

# High Desert Back Country Horsemen

## September Meeting Minutes CottonWood Trail Head Parking Thursday, September 11, 2025

Approved at October 9 2025 Meeting

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### 1. Call to Order

- Led by – Megan -
  - Called to order at 6:45 pm Attendees include Megan, Dorene, Mary, Noel, Don, Julie.

### 2. Moment of Silence in Honor of Sept 11<sup>th</sup>. Paying Tribute to Victims' Families and First Responders

### 3. Approval of Agenda

### 4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – August 14, 2025 & May 8, 2025

August Moved by Mary, seconded by Dorene.

May Moved by Dorene, seconded by Megan.

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### 5. Reports

#### a. Treasury Update

- Current balance update -  
Checking \$2,735.25, Savings \$25, Cash \$109.15 + \$382 + \$225 = \$716.15
- Quilt raffle ticket sales – final report from Western Legends Aug 22/23-  
The \$382 + \$225 = \$716.15 are the quilt raffle ticket sales  
Quilt won by Brent Johnson
- Pending reimbursements (e.g., Kane Community Room chainsaw training)  
Spent \$61.12 for signs for Shinarump

#### b. Membership Update

- Family & individual totals  
11 family and 7 individual memberships
- Outreach/renewals status  
It is getting close to renewal time, the membership renewal form is on the HDBCH web page

### c. Social Media & Website

- Photo/content updates (Shinarump, Cottonwood rides, etc.)
- Website & membership fee updates

### d. Project Updates

- **Shinarump Trail Gate Project** – status of loose barbed wire cleanup (Don)

[Some wire cleaned up near gate into Shinarump, more to be done. Leigh is going to reverse the gate, away from the cattle guard](#)

- “Keep Gate Closed” signs – update on order (Gina)

### e. Cottonwood Trail

- Ride report and discussion on potential loop route development- Damage to Benches and Seats rolled down the hill by the public. Mary and Noel checked on the area and found numerous benches pushed over ridge. Will take heavy equipment to move back to the area. Need a work party and collaboration with BLM to help with move.

[There is a need to start riding that trail, to help establish the equine usage of the trail and the trail head.](#)

### f. Volunteer Hours

- Updates from summer projects (Diana’s Throne, Shinarump Trail, Kaibab/Jacob Canyon)
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## 6. New Business

### a. Quilt Raffle

- Ticket sales recap from Western Legends

[See Treasure Update above.](#)

- Plan for raffle drawing, funds allocation (tools/trail maintenance, donations)

[Raffle drawing was done at Western Legends. Megan proposed that we use the money for trail tools - shovels, grub hoes, etc.. Megan moved that we donate \\$200, \\$100 to Dr tara’s animal support initiative, \\$100 to 4H, Don seconded. Dorene will contact Angie Reidhead about a 4H horse group.](#)

### b. Tack Sale

- Update on possible swap meet (Common Ground, Legends weekend, other venues)

### c. Trail Use Reminder

- Encourage regular riding on Shinarump & Cottonwood Trails

[Megan suggested getting out there, taking note of what cleanup is needed.](#)

### d. Chainsaw & Crosscut Training

- Possible September sawer class – interest and signups

[Megan raised the question of do we need to offer a class again? This will be solicited by a separate mailing to the membership.](#)

## **e. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities**

- G2G – Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday Long Day Draft Riders, need 3 more Volunteers willing to ride out and enjoy Elephant Butte short ride behind the last of the runners/walkers. A ticket to the Dinner Sept 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm MT is included at the Jacob Hamblin Park. [If anyone would like to ride, contact Megan](#)
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## **7. Monthly Rides & Service Projects**

- **September 20 – Bull Rush Wash (AZ Strip)-**

[Cindy will post on the HDBCH Facebook page.](#) The alternative is Cottonwood Trail if Bullrush is flooded out.

- **October 18 – Grapevine Trail (tentative)**

[Alternative is Glass Eye Spring](#)

- **November – TBD**

- **December – Christmas Party**

– Location options: “Once Upon a Time Museum” Restaurant or Giff’s BBQ (Gina update)

[Mary will check out the museum as an option, Don will check out Griff’s.](#) Need to find out if they will be open, and interested in hosting the group.

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## **8. Other Items**

- Clothing embroidery with BCH logo – supplier info update
  - [Maureen ? does embroidery locally, has done work for Lumber Plus, Crosby’s, Griff’s](#)
  - [There was some discussion of where chapter property will be kept. Megan will hold.](#)
  - [Dorene motioned to purchase trail equipment, I seconded, as long as the items can be carried on a saddle.](#)
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## **9. Adjournment**

[Adjourned at 7:35 PM](#)