

BCHA WASATCH FRONT
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Pledge of allegiance

Financial report by Lyn Taggart; report forthcoming under separate cover.

Thank you, Richard Webb, for great Coney Island experience, this month's entrée.

OLD BUSINESS

- Youth camp was another success. Ann took some very good photos and video of the kids so we'll have plenty to send the BCHA newsletter. We couldn't have done it without the usual suspects – Lyn Taggart, Tammi Johnson and Caren Lazarz. Thank you all very much!! Thanks to Don and Chuck for providing entertainment Saturday evening. We did have some new faces attending the camp out. A couple of families didn't even have horses.
- Thanks to those that came to the work project at Middle Fork and the event at North Fork Park for National Trails Day. Richard brought his tractor to help. USFS could use some education of packing in materials.
- Richard re: Satellite phone. Garmin, has GPS, more sophisticated, or Spot (cheaper). Spot is text only. Service Fee applies to both units. Members will have to determine which one they'll want. \$20/month for months needed only. Both units track. Will discuss further so that we can bring specifics to the table. If anyone wants to share info, please share with Richard Webb. Need specifics, important. Issue tabled. Ann Hyde suggested we talk to Search & Rescue, explain to them what we do so that they may have a direction for us to take. Lamar suggested we pursue a purchase via eBay.

NEW BUSINESS

Julie Heavirland, President of our Chapter, is now an employee of Weber Pathways.

- Trails Fest 2018 on Saturday, 30 June. Man checkpoint at Timbermine, 8-noon, then go to expo for free food at the Ogden amphitheater. Need table and chairs. Need about 4 volunteers to participate. What to emphasize to trail users? Group would like to see Don & Spot avail themselves. Richard & Caren will help tend our booth. (Lyn Taggart volunteered, as well.)
- Craig Allen is looking for folks to receive LNT training. Lyn and Julie, Caren & Richard, have volunteered. He's planning an overnight at Middle Fork without horses. No date set, let Julie know of interested members, ASAP.
- Lyn and Julie met with Todd Ferrairo from Weber County Parks and Rec last Friday.
 - o There's a new trail going around the A & B loop that intersects the road and access points to other trails. It's primarily a beginner mountain bike trail and fat

tire bike path in the winter. Todd is asking that foot traffic stay off of it until next spring so the features can firm up. Cross Country skiers and fat tire bikers use this multi-use trail so please stay off this trail until it dries up & flattens out.

- o The idea of opening up trails in the Northern section of the park has come up again. We have pictures of the old trails (circa '70s) there. Julie has asked Richard Webb and Ron Hales to scout out the access points and flag the trails and intersections as much as they can. We can then come in with a work project and clear them out better. Todd would like to have us work on having those trails open for use by horses primarily later this summer/early fall. Anyone that wants to help Richard and Ron please get with them.

- o Richard: Progress report, Bluff Springs. Our colleague, Nate, is up there. Has had equipment challenges. Richard met him with and hauled equipment up there. Please stay away from posts that need to cement-set. Welding equipment is already there, he'll be purchasing proper corrals, posts, gates. BCHAWF signage fabrication in the works. Grand Opening in the works would be a good idea. This project needs to be publicized. The water at the spring needs major improvements. The boulders could be started. Caren will be in touch with Ralph Marchant to align scheduling to get boulders transported.

- o Ann Hyde suggesting signage on more established trails, USFS-approval.

- o Little Grand Canyon work project scheduled for Friday & Saturday. Ron Hales heading this up.

- Work Project at Sugar Pine or Bluff on Saturday 14 July? Ron will report on what needs to be done here.
- July 16th, Monday, is the Annual Horse & Hitch Parade. Be there at 6 pm for early arrival. Parade starts 7pm. BCHA signed up. Please trailer-share if at all possible.
- August 9, 10, 11. Skyline Mountain Marathon. Richard & Alan are getting.
- All Lady's Ride, August 2-5th. Get registration forms in. WE have a deadline for registration of July 13th.
- Thursday evening rides. Stay tuned. Not ALL Thursdays will ride.
- Jan Carlsen sending out liquidation notice to Julie for approval to include this info into Tarryn's email.

Meeting adjourned.