

CBCH Meeting, May 11, 2023
@ Christoph Schork's house, 6:30pm

15 Members present: Christoph, Steve, Terry, Naomi, Susan, Mel, Marti, Chuck, Sheri, John, Annabelle, Sarah, Susan Foley, Marcy

Steve read the **BCH Mission Statement**.

Mel moves, Christoph 2nds to **approve the March 9th meeting minutes**.

Naomi gave a **Treasurer's Report**. There is a balance of \$1370.20 in account. All bills are paid.

Total membership for our group is 58 people.

Review of Canyons Rim Endurance ride on April 15th & 16th: Attendance was up. Trails were marked well. (Lowry Redd got the cows off the area prior to marking the trails, so ribbons remained.) Our group could better promote the "intro (fun) ride," which is only 12 miles, to our members. Bonus – Ducky provided food for the ride. Folks loved the scenery and NO WIND made it pleasant.. The next local endurance ride is Mickey's Fall ride on October 13th-15th in Canyonlands - same weekend as eclipse.

Review of Moab Facelift event, May 5th-7th: Improvements to the Bijou Trail went well with local volunteers. Lots of good exposure and press. "We looked good" with 15 volunteers from our BCH chapter.

Moab Museum International Heritage breeds event on May 18th sponsored by the Livestock Conservancy, presenting unique heritage breeds to the community: Navajo Churro Sheep, Sulphur Herd Mustangs, and Criollo Cattle.

Krista Wilson, **Canyonlands PRCA Rodeo** Director, is seeking volunteers for this year's rodeo, June 2nd-4th.

Moab County Fair is sponsoring a **4th of July parade** and are inviting horses/riders to participate. Line up starts at 7am on Center Street. Parade route is on 4th East to the HS..

Grand County Trails Mix projects and activities:

*Steve reminds them that horses have the right to go anywhere they want, and do not have to stay on designated trails!

- A. Pursue the idea to continue the Bijou Trail over to Onion Creek
- B. GCAT (Grand County Active Trails): Red Rock horse trail needs some maintenance. This trail originally started at the Old Spanish Trail Arena, went on to Ken's Lake, and ultimately connected with the Loop Road and up into the La Sal's. This was never officially recorded, so some is now a moot point because of private land ownership. However, between Johnsons-Up-On-Top to

Ken's Lake is still a legitimate trail that needs better marking and signage. Christoph will meet with volunteers to show and suggest repairs and improvements.

C. Dog etiquette on the trail on public lands (anywhere in the county) has become an issue. Dog should be under control with voice command at all times. Dog waste should be packed out by owner.

D. USFS is making some improvements to the Porcupine Campground.

E. Geyser Road is hoping to be open by the end of May. It is currently still under snow.

Backcountry Hunters are conducting a work project in the Book Cliffs at the Sego Canyon trail head - probably in June. Still currently covered in snow. This is a beautiful wilderness area.

CBCH group ride Saturday, May 20th. Meet at Flat Iron Mesa parking area at 10am. Susan Foley is trail boss.

OLD BUSINESS:

Brochure from Back Country Horsemen of American with sticker on front, complete with Q code, promoting and informing about CBCH.

Naomi moves and Sheri 2nds to adjourn at 8:30pm.