

High Uinta Backcountry Horseman
03/13/2024 Chapter Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Gary Siddoway
Heidi Siddoway
Cagnie Schumann
Bella Buchanan
Andrew Corser
Mark Monson
Greg Holbrook
Jon Jones
Bonnie Jones
Mark Rasmussen
Brandi Rasmussen

Meeting called to order at 6:05 P.M. Motion made by Brandi to approve February minutes, and approved at 6:06 P.M.

Topics:

- ❖ Mark and Gary will be traveling to Evanston to work on projects. Kamas Forest does not have a priority for projects in 2024.
 - They are focused on 2025 projects and funding.
 - Our chapter will continue to make our own projects.
 - We will start in the first week of May, after our chainsaw certification to start cleaning trails.
 - Clyde Lake Trail will not be worked on with the Forest Service until 2025.
 - Crystal Lake Trail needs were discussed.
 - There are a lot of projects.
- ❖ Forest Service animals have been handed off to their crew.
 - When our previous chapter dissolved, Mount Ridge did some training with them.
 - Our new chapter has already completed three successful volunteer projects with the Forest Service Animals.
 - We will continue to invite them to our clinics to help increase their knowledge with the pack animals.

- ❖ The Chapter could continue to encourage non-members to join our training/clinics.
 - This could encourage memberships.
 - Gary already has all the tools to utilize for training.
 - The Rasmussen family has offered to take a banner and information with them to competitions, etc.
 - The number one goal for the chapter is still to increase membership.
 - We would really like to get an increase in membership large enough to get the money from the state for more projects, etc.
 - The Chapter could also work on sponsorships and/or sponsorship members.
- ❖ Gary has a scheduled meeting with the State Board to talk about chainsaw certification and the \$500 grant.
 - The certification will possibly be in April
- ❖ Chainsaw certification is trying to be set for April.
 - Anyone planning on using any tool in the wilderness must be certified.
- ❖ Gary has been talking to the Trails Foundation.
 - The chapter can start sending a representative to the monthly meetings.
 - There are plans to do a mountain bike trail from Slate Creek to Bald Mountain.
 - Parking is still an issue. There is a possibility to work with the cattle guys to work on getting livestock parking back.
 - Our Chapter would really like to educate on trail etiquette with horses.
 - The trails foundation is mainly focused on mountain bikes, so our presence is necessary.
 - Our chapter can work with the state public lands representative. He is great. He can and will become involved and help us.
 - The equestrian side really needs to be represented.
- ❖ Schedule of rides.
 - The Chapter would still like to get this moving forward.
 - We can always use the weeknight rides to check the trail for the Saturday ride and to check on the status of cleaning the trail.
- ❖ Motion to Adjourn by Bonnie @6:40 p.m., second by Heidi. Next meeting is set for April 13, 2024.