

High Desert Backcountry Horsemen Minutes
August 8, 2024
Approved at September 12 2024 Meeting

1. Members Present: Maria VanHart, Mary Poe, Noel Poe, Leigh Beem, Cindy Beem, Julie Alexander, Don Clark. No one called in to the on-line Teams Meeting

Maria called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

2. Approve Meeting Minutes from June & July Meetings: Noel moved to approve the June meeting minutes, Mary seconded, all approved. Cindy moved to approve the July meeting minutes, Leigh seconded, all approved.
3. Treasury Update: Cindy reported that the cash balance is \$97 and some change, the checking account balance is \$2,263.65, and the savings account balance is \$24. Cindy is working on coordinating payment to Gina for the first aid (emergency) kit that the Chapter agreed to purchase in the July meeting.
4. Trail Emergency kit: Does Diane have this now? The goal is to have the kit in the hands of the ride leader for any given month, and have the kit transferred to the next ride leader during the monthly HDBCH meeting. Don will contact Diane about the kit. Given that this month's ride is actually being hosted by the St George Chapter we don't necessarily have to bring the HDBCH Chapter kit on the ride.
5. HDBCH Sign: Cindy currently has the sign.
6. New Chapter Email Address: We now have a Gmail email address for the Chapter, Maria is currently setting up the mailing list within that account. In the future we will use this for all emails to the members.
7. Maria reviewed the upcoming rides.
 - a) August 10th - ride at Navajo Lake with the St. George chapter. This chapter does their ride communication through Facebook, please use their page to RSVP for this ride, at <https://www.facebook.com/BCHU.Southwest>
 - b) September 21st - ride Grandview Trial lead by Robert Brown, trailhead TBD.
 - c) October 19th - ride Cottonwood (no leader assigned yet), while we are riding please take note of anything that needs repair or sprucing up for Chapter clean-up on the following day.
8. Trails Projects:
 - a) Grandview Trail picnic - in lieu of a work day we will take a run out to the proposed campground on the Grandview trail for a picnic (and maybe do some

cleanup work while we are there). There is a campground already established on Lower Podunk Road (off Skutumpah) that is a candidate for an equestrian campground - already has tie-up rails, restroom, some roughly-defined campsites, possibly water. Maria is working with BLM to determine if necessary road work can be done (currently the campground is accessible with a 4-wheel-drive vehicle, but the last two miles is too rough for horse trailers).

- b) Shinarump - not discussed.
 - c) Cottonwood Trail cleanup is scheduled for October 20th. See last month meeting minutes for some details.
 - d) Horse Campground:
 - a) See the Grandview Trail picnic item above.
 - b) We briefly discussed the proposed campground off Rte 9 above Carmel Junction.
 - c) Leigh also suggested a third site - an equine trail around Jackson Flat reservoir, with some campsites, perhaps use of corrals or stalls at the KanePlex, and maybe even a beach for swimming (with) your horse(s). Leigh will broach this with KanePlex officials.
9. Booth for Western Legends: It's probably too late to get a booth at the Western Legends, and we don't have enough active people to staff the booth anyway.
10. Booth at Rodeo: Leigh will talk to the KanePlex people about the possibility of setting up a presence of some kind at the next rodeo at the KanePlex.

The point of these last two items is to create some awareness of Back Country Horsemen and particularly the High Desert Chapter, to attract new members. Other ideas that were floated include creating a sign to post at the Cottonwood trailhead informing the reader that the trail was created and maintained by HDBCH.

We discussed providing some BCH and HDBCH brochures/pamphlets to the Kanab Tourism office and the BLM office in Kanab for placement in their racks. Don will pursue this. Mary and Noel will check with Freddy at the SG chapter to find out about getting more.

11. Available trail/Volunteer Forms: Maria reviewed the need for us to fill out forms with BLM and others for volunteering time that we do. One example is the Trail Steward Patrol Log, from Susan Johnston of the Adopt-A-Trail Kanab group.
12. Member Items:
- a. Mary mentioned that Davina Smith needs a horse to ride in the Western Legends parade. If anyone has, or knows of a horse that would be a good fit, please let Mary know.

- b. Julie mentioned perhaps we could set up a trail course, that the Chapter could sponsor. This could be publicized through the Chapter Facebook page, and might serve to attract people/members.

13. Adjourn: Maria moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.