

# Canyonlands BCH Meeting Minutes



**December 5, 2025**

Meeting Location: Christoph Schork's 4381 E. Heather Lane Moab, Time: 6:30 to 7:00 social time. Dinner at 7:00, Holiday potluck

- **Meeting called to order at 7:36**
- Attended by Missy, Naomi, Heidi, Christoph, Marti & Chuck, Mel and Kelly Miller (then VIA zoom- Stephen S , Marcy, Leigh, and Jan)
- Melissa Wardle conducting the meeting. "Missy" Reads the BCH Mission statement.
  - **Perpetuate the common-sense use and enjoyment of horses and Mules in America's back country and Wilderness areas.**
  - **Work to ensure that public land remains open to recreational stock use.**
  - **Assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resources.**
  - **To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise and sustaining use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general Public to commensurate with our heritage.**

## **Last Meetings Minutes**

Motion made to accept minutes by Christoph, Mel seconds- all agreed

## **2026 officers' election,**

Missy and attendees discuss 2026-Canyonlands chapter officers

- Marti nominates and makes motion to elect **Melissa Wardle as president** and Jan seconds, motion carries.
- Kelly nominates **Stephen Schultz as Vice president** and Missy seconds, motion carries.
- Missy nominates **Naomi Wilson as Treasurer** and Heidi seconds, motion carries.
- Marcy agrees to continue continuing as secretary (an appointed position)

**Treasury reports** \$3,780.59 currently in bank.

- There is a new incentive for membership this year from State Chapter (BCHU) - the group that makes the biggest change

gets \$500 for largest increase in membership (Chapter can only get one)

### **Membership report for 2025 (Naomi)**

- Individuals, 21                      Families, 25                      Patrons, 3

### **Utah State Chapter Meeting**

- State Chapter wanted to know if individual chapters would donate work or money for a Utah horse infrastructure project. These donations were requested by the Central Utah Chapter BCH for an equestrian campground. Canyonlands group discussed giving a \$500 donation (from chapter treasurer funds) but it needs added to the next meeting agenda and voted on by the group to be official.
- The State chapter (BCHU) is looking at getting liability insurance for all groups.
- State Chapter is donation \$1000 to National Forest Museum,

### **Trail mix update (Marti)**

- Master plan for Grand County non-motorized Travel Plan is done but not accepted yet. Over 200 pages with photos. Great job with the photos. Will be voted on Dec 15th. Kelly says one of the trails would come from HWY through Moffett up to Johnson's the lady Kelly spoke to said they wanted a trail for the Mt Bikers, and it would probably be open to E-bikes as well. Marcy says her understanding is the reason why Spanish Valley is being widened would be for bikers and hikers.
- They want more signage and pit toilets by equestrian trails.
- Steve had a couple of thoughts on master plan; Christoph did a lot of work and should be commended! Equestrian trails are in Blue.
- Christoph and Marti got a copy and can send it to anyone who wants to look at it.
- Marti asks- If you are a tourist and you want to know where the horse campgrounds are in Moab? There was talk about publishing it on Discover Moab.
- Steve said he did that in the past, and it was discouraging. But he said we can try that again. He used to drop off brochures at the Moab tourist center. They are updating their website right now. So, it's a great time. Jan is on the website and said it should be really easy to add our link to the website. Steve will take on that task.
- Horse motel.com is what Leigh looks for when she is looking for a place to keep her horse overnight. She is happy to look into that. Steve and Kelly agreed

### **Spring Spruce up**

- is being chiseled down because it is no longer done by a county but a non-profit. They now talk about it being a half day of work on trails. Less projects. Instead of a project, Naomi suggests a workday to go to Onion creek corrals and make sure they are up to par. It has been 2 years since we worked them over. Heidi and Marti liked that idea
- Latches on the Kens Lake corrals so you can clip the gates.
- Marti won't be in town for trails mix but will submit a written report and Steve will try to attend via zoom
- Canyonlands members voted not submit GPS data to G-Cat request for historic cattle trails info. Concerns were expressed about additional degradation to historic trails,
- Steve will contact BLM and U-Dot about possible highway signs for Courthouse Rock Horse Corrals.

### **The BLM website (recreation.gov) was not updated on equestrian camping sites.**

- Users find it hard to understand. Horse camps are not searchable on some sites. We can we also do a CBCH post on FB of the Lone Mesa Site.
- Melissa asks about ideas to get a grant. She will send the idea page out.
- On the Forestry website, can you reserve the corrals. What corrals do we have there? We are still trying to get one at Medicine Lake. We need a gate fixed at Canopy Gap.
- Steve suggested a horse camping or Corral project be considered for the Chicken Creek/ Dark Canyon Lake second potty site because it's is on SITLA land and has good access for large LQ trailers.

### **Other Business**

- Missy will cancel Dec Ride, but wants to do a New Years ride, might do Behind the Rocks.
- Missy is proposing a spring ride and camp out at Indian Creek in San Juan County.
- Leigh is also planning to lead a few spring rides.
- Missy also has ride ideas and wants to know if others have any ideas.
- Next meeting Thursday, Feb 12th. More information as date gets closer.

**Motions to adjourn.** Made by Naimi, Christoph seconds; motion carries.

