

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF AMERICA
BRIDGERLAND CHAPTER

MEETING Date: ___February 17th, 2026___

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

Called to order, time: _6:30 pm 1830_____

Presiding: ___Dave Forsberg_____

Reading last month's minutes: _____, all in favor, Approve? _____ Changes? _____

Financial Report: _____N/A_____

Attendees: Ron Auger, Dawny Byington, Kristen Johansen, Zoe Paras (new Member) Larry and Candice Hatch, Barry and Marshall Smith, Chip Cannon, Kari Prescott.

Discussion: Memberships, make sure you have paid.

Moving Meeting to Second Tuesday of the month... Motion, need a quorum. Kari checked with the DNR building, Steve Bassett and he confirmed that the second Tuesday is available.

Our Winter social on March 7th. At Beehive Grill, 255 South Main Street, Logan. 6 pm Socialize, 6:30 dinner. You pay for your own meal. We will have a brief meeting. Buy Raffle tickets for a set of Chaps that used to belong to the CCSO Mounted Posse, donated by Candice Hatch. The proceeds are a donation to our chapter for future work/fun projects for this upcoming summer season.

Request from the State meeting, would anyone like to help Uintah Basin Chapter with their pack clinic? Date and time TBD.

Dawny will work on getting the 500\$ grant for membership drive, pack clinic and porta potty for the summer social...

We turned the time over to Chip Cannon and he brought in his "horse dummy" to help teach us the "double diamond". What an amazing job he did. THANK YOU, CHIP! See our Facebook page for videos and photos of the event.

Next Meeting will be _March 7th at Beehive Grill, 255 South Main Street Logan 6 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30pm 2030

1st Lisa__ 2nd Kari_

CAN YOU GO THE DISTANCE??

1. Being prepared for the trail.
 - a. Is your horse “physically fit for the trail”?
2. Difficulty of trails we ride we will score 1 – 10. 1 being easy and 10 challenging, ie: rocky, steep or cliff hanger.
3. Are you “legged up” ie: are you physically conditioned for the ride?
 - a. Did you remember to take your meds, are you prone to heat stroke?
Don’t forget your water, ice, rag, salt, electrolytes, Gatorade, etc.
4. Do you have the right equipment for this trail?
 - a. Back cinch, breast collar, britchen, saddle fit, proper pads, saddle bags etc.
5. Prepare for the ride.
 - a. Horse knowing how to move off your leg, side pass, stopping on the trail and stand still.
 - b. Checking equipment for repairs.
 - c. Have enough time to arrive and meet the group.
 - d. Are your stirrups the right length, cinch is tight.
 - e. Hat, Gloves, lunch, raincoat (in your saddle bags, not in the truck)
6. On the ride.
 - a. Figure out where you and your horse fit in the string. Know your horse and what he likes or does not like.
 - b. Use correct trail manners. ie; do not crowd the horse in front of you, make sure the guy behind you is not left. Ride at the same speed as the others. You can move in the group order, just remember not to get too far behind or ahead.
 - c. Remember your water, snacks and a simple first aid kit.

In conclusion, please prepare for the ride. Make sure you and your horse are legged up. That your horse knows the correct signals for a safe ride. That he/she can stop on the trail and stand still if you ask them too. Check equipment for repairs. Feed yourself and your horse before the ride. Give yourself enough time for riding where you need to meet others. As you’re saddling up check your tack. Is your Cinch tight enough. Did you remember your Hat, gloves, lunch and raincoat?

In the future we can discuss the trail and how you felt they scored.

We want everyone to have a good time on our rides and feel that this may help accomplish that.