

**APPROVED:** High Desert Backcountry Horsemen Minutes  
June 9, 2022

1. **New Introductions:** Read emails from Pete & Sherry Jensen at Cannonville and Kerry Greear from Black Hills in South Dakota. Corrected email for Don & Jeanine Clark.
2. **Members Present:** The following 10 Chapter members were present: Anita Black, Georgia & Jim Bentley, Cindy McCormack, Don Clark, Julia Sbragia & Maria Vanhart, Linda Alvey and Noel & Mary Poe. The meeting called to order at 6:35, in the Pinyon Room.
3. **May 12, minutes approved by consensus** with no edits or corrections.
4. **Anita's Treasurer Report** was \$1,816.54 in the checking account:
5. **Old Business:** (1) Cindy McCormack reported on the Schiller Horse Training Clinic at Best Friends along with the **HDBCH booth**. Linda, Julia and Maria participated as riders and each gave a short report. Several members wanted to hear more and it was suggested to include them July's agenda. Estimated 50 people attended with the wind presenting problems for our booth and attendance. However, over all it was successful for our first booth in a few years. (2) **BLM service project** or pruning vegetation completed on May 7<sup>th</sup> with 5 of us finishing the pruning along the main portion of the Kanab Creek Trail. (3) **Chapter rides** were discussed and it was the consensus to change our procedures so that members available and wanting to ride would call the leader to let she/he know they would ride. If something came up and the member could not ride the person would call leader prior to the ride and let the member know they couldn't come after all. It was suggested with support of some members present that we not do plan to drive long distances because of the price of gas. (4) The June monthly ride was scheduled for the Chocolate Cliffs area along the UT/AZ state line to include Clam Shell and Wood Hollow areas on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Linda and Anita will be the trail leaders. (5) Georgia volunteered to join the Education Committee along with Julia. (6) Bill Mader has been assisting Jim and Noel on the Trail and Projects Committee. (7) Cindy and Mary will continue to brainstorm ideas to increase membership as a function of the Membership Committee..
6. **New Business:**
  - a. The new BCHA handouts arrived. Noel & Mary inserted the 2022 application in the new BCHA handouts and passed them out to members that are present tonight. Other members need to pick up 2 to 4 of these handouts and be ready to distribute them to friends interested in horse riding, our projects & assisting HDBCH vision. Let Mary or Noel know and they will get you some handouts for your glove compartment.
  - b. Grand to Grand Foot Race is coming to Kanab again the end of September. We are needing a commitment from members to help "sweep the trail" on 5 of the 7 evenings. Come to the **next meeting on July 14th** and learn about our commitment and the fun. The dates are probably September 18<sup>th</sup> thru 25<sup>th</sup>. **Jim will ask that the**

**gas reimbursement be increased beyond the \$50.00 paid in previous Grand to Grand rides.**

- c. Interest in the former Tom Canyon Trailhead has been resurrected but difficult at this time to know whether the access road and trailhead will be constructed. Jim, Bill Mader and Noel working with others on the need for this project
  - d. The Sunrise Engineering firm in St. George has been hired to study and submit a report on the modifications necessary to make the Kanab Creek Bridge safe for all users, including equestrians. Jim and Noel have been in contact with Sunrise Engineering to discuss the issues/problems with the bridge. The engineers' first comments are they have concerns using a piece of a crane beam for the bridge's structural support. Hopefully we will have Sunrise's report by the June 10<sup>th</sup> Kanab Trail Committee meeting. (Iron Rock structural engineer has been released since it has been over a year after he told Jim and Noel he could finish his report in 3 to 5 weeks.)
  - e. Diane Fralish and Noel are following the suggestion to start working on the revised proposal for a BLM Equestrian Campground in the Ponderosa Grove Area. The discussion includes the 7 new notes that these two have determined that should be added to the 2020's proposal that was submitted to Kanab Field Office Manager Whit Bunting. One of the 7 notes is to include talking to appropriate members of the Southwest BCH Chapter that have worked with USFS to established an equestrian campground. **If you are interested in participating in this project, contact either Diane or Noel.** We intend to have a tour of the proposed site for new members that haven't seen the recommended area.
7. **Adjournment:** Anita moved and Julia seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.



Secretary, High Desert Back Country Horsemen