

High Desert Backcountry Horsemen Minutes
September 14, 2023
Approved at the October 12 2023 Meeting

1. **Members Present:** Barbara Maxwell, Gina Tullie, Diane Fralish, Maria Vanhart, Jim Bentley, Megan McConnell, Dominic McConnell, Don Clark.

Barbara called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM.

2. **Approval of August 10 2023 Minutes:** Motion to approve by Diane, and 2nd by Maria. Approved unanimously as printed.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Gina reported that the account balances are as follows: Checking \$1989.65; Savings \$25.00; Cash \$108.90; for a Total of \$2,083.55. She reported a new member, Dr Kathy Bachus.
4. **Old Business:**
 - A. **The August Ride.** No one showed up! Barbara asked everyone to RSVP in the future, and follow up if plans change.
 - B. **September Chapter Ride:** We need a volunteer leader, Gina volunteered to lead the ride, on 9/23 if it stays dry, or possibly the 30th. She will send an email to the group and post on the HDBCH facebook page. Meet at the gas station at The Border Store in Hildale, 9AM Utah time. Fallback will be a Pugh Canyon ride.
 - C. **Grand To Grand Ultra Race Information:** Diane, Linda, Megan and maybe Dominic and maybe Gina will ride on 9/27. See the Minutes from the August meeting for other details.
5. **New Business:**
 - A. **Dr Tara's talk.** There was again discussion of asking Dr Tara back to do a presentation on back country first aid, for riders and equines. Don will check with Linda Alvey and reach out to Dr Tara, possibly for next month's meeting.
 - B. **South Dakota High Desert member:** Kerry Greear will be in the Utah area in September and expressed interest in riding. Gina will reach out, about the September ride.
 - C. **BCH Board Meeting in November:** Noel usually attends these, if anyone is interested please follow up using the contact info from this month's meeting Agenda.
 - D. **Wreaths For Veterans drawing:** A flyer was passed around giving details of a raffle for a Henry rifle, as a fund raiser for the Wreaths For Veterans project.
 - E. **Endurance Ride Next Year:** Megan described 3-day endurance rides planned for next year, one around Navajo Lake and one Grand Canyon/Kaibab ride. The trails are marked out but will need cleanup. There will be rides in July and August to clear trails, Megan will have permits for wood clearing if anyone needs firewood. These rides would be good opportunities to chalk up some vol-

unteer time on behalf of the Chapter. The Grand Canyon endurance ride will be in August, while the Navajo Lake endurance ride will be in September.

There was discussion of the camp site for the Navajo Lake ride, mostly about proximity to the lake. Megan will email some details to the HDBCH secretary for distribution.

F. October Trail Ride: Megan volunteered to lead, probably up Johnson Canyon on the Crocodile.

6. **Adjourn:** Motion was made by Jim to adjourn, and Maria seconded. Barbara adjourned the meeting at 7:16