

High Desert Backcountry Horsemen Minutes
January 11, 2024
Approved at the February 8 2024 Meeting

1. **Members Present:** Maria VanHart, Barbara Maxwell, Noel Poe, Mary Poe, Georgia Bentley, Cindy Beem, Leigh Beem, Becky Tietze, Don Clark.

Maria called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

2. **Approval of November 9 2023 Minutes:** Don read the November 9th Minutes. Motion to approve by Becky, and 2nd by Mary. Approved unanimously.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Gina not present, no numbers reported. Gina is moving out of the area (to Littlefield). Cindy Beem volunteered to take over as Treasurer, she will contact Gina to arrange for the transfer of information.

4. **Old Business:**

- A. **Christmas Party:** Christmas party at Jim and Georgia's house was a great success, with many thanks to Tiffany (friend of Georgia's) for being the Santa master of ceremonies!
- B. **Update from Diane of campground:** Diane not present, so no report.
- C. **Update on Horse Trail /Amangari/SITLA:** Leigh reported that Amangari is a different location and developer. The developer for the land in question (SITLA land transitioning to BLM) is known as Camp Korong. The trail is known as the Shinarump Trail, and Leigh suggested that we need to get out there and start riding it, and doing some trail maintenance (development) when the weather improves.
- D. **Ride Report for October 21st:** The ride was cancelled, Barbara wants to know if we are a riding club, or a bunch of old duffers ;-). Gina suggested using Facebook Messenger to update members on rides and coordinate. Diane suggested creating an event for each ride on Facebook, so that the creator can get confirmations from riders. Gina will be a creator of these events, Maria will ask Julia about also doing that.

5. **New Business:**

- E. **Need Facebook Page Admin Changed:** Currently Kathy Robertson is an administrator; Gina is a moderator. Barbara will contact Kathy, to ask her to appoint Maria and Cindy Beem as administrators, and remove Jorah, Linda Alvey and Gina from their current roles.
- F. **Future of Rides/Scheduling/RSVP:**
 - Do Something weekly?**
 - Move rides around to include T/TH/S/S?**
 - Do arena work to help improve our skills?**

First, Maria will be out of commission for a while due to surgery, may need some help so she will

reach out.

The question was asked “Can we use the Best Friends arena? - It appears that we can, but Don will confirm and find out what rules might affect us.

Cindy suggested sending out a survey to get member’s ideas about what else we can do. Cindy will refresh her memory about SurveyMonkey.

February ride: Noel suggested contacting the St George chapter, perhaps coordinating a ride with them. That received lukewarm response, apparently there may be some negative history with that chapter - Maria will talk to Diane about the possibility of conflict.

Cindy Beem volunteered to lead the February ride, considering weather. To be discussed at the February meeting.

G. **Alternative Meeting Place:** Maria raised the question about changing meeting locations so that we can bring in food. General consensus is that changing locations is disruptive, and not worth that disruption.

H. **BCH of America Financial Information:** Cindy distributed a summary page of the BCH Form 990, from 2021 (latest available). It shows in general that the income is going to good purposes. The summary shows a \$40,000 difference between income and expenses - Cindy will research.

I. **Off the agenda:**

- a. Don was asked to send these draft Minutes out to the membership, and to bring some printed copies to future meetings.
- b. We found we didn’t have an up-to-date membership list, for emailing. Don will request the latest from Gina.
- c. Maria brought a handout with some contact names, for horse care, including a new farrier in town (Kyle Jessop, 505-392-0727), a vet willing to come from Ivins to do dentals (Dr Casey Chivers, 435-359-3803), a reminder to pay your chapter dues (\$40 for family, \$35 for individual, \$10 for Youth), and a reminder to log volunteer hours. Noel can provide help with logging volunteer hours if needed.

6. **Adjourn:** Cindy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 PM, Georgia 2nd.