

MRBCHU Chapter Meeting
2/11/2021

Amanda H, Barbara M, Ian H, Bruce B, Lisa C, Fred L, Laurice L, Ron A, Beverly H, Starr Y, Stephanie Y, Phil B, Shane & Sierra

Last year was a weird year, we are going to take it one or two months at a time in 2021. If anyone is interested in helping on a committee, please contact Lisa or the Committee Chairperson.

1. Welcome – Lisa
2. Education – Horse Camping
 - a. Barbara, Bruce and Fred
 - i. Barbara put together a list. Amanda will send it out to the members.
 - ii. Fred – His preparation is for what is needed by his horse, personally and for camping – some of your items will depend on how you're camping. Trailer or packing; Horse needs – Feed and water; You may need to take a large container of water. Call forest service to ask what is the feed like maybe grass or no grass? Know how to use hobbles, tether, highline. Make a list of – Necessities and Luxury items. The luxury items may get changed over to the Necessities list. Make your list and then tweak it for where you are going. Weight on a pack trip is important to have balanced and approximately 100 lbs. May have to look for smaller items. 10-15% of the horses weight. It can depend on how long you will be out and how far you are going?
 - iii. Bruce – Needs of the horse – How do you get your horse prepared for it. Prior preparation and ground work will make camping more successful. Practice tying your horse for long periods of time at home where it's safe. There are videos out there to help you. Hobbling is Bruce's preference, or highlining. But again practice this at home first. Some first aid for the horse. Get one for camping, and one for trailer camping. Why doesn't my horse drink the water? They are used to drinking out of a trough and water that is chlorinated like at home. Feed in camp the same thing you feed at home.
3. Committee Reports
 - a. Service – Laurice
 - i. She has received hours from Becky Rock. We now have state link to a spreadsheet to record our service hours.
 - ii. Amanda will put the link in the newsletter and Social Media
 - iii. Laurice will get us the best way to communicate our hours to her. She will give Amanda her contact information.
 - iv. She needs the outline from BCHA with the categories. Beverly H will help her.
 - v. Newsletter –service project for February. Do an individual Service Challenge and be sure to log in your hours or send them to Laurice.
 - vi. Lisa – Service proposal – Payson Canyon Guard Station. They accommodate horses. Just before Blackhawk campground, and is in disrepair. It's a historic cabin. Fencing is falling down, the corrals are dangerous, cows have torn down a lot of the fencing. It sleeps 8 people. It has amazing trails to ride out of.
 1. Lisa's proposal – build 8 small corrals, add trailer parking. Date is not set yet. Commitment is not set yet. You do have to bring your own water. Clear and make a trail to the back of the property. Will probably need a bridge over the marsh. The Rep wants to talk to us in April regarding this project. The money is not a problem.

2. This will require a reservation. Reservations with or without horses is still up for discussion. The weekends get snagged quickly.
 3. Amanda will get this out to the members to evaluate member interest.
 4. Bruce – Bylaws state that a vote can be taken whenever there is a quorum.
 - b. Education – Barbara
 - i. Cinches, Saddle fitting, Shoeing (home and out), Bits, Backpacking clinic, trailering, Chef Todd for camping food, presentations to 4-H groups
 - ii. Horse Lovers Haven has volunteered to host events in their indoor arena.
 - c. Public Lands – Ian
 - i. Nothing new. He is still trying to reach out to people
 - d. Rides – Amanda
 - i. Phil is now our ride committee chairman.
 - ii. The rides are basically planned and in the newsletter, but things could change a bit due to Covid restrictions.
 - iii. Amanda will post the proposed ride schedule
 - iv. If anyone has new places, please let Phil know.
 - e. Social Committee – Starr
 - i. She does not have
 - ii. Chef Todd wants to join the Social/Food Committee
 - f. Communications/Social Media – Amanda does an amazing job
 - i. Announcements go out via email, FB, and digital. If someone doesn't want digital, it can be sent to them through the mail.
 - g. State Rep – Amanda did not make it to the State meeting. Phil did go to the Zoom
 4. Phil's guy is still working on hats, sweatshirts, and flyers to use for advertisement.
 5. State BCHU meeting
 - a. Beverly – Meetings are still by Zoom. They identified the need for recruiting.
 - i. Wayne is state chair for one more year. If anyone is interested please let the State know.
 6. New Business/Old Business
 - a. Barb needs to send our Board and notes on our Chapter and Board meetings.
 - b. Ron – Volunteer hours reporting – On BCHU on FB page there is a link for volunteer hours and what to record and it goes straight to the state.
 7. Amanda – motion to adjourn. Seconded.