

High Desert Backcountry Horsemen Minutes

April 11, 2024

Approved at the May 9 2024 Meeting

1. **Members Present:** Maria VanHart, Noel Poe, Linda Alvey, Billy Robertson, Kathy Robertson, Diane Fralish, Don Clark, Barbara Maxwell.

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

2. **Approval of February 9 2024 Minutes:**

While there was a Chapter meeting in March, the entire meeting was devoted to a presentation by Mike Henrie for his riding skills seminar business, and what he could offer to Chapter members. Chapter secretary was away, there were no minutes taken. Diane pointed out a correction needed in the February minutes. Motion to approve the February minutes as amended made by Noel, and 2nd by Diane. Approved unanimously.

3. **Survey Monkey Results:** See the attached one-pager which is Maria's tabulation of the survey results. The remainder of the meeting was driven by discussions of those results.

4. **Campground Project Update:** Time expired, not discussed.

5. **Treasury Update:** Cindy Beem was not in attendance, but she reported via email to Maria that "There is \$2,221.65 in the bank account and \$24.00 in the savings account. We have 20 members total."
 - a. Discuss Membership Numbers:
 - b. Donate a Membership to a Local Vet/Vet Tech/Trainer/BLM or Forestry employee?

6. **Liability Waivers:** Time expired, not discussed.

7. **April and Future Rides:**

- a. April - Billy will lead, probably Swapp Canyon, see the HDBCH Facebook page
- b. May - un-committed, but probably the Mike Henrie clinics as an option.
- c. June - un-committed
- d. July - Diane - Probably on the Kaibab
- e. August - Navajo Lake ride with the St George chapter

There was some reluctance to commit to the Mike Henrie clinics as one of the monthly rides. The clinics are fine as an optional adjunct, but not necessarily as a replacement for a monthly ride.

8. **Future Speakers:** At the May meeting Billy and Don will do short presentations on two or more apps that can be used for trail navigation on a phone. Billy - Gaia GPS; Don - Avenza Maps.
9. **Trail Projects:** Trail projects were briefly discussed, but discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
10. **Letter to County Commissioners and Kevin Wright:** Time expired so no discussion. Maria will write letters to the County Commissioners and Kevin Wright (???) expressing the Chapter's interest in using

trails. ???

11. **Mike Henrie Seminar Date:** As noted elsewhere the members in attendance felt that scheduling a clinic in lieu of a month ride wasn't appropriate.
12. **Zoom, as a Future Meeting Option:** Time expired, not discussed.
13. **Comments From the Membership:** Diane suggested that the Chapter should have a presence at events around town such as the Western Legends, Balloons & Tunes, etc., to publicize HDBCH and what the Chapter does. But we can't really do that until the Chapter "population" gets built back up.

Diane also mentioned that she will be camping at Bryce in June, maybe we could join her for a camping weekend in lieu of the June ride.

Noel mentioned that he will be meeting with Whit Bunting to discuss a campground.

14. **Adjourn:** Linda moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM, Diane 2nd.

Attachment A: Survey results one-pager

Survey 13 responses as of 3/26/24

Skills B=3 I=7 A=3

Mike Clinic Y=7 N=5 Sure/Maybe 1 (All Advanced said No) Kathy Diane Heather Noel Megan

BLM Project Y=11 No = ~~0~~ Yes but Safety Officer = 2

Forestry Project Y=11 No = ~~0~~ Sure ill call 911 = 2

Free Membership Y = $\frac{V}{T} \frac{5}{1}$ B 3 No = 4

Distance to Rides 2hrs = 4 3hrs = 11 4hrs = 11 Mercy of my friends = 1
No Answer = 1 1.5hrs = 1 30min = 1

Stg Chapter Ride Y=9 N=3 Maybe = 1

Ride length 5-10 miles = 9 No Limit 3 6-14 = 1

Chapter Activities Mtg + Ride Enough = 5 Add activity = 7 Wkly = 1

Ride level Easy 2 Intermediate 9 Hope to make it have Altir = 2

Day of week

M	III	⑤	5	III	III	⑩
T	III	⑤	5	III	III	⑩
W	III	④	4	III	III	⑩
T	III	⑤	5	III	III	⑩
F	III	④	4	III	III	⑩

Time

Any on Weekend 11

M-F p5 11

? depends III

Mid Morning 11

Any 11

Morning 1

Overnight trip Yes 10 No = 3

