

Meeting Notes

Back Country Horsemen of Utah (BCHU) – November Member Meeting

Date: November 16, 2024

Location: Richfield UT

Attendance

- **SW Chapter:** Freddy Dunn, Ian Heinritz, Amanda Heinritz, Lin Hokana
 - **High Desert Chapter:** Noel Poe, Mary Poe
 - **Bridgerland Chapter:** Carrie Prescott, Donnie Byneton, David Forsberg
 - **Central Chapter:** Julie Haverland
 - **Canyonlands Chapter:** Stephen Schultz
 - **Chairpersons:** Wayne Ludington, Don Bennett, Terry Bennett, Lisa Caddy (President)
 - **Mountain Ridge Chapter:** Bill Blair, Fred Leslie
 - **Uintah Chapter:** Gary Siddaway, Heidi Siddaway
 - **Wasatch Front Chapter:** Lynn Taggart, Linda Priced
 - **Guests:** Dan Child (Forest Service)
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Meeting Agenda and Notes

1. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - Motioned, seconded, and passed.
2. **Financial and Membership Reports**
 - **Presented by:** Freddy Dunn
 - **Financial Report:** Motioned, seconded, and accepted.
 - **Membership Report:** Motioned, seconded, and accepted.

Key Points:

- National dues to increase by \$5 in 2025. BCHU will cover this increase for 2025 but not for 2026. Chapters are advised to plan accordingly.
- Current Dues Breakdown:
 - **Family:** National \$23, State \$13
 - **Single:** National \$20, State \$8
- Freddy emphasized reporting only paid members in chapter rosters.
- Chapters should email their new membership rates to Craig for website updates.

3. Grant Allocation Reminder

- BCHU has allocated \$500 per chapter. Applications must be submitted by **December 31, 2024**.
- Email Lisa Caddy with requests, including intended use and benefits.

4. New Business

- **Forest Service Updates (Dan Child):**
 - Challenges with staffing and budgets underscore the need for BCHU's volunteer contributions.
 - Chapters encouraged to engage with regional ranger districts for trail logging and clearing.
 - Forest Service volunteer coordinators and public affairs officers can assist with promoting BCHU's efforts.
- **Marketing Initiatives:**
 - Amanda Heinritz and Lin Hokana volunteered for the Marketing Committee.
 - Plans include signage, chapter social media updates, videos, and content sharing.
 - Chapters should identify a communications/social media representative and have them contact Amanda Heinritz at ARHeinritz@gmail.com.

- **Chapter Service Coordination:**

- Developing a list of packers across chapters for service projects.

5. **Chapter Highlights and Updates**

- Representatives shared updates on current initiatives and goals, with a focus on trail maintenance, advocacy, and education.

6. **Public Lands and Partnerships**

- BLM and BCHA signed a memorandum effective January 2025 to enhance collaboration.
- Updated resources available on the new BCHA website, including incident forms, grants, and e-bike information.

7. **Education and Certification**

- Ian Heinritz volunteered to become certified Chainsaw C Trainer. Training includes a half-day class and hands-on work.
- Participants must have CPR certification and PPE to attend.

8. **Spring Utah Trails Conference (April 2025, Kanab)**

- BCHU to host:
 - **Workshop:** Packing demonstration (coordinated by Lisa Caddy).
 - **Seminar:** "Who We Are and What We Do" (coordinated by Amanda Heinritz).
- Members interested in participating should reach out via email.

9. **Officer Nominations for 2025**

- **Chair:** Lisa Caddy (President)
- **Marketing Chair:** Amanda Heinritz
- **Vice Chair:** Steve Schultz
- **National Director:** Phil Blair
- **Alternate National Director:** Ian Heinritz
- **Secretary:** Amanda Heinritz (Appointed)

- **Treasurer:** Freddy Dunn (Appointed)
- **Educational Chair:** Wayne Ludington
- **Public Lands Chair:** Rod Player

10. Next Meeting

- **Date:** January 11, 2025

11. Adjournment

- Motioned, seconded, and accepted.

Action Items

- **Membership Rates:** Chapters to email new rates to Craig Allen for website updates.
- **Grants:** Submit applications to Lisa Caddy by December 31, 2024.
- **Marketing:** Chapters to designate a social media/communications representative and provide content to Amanda Heinritz.
- **Volunteer Hours:** Ensure hours are reported
- **Develop list of packers for each individual chapter to be shared for service projects as needed.**
- **New PO Box in St George.** Freddy Dunn and Amanda Heinritz will have key
 - **PO Box 1133, St George UT 84771**

As of October 31, 2024

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CHAPTER TOTALS	Ind	Fam	Pat	Youth	Total	2023	NEW Memberships	% of New
Bridgerland	10	10	0	0	20	24	5	25.00%
Canyonlands	20	20	5	1	46	42	4	8.70%
Central Utah	13	13	1	0	27	23	4	14.81%
High Desert	6	8	1	0	15	21	2	13.33%
HiLine & Hobbles	26	24	1	0	51	53	25	49.02%
High Uintah	6	8	0	0	14	14	4	28.57%
Mountain Ridge	43	28	0	0	71	77	9	12.68%
San Rafael	3	12	1	0	16	23	0	0.00%
Southwest	50	34	2	4	90	104	8	8.89%
Uinta Basin	4	4	0	1	9	7	2	22.22%
Wasatch Front	24	28	1	14	67	86	7	10.45%
Unaffiliated	0	0				1		
2024 TOTALS	205	189	12	20	426			0.00%
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2024 Number of Members	198	378	12	10	598
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COMPARISON CHART		Individual	Family	Patron	Youth	Total
2024		205	189	12	20	426
2023		222	212	7	34	475
2022		247	223	13	19	502
2021		224	229	9	0	462
2020		168	198	5	0	371