

November 2020



Covid-19 Edition



Due to the recent Covid-19 outbreaks and the Governor's directives, our chapter must make changes for the balance of this year.

This newsletter is outlining those changes.



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Chapter Meetings



Chapter meetings will be suspended until the Covid-19 mandates are lifted. However your chapter officers are continuing to meet via: conference calls to keep chapter activities going forward.

In addition our Annual Dutch Oven Dinner/Auction has also been cancelled, and the alternate December activity we were discussing has also been scrapped due to Covid-19.

After the smoke clears we will be planning some type of event early next year.

This Covid-19 has been hard on our chapter and events as well as hard on our country, so hang in there, “This Too Shall Pass”. In the mean time please participate in any chapter activities as you see appropriate.

Paul



I SURE HOPE MY PEOPLE ARE RENEWING THEIR BCH MEMBERSHIP!!!!

It's easy to renew your membership in Back Country Horsemen for 2021. You can: Go to www.bchu.com. Click on the blue button on the left that says: **JOIN BCHU** and follow the directions and follow the directions OR

Fill out the application attached to this Special Edition and mail it to: PO Box 3174, St. George, UT 84771

P.S. In lieu of having our usual fundraising through the auction, please feel free to add a small donation to your check. Funds will be needed for our Pine Valley Equestrian Campground project when approval comes through.

Chapter Officer Elections



We are not the Marines but we are looking for a few good people. We have four chapter officers and it's that time of the year when we elect them to serve for the next 12 months. In brief, they handle the business part of our chapter. The time commitment is minimal and like with anything else, the more you put in the more you receive in return.

New recruits are welcomed and are needed to bring fresh ideas and perspectives to the table. What happens at the table? Here are some examples:

- Planning where monthly chapter rides are held.
- Planning our service projects. New corrals at Pine Valley Equestrian Campground is our biggest one right now. We should also be doing little ones like trail maintenance and improvement so we continue to have access to and enjoy our public lands.
- Keeping track of local issues that impact access to public lands.
- Planning and facilitating “educational moments” at our monthly meetings.

With Covid-19 impacting our lives in so many unexpected ways, we need to remember that without BCHSW the liberty we have riding on our public lands could and will be negatively impacted or jeopardized. We all need to stay actively involved and knowledgeable about our numerous local trails. These are your trails and without you those trails may be no more.

Here is a description of officer duties:

President: creates the monthly meeting agenda and conducts the meeting. Between meetings, keeps in contact with those who have an action items and offers guidance as needed.

Vice President: Fills in for and assists the president as needed. Per BCHA they are supposed to help report chapter members activity to national (this is computerized now and super easy).

Secretary: Prepares the monthly meeting minutes and sends them to the newsletter editor for publishing.

Treasurer: Collect member dues, pays all bills and reports the financial status at monthly meetings.

The newsletter editor is an appointed position. If someone has interest and expertise with writing newsletters, please let an officer know.

Our chapter has about 65 memberships; some are new – many have years of experience.

Please take a moment and ask yourself, what's more important, me helping keep access to trails open or losing those trails forever? If you want access to trails, you are one of these “few good people” we need as a chapter officer. Now is the time to nominate yourself for one of the positions.

**Chap-
Rides****ter**

It is up to all of us to slow the spread of COVID-19. Members however feel that riding is an activity we can do safely as rides are outdoors, and horseback riding lends itself to social distancing. We will therefore continue to post our monthly rides that occur the 2nd Saturday of each month.

November 14- CANCELLED

December 12-

January 9-

(Rides for these dates to be announced)

Membership Application

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF UTAH—Southwest Chapter

PO Box 3174, St. George, UT 84771

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Membership: _____ Renewal: _____

NAME/S:

*Please list names for family membership. Children over 18 may be included in family membership or join as individual members.

ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBERS:

Home: _____ Work: _____

Cell: _____ Fax: _____

OTHER HORSE/MULE ASSOCIATIONS YOU BELONG TO:

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Liability Release: (MUST BE SIGNED)

Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident wherever horse/mule use is involved, which can cause injuries to horses/mules, riders and spectators and also recognizing the fact that Back Country Horsemen of Utah, including units, officers, directors, or members cannot always know the condition of trails or the experience of riders or horses/ mules taking part in trail rides or other BCHU functions, I do hereby release the above named from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children or horses/mules.

By signing this release, I/WE recognize the following Utah State Law, *UCA 78-27b* Limitations on liability for Equine and Livestock Activities.* It shall be presumed that participants in equine or livestock activities are aware of and understand that there are inherent risks associated with these activities. *Inherent risk* with regard to equine or livestock activities means those dangers or conditions, which are an integral part of equine or livestock activities. The equine activity sponsor is not liable for those inherent risks. If you are unwilling to assume these risks for yourself or for those under your supervision, you should not participate in these activities.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO BCHU: Individual: \$30.00; Family: \$40.00; Patron: \$100.00 to \$299.00;

Benefactor: \$300.00+