

High Desert Backcountry Horsemen Minutes
November 9, 2023
Approved at the January 11 2023 Meeting

1. **Members Present:** Gina Tullie, Barbara Maxwell, Diane Fralish, Jim Bentley, Georgia Bentley, Cindy Beem, Maria Vanhart, Nick Oprandi, Julie Alexander, Cindy Lindhorn, Kathy Stoker, Don Clark.

Barbara called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

2. **Approval of October 12 2023 Minutes:** Motion to approve by Maria, and 2nd by Diane. Approved unanimously.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Gina reported that the account balances are the same as in October, with the addition of a check for \$40 just deposited from a new member Heather Vance.
4. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Ride Report for October 21st:** The ride was cancelled, Barbara wants to know if we are a riding club, or a bunch of old duffers ;-). Gina suggested using Facebook Messenger to update members on rides and coordinate. Diane suggested creating an event for each ride on Facebook, so that the creator can get confirmations from riders. Gina will be a creator of these events, Maria will ask Julia about also doing that.
 - B. **Christmas Party:** This will be held in lieu of the December meeting, at Jim and Georgia's house. Starts at 6:30, address is 363 E 100 N. Theme is a pupu party (hors d'oeuvres, tapas), with a gift exchange.
5. **New Business:**
 - C. **Election of Officers -** Gina, Barbara and Don will continue in their roles as Treasurer, Secretary and Vice president respectively, with Maria as President. All were elected unanimously.
 - D. **BLM Resource Management Plan:** Maria reported that Noel will continue working with the BLM on these plans, and has written comments on one already (see Agenda).
 - E. **Volunteer Hours:** Cindy has been working with Dan Guun of the BLM to ensure an easement through some SITLA land off 8 Mile Gap Road.
 - F. **BCH State Board Meeting:** Noel recently attended the Utah state board meeting of the BCH. National BCH is increasing the dues by \$5, and each chapter has to vote to approve. Apparently this is a requirement to remain in the BCH organization. There was quite a bit of discussion about what we get for our Chapter dues, with some understanding that the major activity that benefits its is lobbying (for example, resisting e-bikes on national lands). We agreed that we should get the 501(c)(3) documentation, so we can have a better idea of where the money goes. A motion was made by Cindy to accept the \$5 increase, seconded by Kathy and approved unanimously.

G. Gina will lead a ride in November, she will publish as usual via the HDBCH Facebook page. Linda suggested Rattlesnake Gulch. Ride will be on Saturday 11/12, and possibly another ride on Sunday 11/13. Gina suggested a ride in December in Washington, around exit 13 - will be a little warmer down there in December. Gina will send out an email tomorrow.

H. **Dr Tara's talk:** The main point made by Dr Tara to start her talk was "be prepared, prevention first." For example, don't head out on a ride that your horse isn't prepared for. You wouldn't do a rim-to-rim hike at the Grand Canyon without training, so don't ask your horse to do something he/she isn't prepared for. Consider the ride and any arthritis issues your horse may have, especially as the weather gets colder.

Pay attention to Trail Etiquette - never leave a rider or horse behind. Bring a first aid kit. Some items to include: 12"-16" stranding wrap, support wrap, TracWrap. (Linda Alvey has the Chapter's first aid kit.)

Include topicals - e.g. diaper rash cream for superficial wounds; honey is also a good wound coating. Dy's liquid bandage. Equioxx - better than bute, requires a prescription. Get a couple of inexpensive hemostats to be able to clamp off an artery if needed. Include elastic wrap. Get some ophthalmic ointment from your vet, for eye injuries. Bring rubber gloves - never touch a wound w/o gloves, to prevent human stuff from infecting a wound. Include some Dr Bronner's castile soap.

For penetrating wound in a hoof, generally, don't pull the puncturing item out. Trim flush if possible, wrap with Elastikon to keep from penetrating further. Banamine for colic - along that line, don't take you horse on trail rides if changing their diet. For snakebite, the worst case is on the nose, otherwise treat as a normal wound.

6. **Adjourn:** Barbara adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM