

Back Country Horsemen of Utah State Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2010
Country Inn and Suites
999 N 500 W Bountiful, Ut

Welcome & Call to Order: Fred Leslie.

Approval of Minutes from Sept. 26, 2009 Meeting: Motion to accept, seconded, and approved by all.

Treasurer Report: Bev Heffernan passed out Expenses and Revenues Sheet. Around \$8051.00 left in account. Still need to pay National out of it. Motion made to approve, seconded and approved by all.

Dinner and Election : Candidates are: Chairman: Craig Allen, Vice Chair: Mike Bodin and Ray Smith: National Director: Ron Greenwell, Wayne Ludington and Art Johnson. Elected were: Craig Allen, Chairman, Mike Bodin, Vice Chair and Wayne Ludington, National Director. Floor was then turned over to Craig Allen. He thanked everyone for their vote and presented a gift to Fred Leslie for his service. Announced that Linda Morrison would continue as Secretary, Bev Heffernan as Treasurer, and Carol Lang as Communication Chairman and Web Master. Stated his “vision in Large” was that he believes in public service and a need to grow membership. Also, to have fun. His focus will be on growth. Stated the average chapter was 46 members with two of the chapters having half the total members. He gave a challenge to everyone to invite *every* horseperson to join BCH. Stated we were the only organized horse group trying to keep trails open, that our voice needs to get bigger and louder.

Trails Closure Reporting: Craig Allen let people know that if there was any information on trail closure to let himself, Wayne or Richard know.

National Newsletter Distribution: Craig asked for a list of Land Managers in own area who need a free copy of our newsletter within the next 30 days. Need specific name, address and phone number.

Posters: Freddy displayed a BCH of Idaho poster that is on the web site to help with education of bicyclists around horses. She also has a CD for each Chapter. Will give out at EXPO. Suggested giving them to land managers as well.

Chapter Reports:

- **SE** (Gina Giffin): They are trying to keep trails open @ Moab, doing LNT, working on memberships and working on a face book for the chapter.
- **SW** (Larry Dunn): Maintaining and clearing favorite trails, have 2 LNT trainers, 11-12 old members back this year, and raised \$1400.00 at their yearly action and dinner.

- **ND** (Noel): Second year for the Chapter, 5 new members with a probability of 5 more; two major projects 1.) completion of Cottonwood Trail Head and 2.) building stalls at the Stateline Campground; helped with grooming, shoeing, riding horses for Nat'l Park, raised \$400.00 at a yard sale, and has 2 members for LNT training.
- **CU** (Rich Fagan): New president is Patty Coon, Les Draper passed away, 560 miles of trail clearing, and built 18 new corals at Tosha Camp Grounds.

Leave No Trace: Craig Allen thanked everyone who helped with the trainings. Twelve new certified trainers. This year the focus will be extended to the scouting organization. Fred Leslie's neighbor willing to help. Craig will contact those Chapters that do not have any trainers yet for this years training. One was in June and the other in August. Scott Leroy will be going to Nine Mile LNT Master Trainer.

2010 Project updates:

- **Current Creek:** Paula Hill reported there was no funding available for new trail work but we can maintain what we have already done. July 10th weekend is the target date. She will give an update at the April meeting.
- **Crystal Lake Trail Head:** Dick Walter reported that there were still 233 bundles of corduroy that needed packing, packers needed. Will give a date in April's meeting.
- **Jordanelle:** Bev stated the trail was falling into the water and needed some work. Will have more information in April.

Bartlet Flats: Chapter Reports:

- Art Johnson will bring more information in April as a regional project. Anyone else who has a project needs to contact Craig Allen before April's meeting.

Chapter Reports:

- **High Line and Hobbles** (Clark Haggan): Reported that Hugh Jacobs is the new President, have 87 members, 1600 hours, 4000 hours, guest speaker at all meetings, and have been working on the Black Hawk campground project.
- **HU** (Tom White): Stated the Crystal Lake Trailhead still needed more packing in of the corduroy, the Jordanelle trail had been marked, Jordan Pederson was doing the 5 yr write up on the Bear study HU had done for them and hosted the State meeting last Sept.
- **San Rafael** (Wayne Ludington): Reported they had 2 clinics presented by Pat Evans, partnershiped with a local motorcycle club have planned horse packing clinics, horse canyon trail work and new trail heads. They are also working with the Forest Service with the GPS of trails for Emery County Wilderness project.
- **WD** (Gary Bean): Stated they were working on building membership, first aid kits, participated in the Antelope Island Ride, raised \$600.00 for needed equipment, cleaned up Davenport Canyon, had one LNT trained, and working with Kennecott with trail management.

ANNUAL TRAILS EXTRAVAGANZA: Craig Allen reported that everything was going well and looking good for a great extravaganza again. Set up will be at 8:00 am. Had hundred of hits on KSL.com. Cleanup will be between 4:00 and 5:00 pm. Dinner at Golden Coral at 5:00 pm. Pat Evans is in the hospital. Linda to send flowers to her. Reminded Chapters to turn in their give away baskets. Art Johnson donated a cashiers check for non-member. Asked for help with members to assist with assistance at the barrel corals.

Bear River Ranger District: Fred stated the Volunteer Coordinator is Ester Benson 1-435-896-1032. Asked for Chapters to contact their Land Managers and tell them who we are. Rich Fagan will contact her.

BCHU State meeting for 2010:

- April 10, will be in St. George
- Sept 11, will be WD Chapter

Chapter Reports:

- **MR** (Ray Smith): Reported they picked up 10 new members at the Horse Expo, had a clinic on trail etiquette, specialists at their meetings, cleaned up Portor Rockwell Trail and worked on the Current Creek project.
- **WF** (Scott Leroy): Reported they had 177 members, 6 Chapters helped with the Antelope Island project, raised \$2000.00 at their auction, Richard Webb helped with mapping trails, worked with biker groups on Antelope Island.

Public Lands: Wayne Ludington reported the Forest Service was modifying their planning procedures and wants our comments. Senator Bennett was the sponsor for the Washington County Bill. They need to have our input if horse use continues and we are to do the trail work. Encouraged counties to continue working with BLM in their areas to see where they want the Wilderness areas to be. Rod Player stated they were doing a national use of visitors at the trail heads so stop and make our voices heard by doing the surveys.

MOTION MADE TO ADJOURN. Seconded and approved.

Minutes prepared by Linda G. Morrison January 18, 2010