

High Desert Backcountry Horsemen Minutes
November 14, 2024
Approved at January 9 2025 Meeting

1. Members Present: Maria VanHart, Mary Poe, Noel Poe, Cindy McCormack, Sue Della Maddalena, Barbara Maxwell, Cindy Beem, Leigh Beem, Becky Tietze, Kathy Robertson, Robert Brown, Megan McConnell, Diane Fralish (Zoom), Don Clark.

Meeting started at 6:42 PM.

Turnout for the meeting was much better than in the recent past. Perhaps the call tree is working....

2. Approve Last Month's Minutes: Barbara moved to approve the October meeting minutes, Mary seconded, approved unanimously. (We neglected to approve the September meeting minutes, that will be deferred too the January meeting)
3. Treasury Update: \$2,200 in the checking account, \$24 in Savings. We discussed the new rates on \$40 for individuals, \$45 for families, Cindy reminded us that we all have to fill out the waiver form annually.
4. Update from Leigh on BLM relations/projects:
 1. Trail Course at the Kaneplex, Camping at Carmel Junction: Leigh will be meeting with Dan next week at BLM.
 2. Shinarump Trail: Leigh has been working on altering the trail to cross the bike trail rather than running any sections in conjunction with the bike trail.
 3. Kanab Creek Bridge: Apparently Dan expects the Chapter to get grant funding for this.
 4. Campground at Lower Podunk Road: We don't have the bandwidth for this, Maria is working with the state BCH president to get funding to get the County to fix the road to the campground.
5. Equestrian Insurance: Discussion was prompted by an item in the email from BCH this week advising members that it is time too renew the Equisure Equine liability insurance. See item below about insurance from KVH. Diane mentioned that she has an umbrella policy rather than the Equisure policy. Apparently the descriptive term is "equine personal excess liability insurance".
6. Christmas Party: Will be held in lieu of the regular December meeting, on December 12th at the Clubhouse at La Estancia, 6:30 - 8:30. Hors d'oeuvres potluck, gift exchange (the usual method) \$15-35. The officers will meet at the clubhouse at 6 to get chairs and tables set up. ***Please bring canned goods to the party, to be donated to a local charity.***
7. November Ride: 11/23 11 AM, Leigh will lead, on the 7.3 mile Shinarump Trail. Rain day is 11/30. Possible trail maintenance day in December.

8. Volunteer Hours: Make sure to enter any volunteer hours that you can, will help when we apply for grants. One example is "picking up trash when out walking your dog on the K Trail". Contact Cindy or Noel for help accessing the reporting form.
9. Officers: Of course, it's time to elect/appoint the officers for 2025. Voting will happen at the Christmas party. The candidates are:
 1. President - Maria
 2. Vice President - Megan
 3. Secretary - Cindy Beem
 4. Treasurer - Don (we may have agreed to swap roles).
 5. Grant Writer - Leigh
10. Insurance: Dr Tara dropped in and gave a quick presentation on the Care Membership program available from KVH. Prices range from \$60/month per animal to \$125/month per animal, and of course include varying levels of service. Please contact KVH for more details.
11. Action items: There was no discussion of action Items coming out of the meeting, although I think everyone knows what they are working on. See last month's minutes for reminders.
12. Adjourn: Cindy McCormack moved to adjourn at 7:30, seconded by Barbara.