

BCHA Wasatch Front

July 18th Monthly Business Meeting

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Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes approved

Financial Report approved. Treasurer's report always under separate cover when requested.

Thank you to Pizzeria, The Pie, for providing this month's entrée. Requesting for volunteer for August entrée.

Trails Fest on June 30th was a real success and fun volunteer opportunity. Julie, Richard, Don, Julie, Caren helped with our booth. Thank you volunteers.

Bluff Springs: The corrals are complete and professionally installed; well worth the cost of the installation. BCHU Officers and forest service personnel are all extremely happy. As we continue to improve and finalize this important equestrian camp please heed that the forest service doesn't want anyone coming within 150 feet of the road. Need to keep even ATV's out of this area. Richard & Julie have recently, July 9th, met with the forest agency to discuss some final issues as follows:

Plan A: Chapter plans on adding signage to the corrals indicating no motorized vehicles (must be within forestry guidelines) recognizing BCHU, Smith & Edwards, CFOV & Forestry Service's commitment and completion of this important project. Smith & Edwards may not be actually noted as they are a commercial enterprise as mandated by the forestry service. And Ribbon Cutting ceremony will happen here. Stay tuned.

Plan B: Forest service can install buck 'n rail fencing at either ends to see how this works. Should we not go forward with the formerly planned boulders, as an option we can install,

Plan C: Hitching rails. Horse Camping denoting direction.

The water spring issue: At the corrals at Bluff Spring, go east a short distance past the corrals to trail head thru trees, down a short distance is an upper pond. **Forest Service doesn't want horses going to the upper pond.** Further down is a spring box. (Ron & Julie have helped/tagged). Spring trickles down to an old sheep trough. Pipe to this trough is plugged. With a \$300 Grant from BCHA (Julie?) will be used to pull out old metal trough, dig hole, get it below the pipe for gravity feed. An auger could possible unplug the pipe. Neponset springs is available for water otherwise. Must bring your own water, otherwise. Richard suggesting developing Neponset Springs to receive horses.

Sugar Pine: The gate is now locked. You can get the key from the camp host across the street. The Forestry Agency doesn't want the gate locked but the leaser probably put it there to keep the gate closed to keep cows from escaping because the gate has been left open. Should there be signage on the gate? Should the gate be spring-loaded? As the rules dictate: If gates are closed, close them behind you, and other such trail etiquette.

Ranger Station @ Monte Cristo will be for rent. No horse accommodations here.

Snow Basin Trails: Some signage has been misinterpreted. Keep your eyes open. Snow Basin is resort private property. Heed No Horses Signage. With any changes to these rules and regulations, it would take an act of congress to get anything done. Call Julie or Richard should questions arise. Trails are NOT closed to horses at Snow Basin. Mind Private Property. Snow Basin has a LEASE with the forestry service and is considered Private Property.

July 14th, Work Project: Ben Lomond. Great volunteer turn out. 12 horses. 5 pack animals. Rich, Lyn, Julie each had a pack horse with materials. Eight foot fence posts were hauled up. Nancy McKay has posted many photos.

Aug 9th- 12th, Skyline Marathon: Need outriders to haul water. Organizers are donating \$500 to CFOV realizing twice that amount.

Horse 'n Hitch Parade: 18 riders showed up this year.

August 11th, Golf Summer Scramble, Wolf Creek Golf Course: This is yet another volunteer opportunity. CFOV sponsors this important Golf Scramble. Non-profits who are supported are stationed at each hole. BCHU is at the first hole, 8am – noon.

Delayed Business: Satellite Phones: Richard Webb. This service will be emergency use that we can carry with us if the need arises that we need Search & Rescue. Refer to handout. Several questions arose regarding this unit: What is the replacement cost? Units have a locator ability. CFOV will pay for the chosen unit. Ann suggested a one-time to member fee for a fund for replacement needs. Consensus is we'll cross that bridge when the need arises to replace lost or damaged unit. (Spot \$200- one way communication only; Garmin \$450 is two way texting. Garmin approved by membership.

Adjournment.