Stephanie is still waiting for a few receipts. Fred thanked everyone who helped out with the dinner and auction, including Bill, Monica, Starr, Tyra, Bill's fiancée (congratulations!) and Kim.

Next, Fred noted that it has been over 10 years since our chapter bylaws were reviewed, and asked for volunteers for a committee to review these. The review will include looking at the State bylaws updated in 2016 to ensure that we are consistent and complementary with those. The committee will consist of Beverley Heffernan, Pat Wilson, Diana van Uiter, Harold Sullivan, and Fred Leslie.

Fred also noted that the chapter needs a Secretary, and Perry White has resigned as 2nd Vice-President, so we need volunteers to step up to fill both of those positions, please let Fred know if you are interested. The Board presently consists of Fred as President, Bill McEwan, 1st VP, Stephanie Yeager, Treasurer, Lisa Caddy, Public Lands, Doris Richards, Service Projects and Beverley Heffernan, President Emerita.

As Service Project coordinator, Doris will be calling on members to help scope out service project needs and logistics, so please help out where you can. This

generally involves getting on your horse and riding the trails to see where work is needed, so it's an opportunity to get service hours while hauling and riding.

Fred also observed that we should pursue educational opportunities as we've done in the past- particularly pack demonstrations, Leave No Trace presentations and presentations on the BCH mission. If you know of any such opportunities please let any Board member know and we'll pursue it.

Next, service projects and rides for the year were proposed, discussed and scheduled, please see attached schedule. As always, some events might be subject to change/rescheduling as we get closer due to a variety of factors like weather. Please see attached 2017 schedule.

One scheduling item was the Christmas party, the first two Thursdays in December were already booked, but Perry was able to reserve Wednesday, December 13, the fee is \$200. Monica noted that Father John has offered us the use of the parish hall at St. Vincent de Paul, just a couple of blocks from our chapter meeting location, for free, if we want to consider it.

After completing our calendar for the year, the floor was opened for other business. Monica Zoltanski noted that there is a meeting next Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Sandy City Hall to discuss rezoning a couple of properties to be developed along the south side of Dimple Dell. Equestrians are encouraged to attend this meeting so that we can learn more and help ensure that horse activities are not adversely affected by zoning changes. Lisa Caddy noted that Draper City has designated an area in Corner Canyon where an obstacle course can be built, near the new trailhead at the top of the canyon, and funds are available. Lisa asked for the formation of a committee to help pursue this, and will keep interested members informed as to next steps. There was discussion of the Horse Expo, Monica is coordinating a demonstration on preparing your horse for trail riding with desensitization, Fred will be coordinating with the Expo organizers and we'll need to finalize a 30 minute time slot. Finally, Diana van Uitert relayed that East Canyon Resort is looking for someone to run a horse concession in East Canyon, if you know of anyone interested, let her know and she will relay the message.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Minutes by Beverley Heffernan

MOUNTAIN RIDGE BCH 2017 SCHEDULE

Thursday Feb. 9, 7 p.m. Monthly Chapter Meeting, Cottonwood Retirement Center, 7 p.m.

Saturday Feb. 11 Puddle Valley Ride (plus training opportunity) (Fred Leslie) Be ready to ride in the saddle at 10am.

Thursday Mar. 9, 7 p.m. Monthly Chapter Meeting, Cottonwood Retirement Center, 7 p.m.

Saturday Mar. 11 Antelope Island Ride, White Rock Trailhead. (Lisa Caddy) Be ready to ride in the saddle at 10am.

March 17-19 Horse Expo, Need help setting up the booth Thursday night, and manning it all day Saturday. Please contact Fred Leslie. Also, we are hoping to do a half hour demo of how to train your horse to handle trail obstacles. Contact Monica Zoltanski if you are willing to help.

Saturday March 25 Dimple Dell Service Project (Doris Richards)

Thursday Apr. 13, 7 p.m. Monthly Chapter Meeting, Cottonwood Retirement Center, 7 p.m.

Saturday April 15. Corner Canyon ride and service project. (Lisa Caddy)

Thursday May 11, Sandy Pride Day service project (Doris Richards)

Saturday May 13 Sheep Creek ride. (Scott Richards) Be ready to ride in the saddle at 10am.

Saturday May 20, (Pony Express Association) Pony Express Swearing In. Want to join the Pony Express? Contact Diana van Uitert.

Saturday June 3, National Trails Day, service project and ride in Yellow Fork (Doris Richards)

Sunday-Monday June 11-12, (Pony Express Association) Pony Express Re-Ride Wyoming to Ibapah

Saturday June 17-24 Sandy Adventure Week.

Wednesday June 21 6:30 pm Horse Packing Clinic (Packing, HiLine, Hobbles, Knots — please attend to learn skills needed for the pack trip in Aug) 7:30 Public Ride (Fred Leslie) This is our part of Sandy Adventure Week. This will also be our June meeting. Meet at Dimple Dell Monument Trailhead.

Friday-Saturday July 14-15 East Canyon Big Springs Camp, Ride and Service Project. (Diana van Uiter) We will have the opportunity to ride the Mormon Trail (Friday) and will help pass out water bottles and do trail patrol for the Canyon-to-Canyon Run. We may also have the opportunity to do some trail work on the Mormon Trail, helping to provide gate openings for horse access for the months of June-Oct.

Thursday Aug. 10, 7 p.m. BCHU Obstacle course and burger burn and monthly meeting. If you plan to go on the pack trip, please attend this meeting for information and details. (Bev Heffernan)

Friday-Saturday Aug. 18-19 Woodland Bench Creek Pack Trip (Fred Leslie) Cost will be \$40, food provided. Maximum 15 people (first 15 to pay Fred). Please attend the training meeting June 22 to learn necessary skills to prepare your horse for its first pack trip. Also please attend the Aug. 10 meeting for more details and information. Must be a current MRBCHU member.

Saturday Aug. 26 Woodland Little South Fork Service Project (Fred Leslie) We will continue the project we started last year, clearing trails with chain saws and hand-loppers. Some members may go up Friday for a ride and camp.

Saturday-Sunday Sept. 9-10, Payson Canyon Blackhawk camp and ride (Cindy Furse).

Thursday Sept. 14, 7 p.m. Monthly Chapter Meeting, Cottonwood Retirement Center, 7 p.m.

Saturday Sept. 16 Hemangog Service Project and Ride (Fred Leslie). Horses should be experienced and reliable trail horses, in good shape, for this particular ride.

Saturday October 7 Annual ASHAU Obstacle Course at Dimple Dell, (Doris Richards)

Thursday Oct. 12, 7 p.m. Monthly Chapter Meeting, Cottonwood Retirement Center, 7 p.m.

Saturday Oct. 14 Settlement Canyon Ride (Tyra Canary) Be in the saddle ready to ride at 10am.

Saturday October 27-28?? Annual Bison Roundup Antelope Island (watch their website for more details)

Thursday Nov. 9 7 p.m. Monthly Chapter Meeting, Cottonwood Retirement Center, 7 p.m.

Saturday Nov. 11 Mile Marker 10 near Mercur ride. (Fred Leslie) Be in the saddle ready to ride at 10am.

Wednesday December 13, Christmas Party and Elections