

APPROVED High Desert Backcountry Horsemen Minutes  
August 11, 2022

**New Member Information:** Jim Alexander joined his wife as a HDBCH member.

**Members Present:** Julie & Jim Alexander, Cindy Lindhorn, Diane Fralish, Marie Vanhart & Julia Sbragia, Linda Alvey, Jim & Georgia Bentley, Don Clark, Mary & Noel Poe.

**July 14 Minutes:** Marie moved and Diane seconded the approval for the July 14<sup>th</sup> minutes. Passed unanimously.

**Treasurer Report:** Anita and Ron Black were excused because of medical issue. Anita reports a balance of \$1,818.64 in our checking account.

**Old Business:** (1) New **BCHA pamphlets** were distributed to members that didn't get them at July meeting, with suggestion to put them in vehicle glove compartment (2) The narrative and **photo with 15 members** that appeared in the July 21 Southern Utah Newspaper were passed around and entered into the Chapter's scrapbook. (3) Jim B. passed out information about the upcoming September **Grand to Grand Ultra-Marathon** Race that the HDBCH will assist with by being "*sweepers*" to make sure the last runners make it into G-to-G camp each of the 4 days.

**New Business:**

- A. Cindy led the discussion about the August Party Details. It was decided that the annual summer party would be held Sunday afternoon into evening, on August 21 at the Lindhorn home in Apple Valley. (The Kane County Western Legends are on August 18-20.) Menu is a hamburger & veggie-burger grill plus potluck dishes. Members that will participate in the party need to let Mary or Noel know if they are coming by contacting either: Mary @ 435-899-0467 or Noel @ [nmpoe0920@gmail.com](mailto:nmpoe0920@gmail.com) and [what dish](#).
- B. Noel led the discussion on the two upcoming BLM NEPA<sup>1</sup> actions. The Chapter and individual members are encouraged to provide comments to the BLM during the Public Scoping Process, particularly for the Bike Trail.
  - a. **Shinarump Mountain Bike Trail.** A 26.5-mile Biking & Hiking Trail along the Utah-Arizona Border that apparently has excluded equestrians. A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared by the Kanab Field Office. Decision made for Chapter Secretary to prepare formal scoping letter questioning why equestrians were left out. Scoping deadline is August 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - b. Paria River District Office is preparing Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and **Draft Resource Management Plan** (RMP) for Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument<sup>2</sup>. The Public Scoping Period is open July 29<sup>th</sup> thru September 27, 2022. A decision was made for the Chapter to provide input to ensure that equestrians and pack stock are permitted in GSENM.

**Adjourn:** There were no Closing Remarks or other issues brought before the Chapter. Georgia moved to adjourn the meeting and Linda seconded it. Meeting adjourned for muffins and visiting at 7:31 p.m.

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<sup>1</sup> National Environmental Policy Act.

<sup>2</sup> GSENM