

High Desert Backcountry Horsemen Minutes  
August 10, 2023  
Approved at the September 14 2023 Meeting

1. **Members Present:** Mary Poe, Noel Poe, Linda Alvey, Diane Fralish, Jim Bentley, Leigh Beem, Don Clark.

Noel called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

2. **Approval of July 14 2023 Minutes:** Motion to approve by Leigh, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda. Approved unanimously as printed.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Gina not present, no Treasurer's report.

4. **Old Business:**

- A. **Dr Tara's talk.** There was discussion of asking Dr Tara back to do a presentation on back country first aid, for riders and equines. Linda will reach out to Dr Tara. HDBCH has a first aid kit that should go along on rides, Noel and Mary will locate it.

- B. **Update on Shinarump Trails Report.** Leigh reported that the trail has been mapped out and flagged. Leigh met with Dan at BLM, the trail has been officially approved by BLM as a horse trail. The trail is pretty well flagged except for a flat area down in Arizona, which Leigh and Cindy plan to improve. BLM has done a land swap with SITLA because the horse trail crosses that land, and SITLA would have to provide access.

- C. **Ride Report on Losee Canyon July 22nd.** Linda and Don reported that the ride was beautiful, perfect temperatures, nice easy trail through Ponderosa pines and red rock. There was some discussion of the Thunder Mountain Trail, in the same area, for a possible ride next year.

- D. **August Chapter Ride:** Linda is the leader, and said she would check into the Virgin Rim Trail condition. There was some concern that the trail condition might not be ready for a ride. The third weekend isn't going to work for her, she suggested riding on Sunday 8/27. Linda will post the ride details on the web site.

5. **New Business:**

- A. **Grand To Grand Ultra Race Information:** Jim reported that this year it will be one day, one ride, on Wednesday 9/27 at Elephant Butte. It will probably be a morning/noon ride. From the parking lot it's a one-mile ride to the checkpoint. He suggested starting riding about 10:30 or so, to get to the checkpoint before noon. Leigh and Cindy, and maybe Linda Alvey, will do the ride.

- B. **Liability Release:** Noel passed out what has been the standard for Utah chapters. There have been few accidents over the years, but we still need to get the releases signed by riders who are not BCH chapter members somewhere in Utah. The ride leader should collect the signed forms and get them to the chapter Secretary after a ride, to be archived. Mary raised some concern about a ride that goes out of Utah (e.g. into Arizona). Noel read part of the Arizona statute, it seems to put the liability on

the person who "...takes control of the equine prior to the accident". Noel passed out copies of the current Liability Release form.

6. **Adjourn:** Motion was made by Mary to adjourn, and Diane seconded. Noel adjourned the meeting at 7:23