

CBCH Meeting Minutes

October 26th, 2020

- Location: Internet based meeting Via ZOOM
 - Join Zoom Meeting. (Ctrl + Click to follow link)
- 6:30 official meeting was called to order. In attendance was:

Christoph Schork, Steve Schultz and Naomi Wilson, Deb Hopkins, Guest Jayne, Mimi Levitt, Melissa Wardle & Susan (Last name unknown since we couldn't see her).

- 1) Reading of the BCHA 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 lands remain 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 county resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.**
- 2) Last meetings minutes were accepted. Deb moves to accept, Naomi seconded, nobody opposed.
- 3) Treasures report. Susan reported a total of \$766.66. Susan is the longest continuous serving chapter officer but she indicated that she would not accept the position of Treasurer as of 2021.
- 4) General policy on COVID:

With the resurgence of COVID the chapter will not sanction any official get-togethers, just to stay safe with Covid, social distance, ride unofficially in small groups.
- 5) Bijou and Stearns trails. Volunteer Work Day. All the materials are in, paid for and available. We talked about the Bijou trail. Marking the trail with wooden posts and stickers on Carsonite sign pieces. We should bringing a pack horse, we were hoping for a warm fall day when people were available. Only need 4-5 people.
- 6) Old Spanish Trail Silhouettes progress and installation location. OST silhouettes sight approval has been a long process ... but progress HAS been made. We have all the documents submitted, requested letters of approval. We received approval from: the BLM, National historic trails director, OSTA, UDOT, Museum of Moab, etc, In October, The Grand County Commission voted to accept the

silhouettes and the installation location. Official letters of request were sent to the DOE, We are still waiting for a final decision from the DOE UMTRA office in Grand Junction. We are still talking regularly with Russ Von Koch, Grand County-UMTRA liaison.

7) Manti-La Sal National Forest Draft Plan.

Steve then talked about the USFS Manti / LA Sal Draft plans. The new plan is geared to protecting what areas remains with primitive characteristics. Little to no NEW development is planned. Some of the “At Large” camping areas will be “hardened”. The plan will also protect the unique high alpine areas of the La Sal range over 12,000 feet.

8) New Horse trails in Onion Creek area.

Two of our riders have been locating new trails in the Onion Creek Area. This is a BLM Equine recreation target area. It has been a long project identifying officially designated trails from the Hollywood Westerns Equestrian trail head to Fisher Towers, Onion creek and some of the locations where movie sets existed. The Bijou and Sterns trails are part of this network. The four new trails have working named of: Up-Down, Washy, EZ, and BB. We will make official proposals in 2021 to the BLM and change the names.

9) Trail Mix update (Stephen)

Trail mix has had regular monthly Phone-in meeting all summer. Stephen has been the official Equestrian Representative for the past several years. He continues to attend the latest meetings and contribute to planning, oversight and trail maintenance issues. Due to COVID progress has been slow. Stephen offered preliminary suggestion about a connector trail in the La Sal Mountains to USFS. The trail would connect the south end of the Doe Canyon trail (USFS trail 1) to the La Sal Creek area and into the South Mountain trail.

10) BCH Utah State meetings and On-line volunteer hours reporting.

Naomi gave an update on the start meeting and urged the group to start reporting volunteer hours on the BCHU site.

11) ANY Old Business? The Medicine Lake group ride went really well.

Please make comments on new USFS E-bike policy. This is the last day to do so. Some discussion followed.

Mimi was asking where her member ship \$\$ goes. She wants it to go local so being a CBCH membership is the way to go, not the BCHA

12) ANY New Business or ideas?

Motion to Adjourn Motion adjourn by Christoph, seconded Deb, nobody opposed.