

High Desert Backcountry Horsemen Minutes
July 18, 2024
Approved at August 8, 2024 Meeting

1. Members Present: Maria VanHart, Barbara Maxwell, Mary Poe, Leigh Beem, Cindy Beem, Gina Tullie, Julie Alexander, Cindy Lindhorn, Diane Fralish and Kathy Stoker.

Maria called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

2. Guest speaker: Priscilla Shatto, Farrier was present and ready to go, so Maria invited her to begin her presentation immediately. She provided a handout titled "E.L.P.O. Hoof Evaluation Protocol" and she discussed many different issues your farrier faces when addressing the hoof health of your horse. She discussed the anatomy of the hoof and lower leg and talked about how to properly care for an individual horses hoof needs, including when they have a "club hoof". She is accepting new customers and can be reached at 505-916-9272 or shattofarrierservices@gmail.com.

4. Treasury Update: Will be provided at next meeting

5. Maria reviewed the upcoming rides.

- a) July ride date changed to 7/27, to be lead by Diane Fralish at the Kaibab.
- b) August 10th - ride at Navajo Lake with the St. George chapter.
- c) September 21st - ride at Grandview Trial lead by Robert Brown.
- d) October 19th - ride at Cottonwood (no leader assigned yet), while we are riding please take note of anything that needs repair or sprucing up for Chapter clean-up on the following day.

It was decided that the leader for each month is responsible for creating a short blurb about that month's ride, where it will be, how difficult, where to meet and time, etc. This will be sent out on the new Gmail account and posted on Facebook. Although it was suggested that each leader be responsible for posting the ride as a new event on Facebook and send out the email, Maria and Cindy said they were available to assist with this part of the leader's responsibilities. Maria will create a permanent template on Facebook for the leader to copy and use when completing the ride information to post.

6. Trails Projects:

- a) Grandview Trail discussion - no discussion
- b) Shinarump - work on hold while Leigh and Cindy recover.
- c) Cottonwood Trail cleanup is scheduled for October 20th. It was determined that the primary issue on this trail is that one of the gates needs repair. Leigh Beem and Jim Alexander will coordinate this fix together on or before October 20th.

Any other issues that are noticed during Chapter ride the day before will be addressed by volunteers on October 20th. BLM may have to do an archeological report in order to run a Cat on the Cottonwood trail. Leigh is meeting with Dan Gunn soon and he will ask if this report is necessary and get back to us.

d) Horse campground - Leigh stated that he scouted a possible site and it looks great.

e) Kaibab Ranger - discussed whether we will provide a date to Ranger or ask her to provide a date to us. It was decided Maria would pick a date and those who can go will respond to notice so Maria can tell Ranger how many members will be there to help.

f) Maria stated there were 5 projects that needed to be worked on, one is the Shinarump. We need a team of at least three people with good physical ability to do this. Leigh Beem, Cindy Beem and Maria VanHart all volunteered to be on the team.

7. Membership drive. Discussion about how to get new members. Having a booth at Western Legends was suggested. Mary Poe recalled that they had done this in the past and it was VERY hot and she did not believe it resulted in any new members. Discussion about the cost was a concern. Gina looked up and it was a reasonable amount for 501(c)(3) organizations, \$65.00 for three days plus \$50.00 additional if power was needed. Diane and Gina said they would man the booth if we decide to go. No vote was taken.

8. First Aid kits: It was decided that the current (old) first aid kit owned by the Chapter was outdated and insufficient, so a vote was taken to buy a new one from Gina Tullie for \$45.00. Maria made the motion and Barbara seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The new first aid kit will be passed between each leader at the Chapter meeting after their ride. Please remember to bring the kit with you after you lead a ride to the following meeting.

Gina has additional kits if other members want to purchase one from her at the same price. She also has a lot of syringes filled with saline and extra sutures if anyone would like to take a few for their own kit.

9. Chapter Communication: A new gmail account was established that will be posted on the ~~en-our~~ High Desert page of the BCHA website and will be monitored by Maria. The address is: bchhighdesert@gmail.com and the password is horseriders. Going forward you will be receiving communications about the trail rides, meeting agenda and minutes, etc. from that address, so please put it in your contacts so the information does not go into your SPAM folder.

10. Requests by Robert Brown for letters: Chapter discussed request by Robert Brown for letters of support. Maria shared her discussions and interactions with Forest Service

representative Austin. Austin and a trail crew hand cleared an 8-mile stretch of what Austin called “pristine trail”. Per Maria’s conversation with Austin, the remainder of the Grandview Trail is open for Robert to clear. Chapter concluded that as long as Austin is responsive to trail clearing and progress toward opening up the Grandview Trail no letters appear to be required. Chapter members were informed by Maria of the chain of command for the Powell Ranger District: Austin Hickey, Chris Worley both located at the Panguitch office, then Kevin Wright in Cedar City. Chapter concerns related to Garfield County commission motivation for sudden interest in opening up the Grandview Trail were also touched on. This topic was left with a caution to the chapter that our goal is to maintain open trails and public land for all users.

13. Adjourn: Maria moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM, Barbara 2nd.