

High Desert Backcountry Horsemen Minutes  
September 12, 2024  
Approved at February 13 2025 Meeting

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

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

2. Approve Last Month's Minutes: Barbara moved to approve the August meeting minutes, Don seconded, all approved.
3. Treasury Update: Cindy reported no change from numbers reported at the August meeting. There was some discussion of the dues payments for 2025:
  1. Dues will increase to \$40 individual and \$45 family, plus the payments must be made to Utah BCH before the end of the year (meaning that members should re-up within the next two months).
  2. Should the Chapter should cover the additional \$5 for 2025? Barbara moved that the Chapter should not cover the additional \$5, Mary seconded, all approved.
4. Trail Emergency kit: Apparently Linda Alvey has the old kit, the new kit appears to have gone missing. If anyone knows where the new kit is please contact Maria.
5. HDBCH Sign: Cindy currently has the sign, and brought it to the meeting. She will retain it for the September ride.
6. New Chapter Email Address: The Gmail email address for the Chapter is [bchhighdesert@gmail.com](mailto:bchhighdesert@gmail.com), Maria is currently setting up the mailing list within that account. In the future we will use this for all emails to the members. Maria will monitor the inbox.
7. Review the upcoming rides.
  - a) September 21st - ride Grandview Trial lead by Robert Brown, trailhead TBD. Check the HDBCH Facebook page for details, from Cindy & Leigh who will lead the ride in lieu of Robert
  - b) 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 campground - There was much discussion of equestrian campgrounds, developed and or supported by the Chapter. We decided to de-

commit from the Grand View Trail campground on Lower Podunk Road as it is just too far away and too inaccessible.

- b) Attention will switch to the proposed campground area above Carmel Junction - Noel and Mary will contact Diane Fralish about getting involved. Barbara, with help from Maria and Noel, will pursue writing a grant request to the BLM for necessary funding. Maria will reach out to Freddie Dunn for help with the grant request.
  - c) Cottonwood Trail cleanup is scheduled for October 20th. See August meeting minutes for some details.
  - d) Trail Course - there was discussion about building a Trail Course in the local area. Funding appears to be available from BLM, and there is BLM land around the Kaneplex. Leigh and Barbara will approach Dan Gunn about locating a Trail Course at either the Kaneplex or adjacent to the Shinarump trail. Maria will contact Kane County and Utah state recreation about getting funding. Don will contact Iron County BLM person about how the Trail Course in Cedar City was funded and developed.
  - e) Maria will send out an email to members, separate from these meeting minutes, about what we are planning (described above).
- 9. Grand To Grand support - if anyone is interested in riding in support of the Grand to Grand race, please contact Jim Bentley directly.
  - 10. Discussion of Christmas party date and location: 12/12/2024, at the La Estancia clubhouse, in lieu of the normal monthly meeting.
  - 11. Adjourn: Barbara moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM, Leigh seconded.