

Minutes of June 12, 2025 High Desert BCH

Approved at the 10 July 2025 Chapter Meeting

Megan opened the mtg. at 6:38pm. Those in attendance included Megan, Gina, Cindy, Noel and Mary. We had a guest speaker, RaiChele Alldredge.

Noel read the first 3 items aloud from our BCH mission statement. This practice will serve as a reminder for our chapter of the importance of our activities.

The Chapter's Treasury report was read to us by Gina and included:

Checking Account of \$2,942.92

Savings is \$25

Cash is \$109 15

Total is \$3,077.07

Gina explained that check #215 for \$239.67 written to Kanab Farm and Ranch is outstanding. Once that check has cleared the overall balance will be \$2,837.40.

The Shinarump Grant of \$500. Has had 2 checks written from it. Those include the Kanab Farm and Ranch at \$239.67 for 12- foot pipe gate and 3 cedar posts. and Crosby's for tie wire in the amount of \$22.21.

Our membership update includes 10 family and 7 individual memberships for a total of 27 people. Don updated the membership annual fees on the website.

Megan reported that the April 23-24 Utah trails conference was well attended. Members of the Utah State Board were able to attend multiple trainings. The St. George BCH was well represented as well. Mary would like to add that the speakers were well prepared and interesting to listen to. Megan noted that information regarding the values of trails and the equine access to new housing areas under construction were also addressed.

Mary and Noel were happy to report on the improvements to the road leading to the Cottonwood Trailhead parking area. We are grateful to the Kanab City Road crew, led by Jake Dutton for such prompt attention to our request for a smoother approach. We are certain that riders find it much nicer to tow a trailer up that rather steep incline. Our thanks go to Whitt Bunting, as well, for making the original call to the City of Kanab.

A motion was made by Gina that we approve the purchase of the 12 ft. gate, and 3 poles for H-brace for the Shinarump Trail and Megan followed with a 2nd. The gate was purchased locally from the Kanab Farm and Ranch Store.

Congratulations are in order for Megan and Kathy B. as they spent 22 hours of trail cleanup and recon at Coral Pink Sand dunes, Mt Carmel, Diana's throne and Wood Hill Loop. Let's keep adding to those volunteer hours.

The quilt for the raffle has been displayed at Zion's Bank in Kanab. We hope we generated some interest and want to thank Don and Megan for setting up the display. The raffle tickets will be sold at the cost of 3 tickets for \$5.

Megan reminded those present that Dan Gunn asked riders to use the Shinarump trail regularly so the pathway is obvious.

Gina will be in touch with Kaneplex users concerning Tack sale at local Rodeos.

Megan explained we now have people who completed the Chainsaw course. USFS Chainsaw "Sawyer" course qualifies members to utilize a Chain Saw on USFS/BLM lands for safe trail limbing, brushing, and bucking of trees on the front country. USFS Crosscut (nonpowered) Sawyer training qualifies members to use non motorized saws in the Backcountry to keep trails open.

The June ride slated for June 21st was at Navajo Lake. Megan included details for those interested. Great day to ride around the Lake! Had members from St G chapter ride with and saw one other truck/trailer pull into area then depart. (Blue truck/ white/metal bumper pull).

Megan reminded members that she travels to St. George weekly for anyone that may want some Back Country Horsemen clothing embroidered with our logo by a new supplier.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Poe