

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF AMERICA
BRIDGERLAND CHAPTER

MEETING Date: _____September 19th, 2023_____

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

Called to order, time: ___6:33/1833_____

Presiding: ___Ron Auger/ Julie Hook_____

Reading last month minutes: _____ Any changes: NO changes__

Minutes Approved 1st ___Dawny___ 2nd _Ron_____

Financial Report: __Dawny, 2276.12 in the account. No expenditure this month. __

Attendees: Dave Forsberg, Gary Murray, Larry Hatch, Hal Harvey, Julie and Jay Hook, Dawny Byington, Ron Auger, Kari Prescott, Brittney Christiansen, Jennifer Jensen.

Discussion:

Donations for our services, what is our time worth? Are we saying \$50 dollars an hour? Per horse? Ron “tabled” for next month. Think about what our time is worth, if we were to ask for a donation from a group asking for our help to do, whatever. Pack in, pack out, clear a trail or make a trail, etc....

Winter Social at Skyview, January 13th at 6:30. We will go in at 4pm to set up. Now we need to decide on who will cater the dinner for us. Suggestions for catering services. Olive Garden and Gary Murray suggested asking Blake Pulsipher to cater for us again. Gary will get in touch with Blake.

Discussion on “Ride preparedness” ... What to bring along and all other aspects of the ride. Julie Hook did an amazing job discussing this with chapter. (Attached to this email is the discussion.)

Our Purpose: shall be to perpetuate the commonsense use and enjoyment of stock in the back country and wilderness.

The National dues will be raised another 10 dollars. The question was asked, what does that money do for us? The answer is, BCHA has a “Lobbyist” in Washing that we must pay for. That person has not had an increase in their wage in over 10 years. National will be raising their pay. They ask for donations to keep this person “on the hill” fighting for BCHA’s interests but the donations are just NOT enough. So, they have decided to raise our yearly dues. Also, a portion of our dues goes to the state to be used in our local areas. The last of the yearly dues is kept by “your chapter” to be used for projects in your local areas.

Kristen, at the Forest Service is writing an article on BBCH to all the district rangers about the work that has been done in Cache. She will send a copy of the letter to Ron after she sends it out to her fellow Rangers.

An article was in the HJ News Tuesday evening. About taking the cement that Ron, Dawny and Brittney took up to the Juniper Tree. Ron has a copy of that article if you would like to read it you can ask Ron.

We have a motion to keep the port-a-potty until the end of September from now on. Motion was made by Ron Auger, discussion was had, motion passed unanimously. The potty will be there from June 15 Until the end of September first of October, from now on.

Open discussion on the "Rock Creek" corrals being cut off to camping. It is NOW a day use area. Cody Issacson, Guy Issacson's son was asking us to get involved with trying to save that area for "horse camping". No one has been able to get the Manager of HRWMA, Brad Hunt to respond to our requests. Where are they going to move the corrals too? No one knows nor can we get a response from Brad Hunt. It was discussed and no one is willing to pursue it any further. If the Elk hunters want the stalls put up they can try to get ahold of, Brad Hunt and the HRWMA. Bridgerland Chapter has washed their hands of it.

Next Meeting will be ___October 17th ___at 1830 (6:30pm) Hunter Ed bldg.

Meeting Adjourned: 2030/ 8:30

1st _Julie__ 2nd _Kari___