

High Desert Backcountry Horsemen Minutes

June 8, 2023

Approved at July 13 2023 Meeting

1. **Members Present:** Cindy M, Linda, Jim and Georgia, Gina, Barbara, Mary and Noel.

Noel called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

2. **Approval of May 11 2023 Minutes:** Motion to approve by Gina, and 2nd by Cindy M. Approved as printed.
3. **Treasurer Report:** Gina reported that there is no change from May 11th meeting. The balance is \$2,083.55. 14 Family memberships and 8 individual memberships. One person who submitted an application at May 11th meeting said she would bring her membership fee to the June 8 meeting. However, she wasn't present. She will not be counted as a member until we get the dues.

4. **Old Business:**

- A. Noel explained the changes for the May ride and walking tour at proposed Equine Site near Ponderosa campground.

As the May meeting Minutes originally reflected, we had planned on having a horseback ride to explore the Ponderosa Area Trails & to take members on a walking tour of the potential location for the Equestrian Campground. Diane Fralish was not able to lead the ride to see potential trails nor to lead the walking tour. 5 members rode along with 2 guests that signed the current Liability Release. The date for the walking tour will be rescheduled.

- B. **Monthly Chapter Rides:** Ride Leaders are as follows: June—Noel, July—Maria, August--Linda Sept—Maria (if Grand to Grand is not happening), Oct---Grand View Ride if we have a leader, Nov. is in question.
- C. **Report on Trail-Cat discussion at Kanab Trail Committee meeting May 12:** Noel reported on Kanab Trails Committee Meeting held on May 12th. It was decided by the consensus of Committee that a Trail Cat would not be purchased because larger equipment is necessary for Kane County.
- D. **Any Updates on Trail System Planning Vicinity of State Line?** Leigh Beem was not present to report on Trail System Planning near the State Line.

5. **New Business:**

- A. **Update on Kanab Creek Bridge and Shinarump Cliffs Trails with Dan Gunn, (BLM Staff) :** Leigh is working on this with Jim and Noel. They met with BLM staff Dan Gunn on May 22, as Dan wanted to update us on the Kanab Creek Bridge and the Trail System in the Shinarump Cliffs area. Dan explained that he has received 2 different bridge designs, with two different bids. One bridge was a synthetic-type material that would be susceptible to damage. The other would be a steel bridge with 3-inch wooden tread. The synthetic bridge was \$100,000 for construction, trans-

portation and installation. The steel bridge cost was closer to \$200,000 for the same 3 actions. Steel would be harder to damage and have a longer warranty.

Dan also talked to the Recreation & Transportation Special Service District Board Members. RTSSD Board agreed to provide \$50,000 to help cover the cost of the new steel bridge over the Kanab Creek as part of the Greenhalgh Trail. All were in favor except Tony Wright.

Also, Dan and Leigh are working together to get the Maps and Apps together and down to BLM. With App. they can apply GPSed trail location data and forward the Map(s) to BLM Arizona Strip Field Office for inclusion in the NEPA proposal.

- B. **Update on Equestrian Campground plans and activities:** The Equestrian Campground Tour date was brought up. After discussion it was decided with the current, thick No-see 'Ems (A.K.A) the Walking Tour should be postponed until July. Accepted by group consensus.
 - C. **Update on Liability Release for HDBCH:** Barbara Maxwell introduced her draft report of the HDBCH Liability Release. After discussion, President Noel was given the draft copy for his review and will get back to Barbara with his thoughts for members review.
 - D. **Talk with Dr. Tara, at Kanab Veterinary Hospital:** Mary and Noel talked with Dr. Tara DVM, who works at the Kanab Veterinary Hospital. Dr. Tara was currently using acupuncture on Mary's horse. Mary asked if Dr. Tara would talk to the HDBCH Chapter. She said yes, "Be happy to do so!", but she would want to know what topics were of interest. Suggested topics from the members present were acupuncture, PEMF machine for pain treatment, massage/body work, laser light therapy, saddle fitting and barefoot versus shod horses. Mary will share these ideas with Dr. Tara and provide her with our meeting dates.
6. Noel did a short report on "Robert Rules of Adjournment." There needs to be a motion made/moved and seconded. The President can't dismiss the members by herself or himself.
 7. **Adjourn:** Motion was made by Jim to adjourn, and Mary seconded. Noel agreed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45