

## **CBCH meeting minutes**

**July 12, 2023**

Naomi and Steve's home in La Sal, UT.

Steve and Naomi cooked delicious steak and chicken fajitas, and members contributed side dishes.

Members present: Naomi Wilson, Steve Schultz, Marcy Till, Mel Hare, Sheri Griffith, Susan Stevens, Melissa Wardle, Elizabeth, Tom Mitchell, and Mark Thornberry

Steve read aloud the BCH mission statement.

Sheri moved and Melissa 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2023, meeting. Approved unanimously.

Naomi gave informational Treasurer's report:

- Memberships remain the same as on May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- There is a balance of \$1350.23 in the bank account.

The BLM may have money available for equestrian projects, and is seeking suggestions. Our group would like to see horse corrals in new locations, with the caveat criteria that overnight camping must be allowed in same area. Steve mentioned Canyon Rims Recreation Area, particularly near Hatch Point. Another suggestion was Flat Iron Mesa. Other ideas included Behind the Rocks, 7 Mile Canyon(no camping), Jug Rock, and Dubinky Wells area. Our group agreed that the Hatch Point area would be the best area to try and develop. Steve will explore if camping is allowed at Flat Iron Mesa.

Sheri moved, and Mel 2<sup>nd</sup> to direct Steve to write a letter to the BLM exploring our ideas. Approved.

7-17-23 email to BLM:

The Canyonlands BCH talked about equestrian infrastructure projects at our last meeting. We understand that there may be some money available for a new project? We would like to add more horse corrals but see no need unless the sight permits overnight camping with horse. After a discussion we have a question... is Flat Iron Mesa open to overnight camping? We LOVE the trails and would be very interested in setting up a horse camp with corrals.

We also like the Canyon Rims area. Would that area be open to establishing a horse camp with corrals?

Thanks

Stephen Schultz

Canyonlands BCH

Trail Mix wants to create a video illustrating the conflict, solutions, and required etiquette between bicyclists and equestrians on our trails. Sheri will follow up on this. Elizabeth offered to help her. Trail Mix has new TRT money to spend.

Currently the Utah Raptor State Park (Approximately 9000 acres) does not allow any equestrian activity at all. There is a good trail system being developed: that includes the Sovereign Trail, and Fallen Peace Officer Trail, as well as new trails being created. There are no plans to include equestrians. Steve will mention that horses should be considered in the future, or at least find out why horses have been excluded.

A possible volunteer work day for Grand County Active Trails (GCAT), formerly Trail Mix, is tentatively scheduled for mid-august and will focus on the Burl Friends Trail and South Mountain Trail, and will be an overnight camping trip.

Mud Springs, now called Spanish Hills, has attracted illegal camping by luxury RVs avoiding fees. GCAT is working on a plan to develop a trail network for hiking and biking out there with no overnight camping to be allowed.

Steve and Naomi did a radio program on KZMU about the Sulphur mustangs, a heritage breed, which was picked up by Aspen Public Radio and aired. .

There is a business proposal to host a helicopter tour business out of La Sal Junction. What the fuck is next?

Upcoming events:

Fall endurance ride near Canyonlands NP, October 13-15, 2023.

A ride in the Bears Ears NM to Arch Canyon with an overnight is planned, tentatively scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September. Melissa will be the trail boss for this ride.

There is the Old Spanish Trail Convention in Riverside, CA, in October. Elizabeth and Tom will be attending.

Susan volunteered to host the next meeting in September.

Sheri moved to adjourn. All agreed.