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High Desert Backcountry Horsemen Minutes  
January 12, 2023

1. **Members Present:** 18 Members Present: Julia Sbragia & Maria Vanhart, Vice President Barbara Maxwell, Georgia Bentley, Linda Alvey, Tiffany Palumbo, Treasurer Gina Tullie, Diane Fralish, Cindy Lindhorn, Cindy McCormack, Nick Oprandy, Billy & Kathy Robertson, Cindy & Leigh Beem with Jenny, President Noel & Acting-Secretary Mary Poe (Secretary Don Clark was excused. <sup>1</sup> )
2. **Approval of November 10, 2022 Minutes.** Nick made a motion to approve the November 10<sup>th</sup> Minutes and Maria seconded. Passed unanimously.
3. **Treasurer Report:** Gina made her first report: HDBCH has \$1779.65 in the bank.
4. **Old Business:**
  - A. Diane presented a report on her, Mary and Noel's visit with the Southwest BCH Chapter in St. George. The purpose was to get ideas from SWBCH members that have been and are now still involved in building an equestrian campground in Pine Valley. It is going to be expanded this summer. The SW members present were Vice President John West and Treasurer Freddy Dunn. Several ideas were discussed. SWBCH used their funds to buy the pipe panels and construct the pipe corrals. A couple chapters have Members that volunteer to go to the equestrian campgrounds and act as the campground host to keep non-horse campers from occupying the equestrian sites. SWBCH also worked with a contractor to construct trailhead(s) to accommodate parking several horse trailers as well as lots of vehicles for hikers who also use the trails in Pine Valley Mountains.  
  
Motion was made by Maria and second by Barbara to form an Equestrian Campground committee. Motion approved. Diane is the Chair, Maria, Barbara Cindy Lindhorn and Noel are members. Diane stated that when the weather improves we will take a Chapter tour of our proposed site for the Equestrian Campground.
5. **New Business:**
  - A. Leigh and Cindy gave a report on their discussion with Dan Gunn, the Outdoor Recreation Planner for Kanab Field Office. The subject was if a horse trail (s) could be built in the Shinarump Cliffs area along the AZ-UT State Line. Dan was not opposed to a horse trail(s) but didn't want it to interfere with mountain bike trails that are probably going to be constructed in area. Leigh presented a video program on the wall showing the location of the area that he and Cindy scouted by walking. This potential is not adjacent to Tilted Mesa but to the west. Leigh offered to do a better map with a trail or maybe 2 trails that will be available for hikers and equestrians. He will show the aerial photo of the horse trail(s) later.
  - B. Noel, Gina & Mary talked about the membership dues. Dues are set at \$35 for an individual and \$40 for a family. (When asked Noel explained that a Chapter can modify the Dues.) 2023 Dues must be received by February 28<sup>th</sup>, or those who haven't paid will

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<sup>1</sup> Secretary Don and Jeanine Clark had to go to Florida. Jeanine was called for Jury Duty since they still own a home in Florida. Don is working on their house to get it ready for renting or selling.

lose the membership. They can rejoin at any time by sending Gina a check or coming to a meeting with check or cash in hand. A member can also pay by Pay-Pal online through the Utah State BCH Website.

**(Gina's Address: HC 654, Box 82 Moccasin, AZ 86022)**

(To use electronic pay system, go to BCHUtah.org website & click on Blue "Join" button on the left-hand side. You can go through the process of creating or renewing a membership all the way through until the submit button or you can just stop and back out of it. Checks are easier for us.)

6. There were electronic copies of the Section 2 Amendment to the HDBCH Bylaws distributed to all Chapter members on Jan 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:27 p.m. This amendment allows that if our HDBCH Chapter ever dissolves from the Backcountry Horsemen of Utah, the amount of money in the Treasury will pass to BCHUtah.org and continue working for the good of the BCHUtah. (All Chapters have the same language in the Bylaws. There will be a vote in person that includes all adult members present at the meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>. One must be present to vote.
7. When a January Chapter Ride was brought up, a decision was made not to have a ride because of the January weather. There was a quick motion to "Set up a procedure to have a different Chapter member choose a ride for a particular month and be responsible for planning, organizing the ride and being a leader for that monthly ride." The vote was unanimous.
8. FaceBook Needs were discussed again. Gina & Kathy volunteered to be the HDBCH FaceBook Administrators. Cindy Lindborn volunteered to assist. Kathy loves to take photos.
9. Meeting Adjourned approximately 8:00 p.m.

Mary F. Poe, Acting-Secretary HDBCH