

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

1. **Members Present:** Barbara Maxwell, Noel Poe, Mary Poe, Georgia Bentley, Cindy Beem, Becky Tietze (Patron member), Don Clark. Diane Fralish via Zoom.

Barbara called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

2. **Approval of January 11 2024 Minutes:** Motion to approve by Noel, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara. Approved unanimously.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Cindy Beem has taken over from Gina as Treasurer. She reported \$2137 in the checking account, \$24 or \$25 in the savings account, and some cash not counted yet.
4. **Old Business:**
  - A. **Facebook Administration:** (See the Agenda) Maria VanHart and Cindy Beem are admins. Jorah, Linda Alvey and Gina Tullie removed from their current Facebook admin roles.
5. **New Business:**
  - A. **Rules for Best Friends Animal Sanctuary Arena Use:** Don reported that we can in fact use the BFAS arena, as long as we read the rules document, and each sign the release form. He has copies of these documents.
  - B. **Camp Korongo Update:** Don gave a brief presentation to show where Camp Korongo will actually be situated, and where the access roads will be. The primary access will be a turnoff from highway 89 directly opposite Johnson Canyon Road, running across Crosby land to the south, with the Camp Korongo property being about a half-mile from 89. There will be a secondary access off Bryce Canyon Way, about 100 yards from highway 89. Don has maps that show the location and accesses, please contact him if you would like to see copies.
  - C. **Survey Monkey:** Maria will spearhead getting a survey done using SurveyMonkey. Survey to be reviewed by officers and Noel before being distributed, hopefully by mid-March to get results back for (perhaps) an event in April (see Item D below). Survey goals:
    - a. What level of rider are we (mainly)? Novice, Intermediate, Advanced?
    - b. What types of rides should we be doing (easy, moderate, difficult)?
    - c. What would be the ideal length of a ride (in hours)?
    - d. What types of riding? Arena, trail, bushwhacking, exploratory?
    - e. How can we improve our skills?
  - D. **Mike Henrie Seminars:** Mike has offered to run a seminar at his arena for HDBCH members, for half of his normal price (2 days, \$200). Minimum number of attendees is 3, 7-8 people is max. He also wants to come and make a presentation at a HDBCH meeting. We agreed to invite him to

present at the March meeting (later in the meeting he confirmed that he would attend and present at the March meeting). We'll need to provide for Zoom access to the meeting when he comes.

- E. **Campground Project Update:** The equestrian campground project proposal on Hancock Road out near the Ponderosa Campground has run into a bit of a snag. The land has essentially been clear-cut by BLM, for what is called a "vegetation treatment project". Goal appears to be to create more grazing land, as the land will be seeded with crested wheat grass. Noel and Barbara met with Dan Gunn of BLM, apparently things got a little tense... We will have to revisit this to determine if an alternative site can be found. There is a possible alternative camp site, across highway 89 from the Hog Canyon access, north of where the new bridge will be installed. However, noise would be a problem, also the potential for flash floods and quicksand.
- F. **Treasury Update and Application/Liability Form:** We need to have an accurate member list, and Cindy will use the membership application form to capture the necessary information. She is asking everyone to fill out a new copy of the form when they send in their annual dues payment. Dues for the Chapter were supposed to be sent in to Utah BCH by 12/31/2023, and obviously we missed that date. Now Cindy is asking for us to get this done by 2/28, so please get your dues and filled-out form to Cindy ASAP if you haven't done it already. And if you already paid, but haven't provided the new application form, please take care of that with Cindy ASAP. In the future Cindy will start reminding members about the need to renew in October.
- G. **February Ride:** There was discussion about how far members are willing to trailer to rides? Cindy mentioned Cottonwood Hills in St George for the February ride. The date will be 2/17, with 2/24 as the weather alternate date, and Cindy will post that on the HDBCH Facebook page.
- H. **March Through September Rides:** Barbara mentioned that the Chapter rides are typically a week or two after the meeting, and she will add that to the survey mentioned earlier. She has assembled a long list of rides, and the times of year when these might be best. Diane mentioned Bryce Valley Ranch in Cannonville for a Summer event, may need to reserve. Diane will send contact information to Barbara.

6. **Adjourn:** Noel moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM, Barbara 2nd.