



Minutes of the November 10, 2016 Monthly Meeting Cottonwood Retirement Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. with 17 people present; three from the University of Utah, 13 members, and one prospective member. Minutes from our October meeting were approved without changes. Stephanie Yeager presented the Treasurer's report, we have \$6,299.01 cash on hand. The treasurer's report was approved. Service hours: please get your hours to Doris Richards asap and for sure by the end of December, we need to report them to the state BCH in early January. We had the second highest number of service hours in the state in 2015, it would be great if everyone reported in and we reach #1 in 2016!

The December 15 Christmas party and silent auction were discussed, all is moving along, if you have donations for the silent auction please get them to Monica Zoltanski at her house in Sandy or her shop, 1465 S 700 East in Salt Lake City.

Officers for 2017: Bill McEwan will move up to first Vice-President in accordance with the bylaws. We are soliciting nominees for second Vice-President and President, don't be shy, let Beverley know if you are interested! Stephanie Yeager has indicated she will be willing to continue serving as treasurer.

Next, we had a presentation by Dr. Mark Chynoweth, Professor of Biology at the University of Utah, on 'Tracking Wildlife in the 21st Century.' He presented a lot of interesting information on wildlife in Utah, particularly in the Red Butte Canyon study area, and passed around a cougar-sized tracking collar for us to see. Mark and his colleagues spoke to us as part of the STEM Ambassador Program, you can read more about it at www.stem-ambassadors.org.

After Mark's presentation, Beverley reported on news from the November 2 state meeting which was conducted by webinar. Among the items reviewed was thoughts on whether Mountain Ridge thinks we should have a booth at the Horse Expo in 2017. The conclusion of those present was that yes, a continuing BCHU

presence is important, maybe we only need one booth instead of the double booth, and we should do a demonstration in 2017. Monica Zoltanski proposed giving a presentation on the Saturday of the Expo on trail obstacles and desensitizing your horse for the trail; she will organize this presentation and Tyra and Starr volunteered to help. Fred Leslie will call Utah Horse Council and make them aware of our plans. At the state webinar, there was further discussion on whether BCHU should become a 501(c)(3) organization, this will be discussed further at the January BCHU meeting.

Beverley noted we have a moonlight ride on Monday November 14, meet at Wrangler Trailhead at 6 pm and be ready to ride at 6:15.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes by Tyra Canary