

**MOUNTAIN RIDGE
BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN
BYLAWS
January 9, 2020**

**Article I
Purpose**

The purpose of this organization will be to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses and recreational stock in Utah's roadless back country; to assist various governmental agencies in their maintenance and management of our back country and local riding areas; to educate, encourage and solicit active public participation in the wise use of horses and recreational stock by people; work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use; to foster and encourage the formation of new local chapters of Back Country Horsemen organizations.

**Article II
Membership**

- ITEM 1: The members of this organization will adhere to all organizational requirements established by the national organization, Backcountry Horsemen of America.
- ITEM 2: Membership will be composed of and open to any individual or family members interested in participating and promoting the purposes of this organization as stated in Article I.
- ITEM 3: Membership classifications are as follows:
- a. Individual membership- single person over the age of eighteen (18) years of age. An individual member in good standing is entitled to one vote.
 - b. Family membership- Individuals within one (1) immediate family chapter (parents and dependent children). Each family membership in good standing is entitled to two (2) votes.
- ITEM 4: Memberships are good for one (1) calendar year beginning January 1 through December 31. Dues paid within the last quarter will be current through December 31st of the next succeeding year.
- ITEM 5: Membership dues will be set by the MR BCH officers to be ratified by the majority of the members during Annual December meeting.
- ITEM 6: A member in "Good Standing" consists of a member being current on membership dues.

**Article III
Meetings**

- ITEM 1: Regular monthly meetings shall be established and held at a time decided by a majority vote at regular meetings. These meeting locations can be alternated between communities within the area of membership to a degree that is practical and acceptable to the general membership.
- ITEM 2: Special meetings may be called by the President or upon request by a majority of the general membership.
- ITEM 3: Notice shall be given of all meetings, regular or special.
- ITEM 4: Meetings of the board members shall be held monthly, separate from the general meeting.
- ITEM 5: A General Membership Meeting will be held each December.
- ITEM 6: Starting in January of 2020, and on even years thereafter, there is to be an Executive meeting to review the

Chapter Bylaws by the Executive Committee.

ITEM 7: Board Member meeting minutes are to be electronically published prior to the general meeting.

Article IV Local Chapter Structure

ITEM 1 Affiliation with the Backcountry Horsemen of Utah will automatically affiliate every member in good standing with the Backcountry Horsemen of America.

ITEM 2: Membership requirements are a minimum of (10) ten members in good standing and require approval by the State Board of Directors for admission into the Backcountry Horsemen of Utah.

ITEM 3: Officers for the local chapter shall include:

- a) President - It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of this organization. The President is to execute general administrative control over the affairs of this organization. The President may co-sign checks for allocation of funds.
- b) Vice President – Shall be a member of one committee. This position shall assist the President when called upon to do so. When acting on behalf of the President, the vice-president shall uphold the same authority and responsibility as the President.
- c) Secretary - The secretary shall record and keep minutes of all regular and special meetings. And report the minutes at the beginning of each meeting.
- d) Treasurer – Shall chair the finance/membership committee. The treasurer shall collect dues, and maintain a current membership directory. This position will maintain the chapter's moneys and account for the chapter's financial status in the form of a monthly report. This report will be submitted to the President. Any member in good standing may review these records at any time. The treasurer will prepare all checks for disbursement and is required to sign each check.
- e) State Representatives – shall consist of two representatives to serve as board members on the state board. It shall be the duty of these representatives to attend the Backcountry Horsemen of Utah board meetings to report on the chapter's activities such as service and report back to the members at the regular monthly meeting.

Article V Elections

ITEM 1: The Elections will consist of an election for the President's position. Any member in good standing can nominate candidates for the President from the floor at the December meeting. The President shall be elected by a majority vote annually at the December general membership meeting. The new President will begin their duties at that time. The term office for all officers shall be for the calendar year succeeding the date of their election or appointment. The president shall not hold the same office of more than three (3) consecutive terms. The offices of the Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and State Representatives will be appointed by the President from the committee chairs or the general membership.

ITEM 2: Upon notification to all members, an officer may be relieved of their duties by a majority vote of said members.

Article VI Committees

ITEM 1: Temporary committees can be formed to provide a service as decided by a majority vote.

- a) The Executive Committee will consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and for the first year the past President.
- b) Other committees shall, but not limited to, be similar to the committees of BCHU and BCHA.
IE.; Ride Committee, Fun Committee, IT/Communications Committee, Newsletter Committee, Education Committee, Public Lands Committee, Nominating Committee, Service Committee, Finance Committee.

ITEM 2: Each November a financial statement will be prepared. A committee of three shall be selected for analysis and assembly of this report that will be presented to the general membership for their review. This report will detail all financial transactions of the previous year. Upon completion of this report a copy will be forwarded to the Backcountry Horsemen of Utah for their review and approval.

Article VII

Amendments Ratification

ITEM 1: Any changes to these bylaws must be presented at any regular meeting by a member in good standing. If approved by a majority vote, the changes will be incorporated into the organization's bylaws.

Article VIII

Support

ITEM 1: The Mountain Ridge chapter of Backcountry Horsemen will provide support and assistance to any chapter within the organization with such a need. This additional support will be decided by the majority vote of members in good standing at a regular meeting. Individual support is up to each person.

Article IX

Assets

ITEM 1: The property and assets of this chapter is dedicated to the specific purposes set forth in the Articles of Incorporation of Backcountry Horsemen of Utah and no part of the net income or assets of the chapter shall ever inure the benefit of any Director, Officer, or Member thereof, or to any other private person. Upon dissolution or termination of the Chapter any assets remaining after payment of, or provision of the payment of, all debts and liabilities of the chapter, shall be distributed in accordance with the Utah Nonprofit Corporation and Co-operative Association Act to a nonprofit, charitable or educational organization having similar aims and objectives or to a governmental entity, political subdivision, or agency to be devoted to similar aims and objectives.

These bylaws were ratified and approved May 11, 2000, and as amended October 1, 2006, and as amended on November 14, 2019, and reviewed and amended on January 9, 2020 by the general membership and signed by the following officers:

President 

Vice President 

Secretary 

Treasurer 