

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF AMERICA
BRIDGERLAND CHAPTER

MEETING Date: _March 15th 2022_____

PLACE: Hunter Education Building, 2851 West 200 North, Logan

Called to order, time: __6:33pm__

Presiding: ____Kari Prescott____

Reading last month minutes: __Ron_ Any changes: One, Yellowstone ride to Union Falls is 10 miles in and 10 miles back, 20 miles total...

Minutes Approved 1st _Kari_____ 2nd __Ron__

Financial Report: Kim Lott Treasurer. Starting balance on 1/31/22 was \$ 2711.63. Since then, \$ 357.04 deposits were made that included membership, silent auction items, reimbursement from the state for chapter dues, and \$100 donation from Marshall Smith, \$ 618.00 were paid in state dues. The ending balance on 2/28/22 was \$ 3,014.63, but after state dues the current balance is \$ 2,450.65.

Dave needs to be paid for fire ring, \$50.00

Attendees: Dawny Byington, Julie and Jay Cook, Noxee Setema, Taylor Christensen, Renly Christensen, Tracey Cronin, Kim Lott, Dave Forsberg, Barbara Middleton.

Discussion: **Antelope Island Ride;** Saturday, March 19th, leave Logan at 10 am; a 2 hour trail ride is planned at the Island; certified hay is not needed. Everybody brings their own food. We will have a Saturday evening hot dog roast. Ron will have a table to set up any food to share. For those that don't want to camp overnight, come Sunday and be ready to ride at 10am. Meet at White Rock campground;

Fire Ring for Franklin Basin camp, paid \$50, To Dave Forsberg for picking it up for us.

Equestrian Use of Campsites; FS sent a white paper on definition of livestock campsites since there have been conflicts with RVs and non-livestock campers occupying sites. Attach the white paper with minutes.

Cache Trails Alliance meeting updates; Ron attended with Allison Ward. Ron had 2 meetings with her to express his concerns. Eric Skabelund (FS) also attended. Two issues of concern; when trees fall, that downfall needs to be left to divert or slow water to reduce erosion. These are known as water bars and have been used for decades. They are critical for long term trail health and viability. Eric also confirmed this practice. We have found people removing the trees; suspect it is mostly ATV and mountain bikers which want clear trails. Second is the concern for speed at curves and blind spots. We need to be aware of fast paced mountain bikers and alert them for overall safety and remind them gently that horses have the right of way. Although we hear of confrontations, our goal is to remain safe and help educate other trails users.

Discussion on Professional Finance Manager being proposed by state office. BBCH March meeting voted it down and suggested a retired volunteer lawyer and financial officer be sought to help with the state office. This will be discussed and voted on at the state meeting; March 26 Ron and Kari will attend.

Grants notice from varied sources; we need to wait on the grant because of FS work plan; neither the District Ranger nor the trails person has these on their work plan (Peterson Hollow corrals, High Creek corrals for both cows and horses.

Franklin Basin/Bear Lake; where is the boundary between the 2 ranger districts? Wigglers Lake. Eric wants to work more closely with the Bear Lake area on trails and connections. Jay Cook is exploring the boundaries between the Bear Lake area and Logan to see if other work plans include trail work through these grants. Stay tuned!

Forest Trail Supervisor, Zac moved to different position who was over trails; hopefully Eric will take over this position;

Agendas will be emailed ahead of time; send in your items to the secretary with the topic and a description of what needs to be discussed at least 5 days prior to the scheduled meeting. These agenda items will appear in the emailed agenda so we are all prepared to discuss the items.

Summer Social thoughts; we have had inquiries and positive comments about the summer social. We are anticipating a large group coming from several other BCH groups. Could we go up early and park trailers in the two adjacent campsites? More to come as the dates draw closer.

Water use; reminder to carry water for horses and people due to drought conditions; in 2021, June was at extreme drought conditions; if weather persists, we will probably be in same water conditions.

Yellowstone Trip; currently 15 people are signed up with Ron;

Bloomington Ride; June 15-18th or 19th; Franklin Basin start ride through Peterson Hollow to Plane Crash through Gibson Basin at Blue Lake. Camp overnight. Next day to Danish Pass. Ride into Bloomington Lake. Those that do not want to stay out for the entire trip will be trailering after one night out and returning to Franklin Basin Horse Camp. Contact Ron and Dawny for the up to date details.

Pack Clinic at Ron's house, 1994N, 8th E, North Logan; April 9 at 9am. Bring water and pack lunch. This will be a hands on learning experience.

Next Meeting will be, April 19th at 1830 (6:30pm) Hunter Ed bldg.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:38pm (1938) 1stDawny 2nd Ron