

Back Country Horsemen of Utah 4/14/2012

WELCOME And CALL TO ORDER: Craig Allen. Purpose of this meeting is to prepare delegates with our desires for them to take to the National meeting. All Chapters present except Bridgerland, Canyonlands, and Uinta Basin.

MINUTES: Linda Morrison. Reviewed and approved by body.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bev Heffernan asked to be excused. Craig Allen reported. Went over expenses, and checks written. Received \$2078.00 from auction and \$87.00 for Logan Coach reimbursement. Have @\$12,000 in bank with @\$9,000 going out. State is in good shape. Motion made to accept, seconded and approved by body.

OLD BUSINESS:

Committee Reports:

Communication: Carol Lang not present, but will continue with services....passing on information and Web page.

Education: Scott Leroy is working on dates for National LNT training. Still working on getting it going. Radio station KFAN 1320 AM to provide a weekly call in to describe a trail or related topic, live on air with sponsorship of AA Callisters or someone else Tues nights at 7:05 pm. Need to schedule for Chapters to call in. Scott Leroy to coordinate and remind chapters. Bruce Kartchner's book is a good reference. Started with sign up sheet. Needed for 20 weeks, May through Sept. Craig Allen and Terry Morrison to fill in. 801-486-4669.

Development: Kent Evans called away on emergency. Craig Allen reported we have a new chapter. Nathan Wagner President. Escalante area. Canyon County Chapter. Met all criteria to be a chapter. Will be the 13th Chapter. Motion to accept, seconded and approved. Kent Evans still working with Panguich group. Looking for leaders.

Technology: Bruce Kartchner not present. On hold.

By Laws: Check on line to make sure your chapter's is there. No new ones.

Marketing Committee: Freddy Dunn passes out brochure for corrections for final printing. On heavy stock paper to hand out on trails from saddle bags. Has 500 now to pass out. Can print on lighter weight paper if needed. Presented new metal signs that have been made for each chapter that folds up for storage with moveable labels with "trail ride" or "trail work" and place for a flag on it. Get own box for container. Art work done by Kathy Jensen. Proposed to accept extra costs of signs and brochures, seconded and approved. Chapters can order more if wanted. Each sign is less than \$100.00. Call Star Sign and Banner 435-862-6181 to order. Still have \$1000.00 left from budget. Suggestions made for where to pass brochure out. Agreed to have more made in heavy stock paper and give out proportionally to Chapters. Dave Howells suggested getting some funds from Horse Council's education funds. Suggested getting signs with trail manners on them for trails. Suggestion made to use money for coloring books and more brochures. Suggestion made to make brochures/poster for feed stores, etc. Motion made for Marketing committee to use final \$1000.00 for marketing, brochures, posters, coloring books. Seconded and approved. Freddy to get coloring books for each chapter to decide if they want to order or not, if they could use them. Bring chapter input for May. Suggested having chapters find ways to help sustain State's marketing committee.

Public Lands: Wayne Ludington reported they did not get the grant, not specific enough. Scott Leroy to work with Robin , Freddy Dunn and Wayne Ludington for grant writing. Craig Allen reported there was still \$1840.00 coming to use for education. Wrote letter to support sage grouse population as long as trails were not closed to stock travel. Caution of email asking for personal information. Sent email to Carol Lang for contact to sent information to. Sierra Hiking Club has lawsuit against stock in National Parks, Kings and Sequoi national parks r/t to packing into these national parks. Wanted to get horses off trails. Judge ordered an impact study. Need to keep eye on situation. Horse rights Supported by Wilderness Act.

Other: Terry Morrison that Jack Prescott has had back surgery and is doing well. Terry Morrison reported on a letter that Moab had written r/t mining rights and wanting BCH support. Suggested that any letter of BCH support needs to go through proper channels for support and needs to stick to our mission statement. Scott Leroy proposed that Craig Allen writes something up in the Newsletter and each Chapter needs to be reminded to stay with mission statement. May want to mend State by laws to included guidance in this area. Task given to Richard Webb to check into language for amendment at next member meeting. Craig Allen reported for Bev Heffernan that she needs email addresses of members. Exploring proposal to get newsletter on line along/instead of mailing. Did getal file for calling adds on line. On main page of web site. Group OKed it to be there.

STATE MEETING SCHEDULE:

May 19th H-H will host

August 25th hosted by WF

HORSE EXPO: Suggested having Demo Dude in Chapter booth area instead of arena for presentations. Attendance down every year. Suggestions made to make it better. Dave Howells to check in to it.

NEW BUSINESS:

UTAH 2011 VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORT: Craig Allen passed out report. Over \$250,000 hours of volunteer hours. Next year keep track of number of miles of wilderness and non wilderness trails/areas. Craig Allen to publish again what counts as wilderness and non wildness areas for reporting.

BCHEFA GRANT: Already discussed.

FRAUDULENT LETTER: Already discussed.

KFAN RADIO BROADCAST: Already discussed.

LNT MEMBERSHIP: Has been renewed and Craig Allen is willing to train again.

DOUBLE DIAMOND and LEGACY AWARD: Nomination for next year.

Scott Leroy to head up committee. Wayne Ludington to assist.

INVITATION for participant in Millcreek Outdoor adventure. Gave to MR to support with a booth.

TRAILS EXTRANAVGANSA: Wayne offered to do it next year in Richfield. Suggested doing it in March along with Board meeting. Possible doing it with Horse Council in up coming years. Decided not to do the Extravanza separately this year.

LUNCH

NATIONAL MEETING PREPARATIONS: Wayne Ludington stated the grass roots is the strength on the organization, and working with local land managers in conjunction with the backing of a national organization. Have two past National Directors on our board, Dave Howells and Terry

Morrison. Proposals:

1. Executive Director has been hired, Rick McLean. Very qualified from North Carolina. Will give organization some continuity. Wyoming's proposal to hire and fine funding for the Executive Director. Discussion. Board voted FOR proposal unless addition information becomes available at National meeting.
2. Increase in dues of \$5.00. Discussed and voted FOR.
3. Requesting one fee for single/family for membership was voted FOR with maintaining family designation.
4. Frank Church, Idaho's resolution. Discussed and Board voted AGAINST unless additional information is presented at National meeting.
5. Communications need to be better, direct email to be adopted. Voted FOR unless additional information is presented.
6. Wayne presented Public Lands Meeting Schedule. Discussed.
7. Idaho's proposal wants to be electronically submitted rather than making individual CDs for States reports. Board voted FOR it unless additional information is presented.
8. Idaho proposal R/T packer position and eliminating position. Asking for BCH to write a letter of protest with closing the packer/ranger station. Board voted to vote FOR proposal.

CHAPTER REPORTS.

WF. Scott Leroy reported on Antelope Island clean up and ride. Got new member from Florida. Reviews each ride what the BCH mission is.

MR. Paul Deputy reported still working on Dimpledell Park project. Has obstacle course at Grantsville planned this year. All invited for \$10.00. 4/21/2012. Lunch included. 10:00 am. RSVP to Paul Deputy.

HU. Terry Morrison reported all projects are on web. Completed chain saw re-certification. Moving up projects this year as probably can get into area sooner than last year.

B. Scott Leroy reported to check out web site for help with a packing project. Need help with the packing. Invite all.

CU. Craig Allen read report. 62 members. Rides scheduled this summer. Continue work in TOSH area. Invite all to join. CU chapter noticed.....great job at revitalizing their chapter.

H-H. 5 new people certified for chain saws. Doing bridge repair in Conjunction with Provo City and Forrest Service. Other projects planned.

First Saturday each month will be scheduled projects with Forest Service. Start using cones or signs on trails to let bike riders horses are doing work project. Work with HU on some projects.

SR. Wayne Ludington reported on turning several areas into equestrian trail heads and trail. Concerned about having some trails designed as wilderness area and not being able to help clear with chain saws.

WD. Mary Poe reported on K hill trail being finally wrapped up and will pay for some sand stone benches along the way. First Forest service project about to start on May 24th. chapter small and works well with other community groups.

SW. Betty Stokes reported they worked on project with BLM and UDOT to clean out tumbleweeds. Looks good and road is good after bringing in road base. Members working with other user groups to complete projects. Replacing water heads so water Canberra used more efficiently. Planning on taking a

group of Russian people on a ride and to a Dutch oven dinner. Special thanks to Freddy Dunn and Betty Stokes for being a great hosting chapter for Board Meeting. Rides great and accommodations wonderful. Freddy Dunn gave information on how to access the Equestrian Design Guidebook for Trails, Trailheads and Campgrounds. Forest Service has it or is on line. Reference number is 4E42A87-- RTP Equestrian Trail Design Guide. Will mail it to you if requested. Craig Allen reported on State level. He is on Trail Advisory Committee for the next 6 years. Other user groups are very supportive of BCH. We have a reputation of being dependable. BCH is the #2 volunteer group for nation. He is back to getting LNT going strongly again.

MOTION MADE TO ADJOURN: Seconded and approved.

Chapter picked up their brochures and signs.