

SRBCH Meeting
January 10, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don, Terri, Rodney, Jim, Wayne, Rod, Dale, Ken, Tracy

GRANTS:

#1 – Completed. Terri is still working on completing the final report. She is waiting on information from the BLM. Terri followed up with Anndee Mead about payment. The check will be in the mail by the end of this month for the final payment.

#2 - Completed and payments received.

#3 – First half completed – Candland Mtn. Trail Head

Goblin Valley highline/tie rails – Tom has completed construction of pipe. Jim, Tom and Don will transport pipe to Goblin Valley on January 15, 2024. They will store it in a secure area of the park for later installment. They plan on digging a test hole to see if an auger is needed. Completion of project is planned for March 22 – 23, 2024 with work to be completed on Friday and a group ride up Chute Canyon for Saturday.

Keeping track of hours, mileage and time is crucial. If you are comfortable inputting the information to the BCHM web page, you can self report. However, it was decided one person needs to be in charge of this. Wayne has agreed to take on this task. Please let him know of your hours and time and whether you have already input this information.

PROJECT SIGNS: Forest Service will place signs acknowledging SRBCH and the work they have contributed to project. Signs will be placed at Candland Mtn., Flood Cyn., Black Cyn. and Fish Creek.

Rod also brought in example of signs prohibiting the use of E-bikes on horse trails. It was suggest the forest service review these and consider posting of these signs.

Rod also brought in an Incident Report form BCHM would like people to complete and fill out if they ever have an incident and run in with an E-bike while out on the trails. Rod will send a copy to our chapter members. Please send any completed forms to Rod, Don or Terri and they will make sure to get them to the proper people.

TRAILS: Wade Allinson, Forest Service, has contacted Rod for letter of support for a trails grant to be granted in 2025. Snow College trail crew will be writing the grant to work on trails in our area. Rod wrote the letter and Don signed it. Jayden Mead, BLM, has mentioned he might need BCHM to apply for the Emery County Trails grant in 2025 to help with additional rock placement on the San Rafael desert.

MAPPING TRAILS: Jim Jennings has contacted Emery County IT department. Any GPS that tracks the county can compile and document trails that we submit to them. The forest service would need to put out a map with these trails. It was suggested we work with BLM and forest service. Everyone felt perhaps a greater need for BLM trails. It was agreed to update trails and work with both agencies on mapping.

CHAINSAW TRAINING: No change to report, a future class will be announced at a later date. A local class with SRBCH members is tentatively scheduled for May 18, 2024. A state training TBA. The curriculum is being revised so that class in the morning and actual chainsaw cutting in the afternoon. Possibly completed during a trail ride cleaning trails or in an area where everyone can drive and cut trees on the side of the road.

Ken can do the evaluations, Brian Burbridge will still need to sign off on the evaluations.

FINANCIALS: We are in good shape with a balance of \$15,985.

FUTURE PROJECTS/RIDES:

Goblin Valley – March 22 – 23, 2024. Work on March 22, group ride in Chute Cyn. March 23.

Moore Cyn – April 12 – 13, 2024, work combined with a group campout at the San Rafael Equestrian Campground.

Josephite Point – can be completed in one day, to be determined later. The forest service has the planks to place on two bridges along the trail. One bridge best to be reached on the DD trail, the other trail from Pete's Hole.

February 24, 2024 ride – Box Flat. Meet at County Kiosk at 9:30 (weather permitting)

STATE BCHM – has voted Lisa Caddy as Utah Chair and Steve Schults as vice chair, with Freddy Dunn as secretary. These will be ratified at the next state meeting in Richfield on January 210, 2024. Don, Terri, Wayne and Rod will be attending this meeting.

NATIONAL BCHM Conference

Casper, WY, March 2024 – Rod will attend

Prescott, AZ – 2025

Fee Increase of \$5.00 in 2024. Fees for each chapter will stay the same and the state BCHM will pick up the extra cost.

In 2025 the local chapter fee will increase \$5.00.

NEW OFFICERS:

President – Don Bennett

Vice President – Wayne Ludington

Treasurer – Ken Snook

Secretary – Terri Bennett

NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 14, 2024 AT EMERY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, CASTLE DALE.