

An in-person meeting was held at 7 p.m., March 1, 2022 for the Central Utah BCH at the Contoy Arena Great Room.

1. ALPINE BUTTERFLY KNOT: Lynn Barton called the meeting to order. He demonstrated and supplied us with ropes to practice this knot which is primarily useful in high-lining.

2. WHITE HILLS PROJECT: Lynn is meeting with Mark Farmer on March 3<sup>rd</sup> to collaborate on the parking lot south of Spring City. See Lynn's addendum in 2A below about what was discussed. We are suggesting a 200' x 150' area be improved for parking with the 200' length running parallel to the highway. Our suggestion is to bring in fill and asphalt for the parking lot and enclose it with wood rails on 6" round treated posts. There will be a parking area for "trailers only" and for "cars only", marked with signs. We are also suggesting a berm to divert water. Corby and Lynn will get some estimates for the fill and asphalt; the fence will be a member work party with a dutch oven dinner supplied by Diane and Steve Cote. We are also going to build 3 kiosks. Another improvement will be signage once Mark Farmer decides which trails he wants us to improve. We believe this will take the entire current grant of \$30,000, possibly more. It was suggested if the estimates are over what we have that we ask if the State could chip in on the cost or see if we could get an additional grant through Monte Bona who secured this one for us. Lynn asked if Monte Bona could write the checks directly to the contractor and suppliers so we don't have the cash going through our checking account and creating IRS issues. Mr. Bona said he would make a check to the contractor when the work was completed. For items purchased from Horseshoe Mountain Hardware or anywhere else, ask them to make an invoice to Mt. Pleasant CDRA/Trails Project. If incidentals are purchased elsewhere, I will be getting a tax no. from Mr. Bona so sales tax is not included in the purchase.

2A. ADDENDUM – MEETING WITH MARK FARMER AND LYNN BARTON: I had a good meeting with Mark Farmer and his associates from the DWR. I updated him on the kiosk status and plans to have Corby's students build them. He would like them installed facing north and south to spare the printed material the harsh sun exposure from the west. He also asked that we stain them so we'll need to add a gallon of deck stain to the list. They are good with the proposed 150'x200'. He is contacting his fence material supplier for availability of posts and rails. They want 2 rail with posts on 15' centers. I mentioned 8-10' centers but they felt that was overkill. The access from the highway will be widened to 24' with 2 12 foot gates. A 16' gate will be placed across the road in the west fence as well as a horse gate in that fence. We discussed having the posts available to place in April for a post planting party. Two DWR maintenance personnel were also at the meeting. They will perform the grading and spreading of parking surface material so we will need to secure bids for purchase and delivery of the material. They recommend a base of 2" minus gravel topped with a finer material like crushed concrete or recycled asphalt. Mr. Farmer okayed removal of branches to re-open the face trail. He asked that we return the closed sign to him. I was asked if we would like some tie rails. We would. I did however forget to ask about a mounting block. We'll have to get a proposed design for that from Diane.

3. ADDITIONAL GRANT MONEY: Mr. Bona is working on an additional \$37,000 trail improvement grant for us.

4. CANAL CANYON: Lynn talked with Tara Carver with the Forest Service about a kiosk and an enlarged parking lot at the trailhead. Tom called Tara after our club meeting and found out the parking lot is in the NEPA document stage and would not be ready until at least next year. She mentioned the tie rails and hi-line setup, but it was suggested without the parking lot being bigger, no more tie rails are needed, so she said she would put that on hold. As for the kiosk, she said they have FS specifications for signage, but she would order one and we could pay for it. She asked if we had welders in our club because the signs are metal and need welding. They are also going to put a fence around the trail head to keep motorized vehicles out. Tom will follow up in a week or two and ask about the kiosk.

#### 4. RIDES:

- When winter quits – Obstacle Course at Contoy, suitable for mounted or on the ground Date to TBD.
- Mar 18 – Moonlit ride in White Hills, ready to ride at 7 pm. The gate is NOT open, so please park on the road. There will be refreshments.
- April 22-23 – Lassen Draw overnight, 5 hour ride. In Birdseye. Dutch oven breakfast Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- May 7 – Ponderosa (weather permitting).
- May 21 – Maple Canyon
- June 1<sup>st</sup> week – Book Cliffs NE of Green River. Corby & Lynn will be doing a 50 mile loop, 3 night pack trip.

5. APRIL MEETING: We voted to have in-person meetings until further notice. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm at Contoy Great Room.

6. EQUESTRIAN ACCESS TO UTAH'S NATIONAL PARKS: Freddy Dunn, Richard Webb and Julie Heavirland met with the Zion Park superintendent and two of his staff to discuss the Chinle, Coal Pits, Hop Valley and Wildcat trails on 9 Feb. The results of the meeting are the park will look at creating an overflow/trailer parking area on the Kolob Terrace Road between the Wildcat and Hop Valley trail heads. The Chinle trail head parking area is problematic for horse trailers to get in because of a steep grade entrance from the access road. Another problem is the subdivision around the trail head and a portion of the trail that goes through does not want horses to ride down the street or go off trail while in their area. We agreed at the meeting that there wasn't much we could do about the parking area. We decided to try to encourage equestrians to use the Coal Pits trail head to access the Chinle trail and leave the Chinle trail head to hikers. The park also agreed to look at working on expanding the Coal Pits trail head and doing some maintenance along the trail as needed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00

Signed: Joyce N. Smith, Secretary