

**APPROVED** High Desert Backcountry Horsemen Minutes  
February 10, 2022  
Sage Room, Kanab City Office Building

1. **New Introductions:** We had one additional introduction at this meeting. Penny Mader introduced herself as our latest member so far.
2. **Twelve Members Present:** The following members were present. Barbara Maxwell, Bill and Kathy Robertson, Jim and Georgia Bentley, Maria Vanhart and Julia Sbragia, Diane Fralish, Viveca Alldridge, Tiffany Palumbo, Noel and Mary Poe.
3. **January 23, 2022 Minutes:** Minutes approved by consensus.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Anita Black, Treasurer was absent because of a recent bout with COVID and is still in quarantine. Mary read Anita's Treasurer Checkbook. Current Balance is \$1704.07
5. **Old Business:**
  - A. We asked for corrections for the February 7<sup>th</sup> Membership List. There were a couple.
  - B. Group talked about needing a method so the Group Leader knows how many members are going to be riding on the on the 3rd Saturday or Sunday HDBCH ride. It was decided when the person sends out the announcement and details of the ride that he/she will ask members to respond saying "Yes" or "No" they will be riding. If there is no response, it will be assume, they are not riding.
6. New Business:
  - A. **Agenda Suggestions:** Diane had taken the initiative to send an email with several suggestions for consideration on improving the organization and delivery of the meeting's agenda. Each of the 4 suggestions were discussed at length and these minutes will cover just the decisions made by our chapter.
    - (1): Post agenda and previous meeting minutes at least 1 week in advance of the meeting.
    - (2): In the meeting announcement ask for additional agenda topics.
    - (3): Structure agenda with suggested time slots for each topic to help stay on track.
    - (4): Add blank lines under "New & Old" Agenda Titles in case member(s) have an additional topic(s) to discuss that weren't thought about in advance.
  - B. **Monthly Chapter Rides:** Post 1-3 rides in Agenda & ask members to bring their suggestions rides along with volunteering to be ride leader. The day, location & leader can be determined at the meeting. It was decided the third weekend is best ride time for advance planning. If there are extenuating circumstances, the ride date can be changed.
    - (1) Decided April is perfect time to ride Snake Gulch.
    - (2) Hop Valley in western Zion NP was suggested as a ride in May.
    - (3) Recommendation accepted to devote time at the March meeting to plan monthly rides.
    - (4) **Facebook discussion.** Most spoke about the value of Facebook in attracting members and community interest. The existing HDBCH Facebook was talked about and eventually 3 persons volunteered to take the existing Facebook, update it and work on activating the use of it. The Facebook Administration volunteers are Julia, Kathy & Diane. They may appoint other members for following or other task(s) to assist them.
      - a. Post ride date, time, location & directions in Facebook one week in advance.
      - b. Appoint 1 member for writing ride details in Facebook 1 or 2 days in advance.
      - c. The above could be team effort of 2 or 3 to accomplish these tasks for this ride.
      - d. Appoint 1 or 2 riders to take photos & notes to send to appropriate Admin Member.

- C. **Additional Overall Participation:** It was suggested that committees be resurrected. The following committees were suggested. Next meeting they will be discussed further and goals considered for how often.
- (1) Trail development or other projects involving Federal agency interaction (usually BLM, FS).
  - (2) Education, such as presentations, demonstrations, or guest speakers,
  - (3) Membership recruitment, using booths/promotions at area events, flyer distribution, tack sale(s), etc.
7. The HDBCH Bylaws were originally approved in February 2013. State Office has requested that Chapters review and update their Bylaws. We will route to existing officers, past-president and Barbara Maxwell. Once the officers review and edit, they will be distributed to the membership for review. It is planned that members comments and edits will occur during the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.
8. The February 19<sup>th</sup> monthly ride was out to 8-mile Gap, east of Kanab and south of Highway 89. Ten riders showed up and we left the trailhead at 1:10 p.m. The ride was just over 2 hours and had a great view of the cliffs overlooking 8-Mile Gap. The weather was shirt-sleeve and beautiful.
9. Meeting adjourned shortly after 8:00 p.m.

  
Secretary, HDBCH