

Attending: Amanda H, Starr D, Lisa C, Fred L, Becky H, Phil B, Victoria Boyd, Laurice L, Bill C, Stephanie Y, Bruce K, Barbara M, Brandi K, Carol N,

1. Welcome
2. Speaker – Victoria Boyd, Badger Creek Arts, Cinches – badgercreekarts@gmail.com
 - a. Length is actually personal preference, California's, Nevada, Trail riders have different preferences in length.
 - b. Should be about 3 inches from the elbow to not impede the elbow
 - c. It's better to be a bit shorter than too long.
 - d. It's meant to suck the saddle down on the horse
 - e. You don't have to cinch a mohair cinch as tight because it is hair on hair.
 - f. Neoprene is nice, but it gets hot. If you're riding in hot weather, you can get bald spots. Rubber pulls on the hair which can irritate the horse.
 - g. Fleece is nice and it looks comfy, but you have to cinch it tight. They don't seem to be able to feel your leg as well.
 - h. Store bought cinches are at least 50% cotton or nylon. Nylon can burn, and cotton can stretch.
 - i. She has cinch customers in 6 countries and 45 states. Once people start using 100% mohair they don't use anything else.
 - j. Mohair is natural, doesn't sweat, it breaths, draws sweat from the body. It's from angora goats. You don't have to cinch them so tight.
 - k. \$150-\$500 custom made – store bought typically under \$100
 - l. Neoprene cleans easily/Fleece can be washed in the washer/Mohair is natural fibers and handmade so treat it nicer. Hose it off and let it hang to dry. You can dip it in a bucket of soapy water, and rinse it out.
 - m. A good mohair cinch can work well for over 25 years if you take care of it.
 - n. You can be creative with colors and patterns when it's custom.
 - o. Vickie feels it is interesting that people will spend \$1000's of dollars on a saddle, but get a cheap cinch.
 - p. Her FaceBook page is: Badgercreekmohaircinches.
 - q. Contact Vickie if you are interested in cinches or breastcollars
3. Committee Reports:
 - a. Service – Laurice –
 - i. Service hours – Craig emailed over hours. Beverly H and Becky Rock had hours. Becky Rock received the Service Hours gift card.
 - ii. Lisa – Dimple Dell Preservation will be doing Earth Day. Some of us need to participate on April 24th at the Wrangler Trailhead. Time to be announced. There will be one in Yellow Fork also.
 - iii. Remember to clock your hours as you go on trail rides and clean up or clear trails.
 - iv. Payson Canyon Guard Station project. Need fences fixed, and corral cleaned up and reinforced. HI-Lines and Hobbles want to help. Our chapters will contribute labor and skill.
 - v. Also suggesting a disperse camping area.
 1. Proposing 8 corrals and road and trailer parking. Sarah at the Forest Service likes the idea.
 2. Also to finish clearing the main trail out.
 - vi. Across the street from the Guard Station for disperse camping.
 - vii. Motion to accept the proposals and go forward with the Forest Service – Fred Lopez; seconded and passed.
 - viii. There are signs made to install in Yellow Fork and we will be volunteering to post them.
 - b. Education – Barbara
 - i. Saddle fitting at the Monument Trailhead April 8th. We will be doing clean up there also and Starr will be bringing dinner.
 - ii. Barb is working with Chef Todd for a presentation for Camping Food for our May meeting.

- iii. Other possible topics are horseshoeing, trailering and bits for coming meetings.
 - c. Public Lands – Ian
 - i. No new information
 - d. Rides and Camp Trips – Phil
 - i. Antelope Island
 - 1. There is concern that people will go to Fairfield. There was an email that was sent out. Amanda will send it out again.
 - 2. Bruce – it was published in the Newsletter, and the Calendar.
 - 3. Amanda has specifically stated that due to Covid and Weather there are possibilities of ride changes.
 - 4. For the Antelope Island Ride - There is a \$2 causeway fee plus the park fee \$15, be in the saddle and ready to ride by 10:00 am. There will be lunch for us at the end of the ride.
 - ii. Swinging Bridge camp trip
 - 1. We need an RSVP so Chef Todd can get the right amount of food.
 - iii. Lookout Pass/Mustang Viewing – is the April Ride
 - iv. Fish Lake
 - 1. If you want reservations contact Amanda or Phil
 - e. Social – Starr
 - i. Chili on Saturday at Antelope Island
 - ii. Be sure to bring a chair to sit on
 - iii. April – Starr will bring food for the Chapter meeting.
 - f. Communications/Social Media – Amanda
 - i. Amanda posted the Antelope Island change as an announcement
 - 1. She added that there will be Chili.
 - ii. She would like to know the preferred form of communication. There are 25 people interested in the San Rafael camping trip.
 - iii. Some members said the whole year of rides have not been posted on FB. Amanda is posting each ride at the beginning of each month.
 - 1. Post one to two months, and also the warning that they need to keep in touch in case there are CoVid or other related issues.
 - 2. Other chapters are hitting up Amanda to be added to our chapter events and newsletter.
 - g. State Rep – Amanda
 - i. The chainsaw certification is available. An email went out with the information.
4. New/Old Business
- a. Moving forward we may keep the Antelope Island ride as the March ride going forward.

Motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded