

High Desert Backcountry Horsemen Minutes
October 10, 2024
Approved at November 14 2024 Meeting

1. Members Present: Maria VanHart, Mary Poe, Noel Poe, Don Clark.

Meeting started at 6:42 PM.

Turnout for the meeting was pretty disappointing. The Poe's were the only non-officer members that showed up, and only half the HD BCH officers. It makes it very difficult to accomplish much of anything.

2. Approve Last Month's Minutes: Minutes were not discussed
3. Treasury Update: State of the treasury was not discussed. However, a request to reimburse Leigh Beem \$63.62 for repairs to a gate on the Cottonwood Trail was discussed and approved. Maria will contact Cindy to get a check written to Leigh. Thank you to Leigh for getting that done.
4. Trail Emergency kit: Mary brought the new Trail Emergency kit to the meeting, and turned it over to Maria.
5. Review the upcoming rides.
 - a) October 19th - Since there is no leader for the Cottonwood trail ride we decided to simply publicize it on the HDBCH Facebook page and let riders self-coordinate. Maria will update the page.
 - b) November ride not discussed.
6. Trails Projects:
 - a) Proposed campground area above Carmel Junction - Noel, Mary and Lee & Diane Fralish went out and walked the land, and determined an area that seems workable. Lee thinks that water may be available at the cattle corral at the turnoff from Rte 9 - a pipe and holding tank (and maybe a pump) would be necessary to get water closer to the possible camp sites. There was no discussion of whether or not this, or any funding, has been discussed with BLM.
 - b) Cottonwood Trail cleanup is scheduled for October 20th. See August meeting minutes for some details. Mary and Noel recently did some cleanup around the trailhead. If you do any cleanup work make sure to report the time, forms are available at the Utah BCH web site. If any guidance on the forms is needed please contact Noel. Maria will send an email to the membership reminding them of the October trail ride and trail cleanup.

- c) Trail Course - there was a little discussion about the possibility of a Trail Course in the local area. Don reported on his call with the Iron County BLM - funding may be available from the State of Utah but the application period is closed until April 2025.
- 7. We discussed methods for reaching out to members to remind them about meetings, and decided on a "call tree". We will divide the current membership list into thirds - Maria, Don and Mary will each call a third, probably on the Monday of the week of the meeting.
- 8. Discussion of Christmas location: 12/12/2024, at Maria's house, in lieu of the normal monthly meeting.
- 9. Action items:
 - 1. Maria - call Lisa at Utah BCH to get copies of successful grant proposals for campgrounds. Or maybe delegate this back to Lisa.
 - d) Maria - Send an email to the membership reminding them of the October trail ride and trail cleanup, and update the Facebook page.
 - 2. Leigh - Get legal descriptions of the proposed campground land, and proposed trail course land.
 - 3. Don - Get copies of successful grant proposal(s) for the trails course in Iron County.
 - 4. Noel - Look further into accessing running water at proposed campground site above Carmel Junction.
- 10. Adjourn: Mary moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM, Noel seconded.