

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF AMERICA
BRIDGERLAND CHAPTER

MEETING Date: ___April 14th 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: _N/A_____, all in favor, Approve? _____ Changes? _____

Financial Report: _____N/A_____

Attendees: Ron Auger, Kari Prescott, Gary Murray, Chip Cannon, Candice and Larry Hatch, Patty Johnson, Kacy Kjome, Mary Strand, Lisa Bauman, Travis Sparks and a visitor and friend Blake Pulsifer and friend (I didn't get her name).

Discussion: We have pushed back the By-laws update to the May meeting. Dawny Byington had a death in her family, and we wanted to support her by attending that. Plus, we did not want to mess with Kristen's schedule, so we had her speak still.

Dave would also like to start a "Events Committee" and asked Gary Murray to head that up. He would like to thank Canice and Lisa for their efforts in our media. Keeping up with Facebook and Instagram. THANK YOU ALL for helping.

Chip mentioned his gratefulness to Kristin for putting up with him. And turned the time over to her.

Forest Service presentation given by Kristin Johansen "Volunteer Coordinator" for the Logan District Forest Service. CTA spring trail on April 23rd. we need you to come and pick specific trails. This does not mean that if we can't work on other trails they would just like someone to be responsible for trails in case of an issue they can call us and ask us to help fix the issue that may arise. And that the trail is specifically Equine. So, April 23rd at the King nature trail head Eric Skabelund will be there from 5 – 8pm for sign up. Please RSVP so they know how much food to prepare because they will feed you.

Kristin also invited us again to the 2nd Annual Murray Farm trail weed day on May 9th they would like us to pick Dyers Woad and Myrtle Spurge. (Low growing, drought tolerant perennial often used as an ornamental, but it's considered a noxious weed. It features fleshy, blue-green leaves in spirals and inconspicuous yellow-green flowers, spreading via seeds that can shoot up to 15 feet and from root fragments, can be harmful if ingested. Use gloves as this weed will cause burns and rashes on your skin and eyes.)

June 6th CTA (Cache Trail Alliance) will be at Right Hand Fork for bridge repair.

LNT (Leave No Trace) Kristin says that most of us practice this already, but we need to help others know what to do. Use weed free hay and feed it 1 or 2 days before you head up to the mountains. What

impact that we have on other user groups when contacted on the trails. She is quite disappointed that she did not see many young people in our group.

When we encounter others on the trail use that as an opportunity to teach them. Do not scream and yell, teach kindly. For instance, bike riders do not know what to do when they come close to Equine. That is the perfect time to say hello, how are you? Please speak to me so my horse can see that you are a human and are not a predator.

Chip asked, "What can we do to help you specifically"? Kristin said, Be kind, Answer their questions.

Travis wants to partner with the FS to add signage to trails. Mark the multi-use ones and put the signs up that show who yields to whom. Mark them multi use so that everyone can read that we all get to use some of the same trails. Most trails are used by many different users.

Dave asked, "What are your biggest challenges that we as BBCH could help you with"? Kristin explained that some groups have been building bike ramps and jumps. The problem has been quite extensive on the "Spaun Creek" trail. If we see them, she would love it if we would take them out.

Kristin said that some people have been taking full size trampolines into the back country and leaving them. If you find one and are able, remove them as well.

Homeless encampments have started to become a problem. We can't do anything about them but report it to their office.

The FS has hired 8 seasonal workers for this summer they will have some help for the summer to clean bathrooms and fix trails.

Gary Murray asked, "What is a forest trail"? Kristen responded, once you put a trail in it is there forever. Some trails are not on the map. The trails on the FS maps are the only ones they consider. You can find all the maps online. Lots of trails are not on the maps.

Chip asked, "How do you close a trail"? Kristin said that they do close some for reclamation for instance "Steep Hollow" needs to be closed or should be closed because it goes right into a place that the elk use and motorize vehicles are disturbing this area. Heat maps are being used to track where bikes are going.

Travis asked, "Are there any trails that you have as a priority? Kristin, nothing comes to mind as of right now.

Chip asked, "what trails would you like us to do"? Kristen thought for minute and said that trails on the Wellsvilles are in dyer straights. They have tried to clear them but the brush is so heavy that people burn out before completing the job.

Gary, are there any in Blacksmith fork that you need cleared? Kristen, Right hand to Steel Hollow.

Dave asked, do you have anymore projects like we did last year like moving the kiosks? Kristen, they are working on the Avon Liberty Road on National trail day. She explained that Spencer is working on dispersed trail maintenance this year.

Travis asked if they could put educational stuff on the existing kiosks. Kristin thought that was a great idea.

Kristen also mentioned that they are trying to get internet up to Hardware Ranch.

Gary mentioned a map for the Logan Dry Canyon and where the connecting trail will be going to connect back to Blacksmith fork Canyon.

Next Meeting will be __May 12th__ at 1830 (6:30pm) Hunter Ed bldg. (Kari is out of town all of May FYI)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:15pm We adjourned to Cache Mortuary for Dawny's family wake.

1st __Kari__ 2nd __Candice__

BYLAWS FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING...

Bridgerland Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Utah-By Laws

ARTICLE I: PURPOSE Section 1: The name of the organization shall be the Bridgerland Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Utah, referred to from now on as BBCHU.

Section 2: The purpose of this organization shall be to perpetuate the commonsense use and enjoyment of stock in America's back country and wilderness. This purpose will be accomplished by:

1. To perpetuate the commonsense use and enjoyment of horses and stock in America's back country and Wilderness areas.
2. To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
3. To assist the various government, state, and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resources.
4. To educate, encourage, and solicit active participation in the wise and sustaining use of the back country resources by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
5. To foster and encourage the formation of new back country horsemen organizations.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: The members of the BBCHU shall adhere to all organizational requirements established by the National Organization, the Back Country Horsemen of America. (Forthwith referred to as BCHA)

Section 2: Membership shall be comprised of and open to any individual interested in participating in and promoting the purposes of this organization as stated in Article 1.

Section 3: Membership in the BBCHU shall consist of ~~three~~ four classifications:

1. Individual: This class of membership is for an individual over 18 years of age interested in promoting the Organization's purpose as stated in Article 1. An individual in good standing is entitled to one vote.
2. Family: This class of membership is for all immediate members (father, mother and dependent children). A family in good standing is entitled to two votes.
3. Patron: This class of membership is for individuals, family groups or business entities interested in promoting the Organization's purpose as stated in Article 1. Patrons in good standing are entitled to one vote.

4. Youth Membership: As of April 2018, there is a BCHA Non-Voting Youth membership category for youth aged 12 to 24 years at a rate of \$10 per annum with all other rights, privileges and obligations as an adult Individual membership. Youth Memberships require appropriate Parental/Guardian permissions and liability release.

Section 4: Membership year shall be for the calendar year. Dues paid with the last quarter will be current through January of the next succeeding year. Yearly dues not paid by February 28th of the current year shall be considered delinquent and member will be denied privileges of membership until dues are paid.

ARTICLE III: CONDUCTING BUSINESS

Section 1: Each member 18 years of age or older and in good standing shall be entitled to one vote on any matter voted upon during a regular or special meeting. Family memberships, in good standing are entitled to two votes.

Section 2: ~~In addition to officers,~~ a minimum of five members in good standing, ~~which~~ constitutes a quorum, assembled at a regular or special meeting shall be required for the transaction of business of the BBCHU.

Section 3: Unless otherwise stated, a simple majority vote is required to effect business requiring group action.

Section 4: Voting shall be by raised hand unless a written ballot is requested by a simple majority. Alternate voting methods, including electronic methods, shall be determined by the chapter officers.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Section 1: Meetings will be determined by the officers, as well as the places and classes being taught. The President will have the ultimate decision.

Section 2: Special meeting may be called by the President or upon written request signed by five members in good standing.

Section 3: Notice shall be given of all meetings via email, telephone, text, Facebook, and/or the BCHU Bridgerland Chapter web page.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

Section 1: Officers of this organization shall be President, President Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. The term of office shall be one year, from ~~Winter Social to Winter Social.~~ (January to January) Officers may continue subsequent terms, provided they are voted in annually at the ~~Winter Social.~~ (January meeting)

Section 2: A simple majority may create additional officers for specific purposes and limited time.

Section 3: Any vacancy in an office shall be filled by an election for the balance of such term. Except President, which will automatically be filled by the President Elect.

Section 4: All elected officers must be members in good standing.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: The supreme power and authority of the BBCHU shall be lodged in the assembled meeting where a quorum of members is present. The officers shall conform to the wishes and instruction of such assembly.

Section 2: President – It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the BBCHU. The President is to exercise general executive control over the affairs of this organization, to call special meetings and to perform all other duties pertaining to such office. The President is an exofficio member of all committees. The President shall be responsible for all chapter assets (see Article XI). The President may co-sign checks for the disbursement of funds. **Or direct the persons listed on the bank account to make checks out at his/her direction.**

Section 3: President Elect – The President Elect shall assist the President when called upon to do so. In the absence of the President, the President Elect shall be vested with all the powers and duties of the President. The President Elect may co-sign checks for the disbursement of funds. **Or direct the persons listed on the bank account to make checks out at his/her direction.** Upon the completion of the President's term the President Elect ~~shall~~ **may** assume the office and duties of President, provided they are voted in by the membership at the ~~Winter Social.~~ **January meeting.**

Section 4: Secretary – The Secretary shall record and keep minutes of regular and Special Meetings. The secretary shall also disburse monthly newsletters, emails, Facebook posts, and any other information provided to them by the officers to the members in good standing. Secretary shall also be responsible for creating and keeping a current inventory of items in the chapter's supply trailer, including a check out list.

Section 5: Treasurer – The Treasurer shall receive funds ~~from the Secretary~~ to deposit in the BBCH's checking account, keep and disburse all funds. Ledgers shall be kept and be open for inspection by any member in good standing. The Treasurer shall collect dues and maintain a current member roster. A written report of the state of finances shall be furnished upon request and at the annual election meeting. The treasurer shall prepare checks for disbursement. The Treasurer may co-sign checks for the disbursement of funds. **The checks must be signed by 2 members in good standing at the direction of the President and or President Elect.**

ARTICLE VII: FINANCE

Section 1: Expenditures of funds shall be authorized by a simple majority of an assembled quorum of members. All funds shall be kept in a bank account of the Treasurer's choice. **Each check must be signed by 2 individuals that are signatory on the bank account.**

Section 2: Membership dues to the BBCHU are determined by our state Board of directors and change periodically. They will be determined and follow as the dues and fee schedule of the State and National dues, ~~including a minimum of \$10 per membership for Chapter dues.~~

Section 3: Paper records such as receipts and bank statements are to be kept for 5 years. As the months go by, the Treasurer may destroy, ~~by fire or shredding,~~ after the month has expired.

ARTICLE VIII: ELECTIONS

Section 1: Officers shall be elected by a majority vote at ~~the winter social.~~ **January Meeting.**

Section 2: A Nominating committee of three members in good standing will be selected by the President. The purpose of this nominating committee shall be to provide a list of suitable candidates for officers of the BBCHU. The list will be presented ~~at the meeting prior to the Winter Social.~~ **November meeting.**

Section 3: Candidates for officers may also be nominated from the floor at the ~~Winter Social,~~ **January meeting** prior to election, by any member in good standing.

Section 4: Elections for officers shall be by distributed ballots and counted by a committee of three members. The President, President Elect and Secretary may determine if a ballot vote is not necessary and a simple voice vote may suffice.

ARTICLE IX: REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

Section 1: Any officer may be relieved of his/her duties through an action approved by two-thirds majority vote of the members present at a regular or special meeting.

Section 2: Notification of an action to remove an officer must be made to the members in good standing as listed on the organization's membership roster in writing, including electronic methods.

ARTICLE X: COMMITTEES

Section 1: Committees necessary to accomplish the purposes of the BBCHU shall be created by the President with the approval of the majority of members at that meeting.

Section 2: The chairperson of these committees shall be appointed by the President and shall be approved by a simple majority vote. These committee chairpersons will in turn appoint committee members as necessary to accomplish the committee's function.

ARTICLE XI: PROPERTY OWNED BY BBCHU

Section 1: "Property Owned by BBCHU" shall refer to all vehicles, trailers, tools, equipment, and signage that has or will be purchased and owned by the BBCHU.

Section 2: All property belonging to the BBCHU is to be kept and maintained under the direction of the President, or an elected Equipment Management Officer. Trailers and vehicles are to be licensed and registered annually, and shall be properly insured. The President has the ultimate decision on who will carry the insurance.

Section 3: All property and equipment are to be inventoried annually. When a tool or piece of equipment is borrowed, the person borrowing the item must enter their name, phone number, the date and time, and the item being borrowed on the inventory log. Items must be returned by signing back in with the date and time. If the item is discovered to be missing during inventory, the last person to have signed the item out and not properly signed it back in shall be responsible for replacing the item(s).

Section 4: Inventory sheets are to be kept for all BBCHU owned property. Tools, equipment, and supplies are to only be used by the chapter members at the time of the function or work detail. Items are not to be loaned out for anything other than BBCHU approved functions, unless approved by the President.

ARTICLE XII: Dissolution of Chapter

Section 1. In the event that Bridgerland Chapter was to Dissolve/Cease to exist, this is what is to happen to all property that has been accumulated in the BBCHU trailer. Personal donations can be returned to the donor. All other items may be donated to other chapters in the Back Country Horsemen of Utah. If no chapter wants the property it will be sold to the highest bidder and the money will be donated to the BCHU. All money in the bank account will also be donated back to the BCHU. It will be the sole responsibility of the last Chapter President and any member listed on as a "signator" on the bank account must close the account and mails the proceeds to BCHU.

ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: These By-Laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the BBCHU by a quorum of members. Section 2: Written notification of any proposed amendments must be made to members in good standing as listed on the organization's membership roster or at a regular meeting preceding the submission of such proposed amendments. ARTICLE XII: RATIFICATION Chapter Inception: March 2, 1993 Amended March 25, 1997 Amended November 21, 2010 Amended December 14th 2021, Amended ??? 2026 Section 1: The By-Laws of the Bridgerland Back Country Horsemen will go into effect when ratified by a simple majority vote of a quorum of members at a regular or special meeting. Section 2: BBCHU, in Association with BCHA, amends and adopts the aforementioned as the new By-Laws of the BBCHU.

Signed this _12th_ day of _____ December _____ 20 21 _____
President _____ Kari Prescott _____

President Elect _____ Ron Auger _____

Secretary, Barb Middleton _____

Treasurer, Kim Lott

Voting Membership in Attendance, (Signatures not required.) Kari Prescott, Dawny Byington, Ron Auger, Barbra Middleton, Dave Forsberg, Kim Lott

