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The Purpose of the Back Country Horsemen of Utah:

1. To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses and mules in America's back country and wilderness.
2. To work to ensure the public lands remain open to recreational pack and saddle stock use.
3. To assist the agencies responsible for the management of public lands.
4. To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in wise and sustaining use of back country resources by horsemen and the general public, commensurate with our heritage.
5. To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters of Back Country Horsemen throughout Utah. BCHU serves the common interest of its members by providing them an opportunity to influence laws, regulations, and attitudes regarding the use of pack and saddle stock on all public lands.



STATE CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Second, please know that our actions speak far louder than our words.

Third, please understand that being a member gives us no, rights, privileges or entitlements beyond any other member of the public at large.

I ask each member to commit our mission, vision and values to

Dear Members:

their everyday actions and behavior towards others.

First off, I want to thank all those who came out to our General Membership Meeting. It was a great group and we got a lot done. Thanks to all those who volunteered to accept a leadership position at State level. From the plans that were made, we are certainly going to be busy this year. You can review the minutes in this newsletter and on our website. A big "Atta Girl" to Kathy Jensen for all the proper prior planning that went into making this meeting go off without a hitch.

We, as BCHU members, cannot be the ones who clean out our trailers at the trailhead, we cannot be the ones who blow by the inspection stations, who do not have a proper brand inspection or health papers, we must not be the ones who bring uncertified hay and pass off an old tag and we certainly have no right to harass other trail users or volunteers in regards to their actions. The rules are **always** meant for us. We must lead "easy" by example and suggestion. Our continued access to the trails depends on it.

On a more serious note, this past month I received an email complaint from a member of the horse riding public concerning the behavior of some BCHU members. Unfortunately, it is not the first I have received. These complaints lead me to reflect on our special responsibilities as members of this organization.

I know that the vast majority of our members understand and support this code of conduct, but remember that one bad experience can wipe out lots of good work.

First, please know that each and everyone of us is being watched by others and our actions set the example for others to follow.

Ok enough. The weather is turning and the horses are starting to shed. We are getting set for another fine year and I look forward to seeing you on the trails. Until then - stay safe and have fun!

— Craig Allen

BCHU MINUTES 2/4/2012 BY LINDA MORRISON

WELCOME and PLEDGE: Craig Allen conducted. special thanks to Ron and Kathy Jensen for the building and food.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Bev Heffernan gave financial report. Balance just under \$10,000.00. National is asking for email addresses to go with

renewals possibly for electronic newsletters. Discussion as to weather it is of benefit to individual chapters to get a tax exempt status or not. Recommended to check with tax person. Will discuss later in New Business. Motion made to accept as presented, second and approved.

SECRETARY REPORT: Presented by Linda Morrison.

Changes made for CU. Motion made for approval with change, seconded, and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Communication: Carol Lang reported. Please involve her for changes in Web page. Will continue with position.

Education: Scott Leroy will continue working with Craig and new VP

Development: Kent Evans reported they are still working on new chapter in San Pete County. Having hard time getting people together. Recommended each chapter to work with FFA groups. Need to work with youth to get them involved and offer them our services. Few people that do packing anymore. Work with land managers. Anyone whoknows people in San Pete County please contact Kent. Will have more time in April. Goal is to visit each chapter this coming year. Any suggestions let him know. Freddy shared she has sent out invoice to all members in chapter that have not renewed. Also recommended going back several years and inviting them again. If every member committed to recruiting one member, our numbers would double. If ride/work projects get too big, recommended that they split the group for more

than one ride. Start slower horses first or start each group at different ends of a loop. Involve Kent if you need to split your chapter for specifics to do it. Craig reminded group than our membership in this group entitles us to nothing. It holds us to a higher standard. We are being watched every time we are visible. Be a good example of BCH mission. 515 House bill will stop our ability of riding on trails. Terry Morrison reported we do need the numbers of members to have a voice of what happens to our trails. Need to be

visible and helpful. Craig suggested having a person in the chapter that is the focal point for the land managers.

Technology: Bruce Kartner not here.

By Law Committee: Bruce Kartchner reported all chapters had submitted their by laws and were approved. Motion made to have Executive Committee to approve By Laws. Seconded and approved. Will be on website (www.bchu.com)

Marketing Committee: Freddy Dunn showed brochures from other states. Stated it is better to have a lot of brochures rather than few fancy ones. We should be passing out instead of putting on display.

Suggested:

1. Get literature and do brochures at state level and individualize it for chapters.
2. Make trail work signs.

Reviewed pricing. 5000 brochures would be \$800.00. Kathy Jensen will help with customization for chapters if they supply their picture for them. Will get better bids. Funding is \$2655.00. Better pricing if order more. Suggested making it easier for people to join and know what BCH is

all about on the webpage. Pay Pal has several obstacles to use that we do not have ability to do right now. Make yourself business cards. Suggested having a link with address and knowing what chapter they need to sign up for. Kathy Jensen suggested that State to make generic brochure and allow for individualization for

chapters. Suggestion made for arm bands. Motion made by Fred Leslie and amended for committee to use up to \$1200.00 for marketing committee to make Californian style brochures. (having them by Horse EXPO), to get digital format for calling cards, and one, two sided sign for each chapter . Rod reported on every day grants/ capacity grant from Toyota.

We meet criteria. He put in for \$5000 for purchase in for demo horse and signs, large and small, printing of literature, and materials for packing, every chapter. Waiting for reply. Above Motion seconded and approved.

Public Lands: Wayne Ludington reported on the grants he has been able to get. One was for \$39,000. Work with public land managers to get them. Revising plans for sage grouse. May impact us. Reminded everyone to work with public lands people to make sure your trails identification has been checked and is in order. Suggested GPS the trails we use for them. Get on mailing list for your area.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of officers. Terry Morrison reported. Chairman, Craig agreed to remain. Treasurer, Bev Heffernan agreed to remain. Secretary, Linda Morrison agreed to remain. Vice Chair. Open for nomination. Terry Morrison. Accepted and voted on for position. National Representatives Wayne Ludington will remain. Freddy Dunn voted to do another term approved by all.

Other Committee Chairpersons will remain as present.

Communication : Carol Lang

Education: Scott Leroy

Development: Kent Evans

Technology: Bruce Kartchner

By Laws: Bruce Kartchner

Marketing Committee: Freddy

Dunn

BCHU MINUTES 2/4/2012 (CONTINUED)

Public Lands Committee: Wayne Ludington.

Each chapter needs a public lands committee representative.

Meeting schedule for 2012. Discussion on remote meeting capability. Craig will test it out to see if it could be a good option for meetings.

April 14 in St George. Freddy, SW to make arrangements.

May 19 H-H will host.

August 25 WF chapter will host
Whoever comes to represent the Chapter needs to be responsible for taking back info to Chapter.

Horse EXPO.

March 9th handle by MR, March 10th handled by H-H, March 11th handled

by WF. State to take care of application and registration. Chapters also need to be responsible for demonstrations during their assigned day/time. Need to pay own way in. Can get \$1.00 off coupon online. Voted to have both at

Horse Expo. Is in budget.

Craig reported that Charles Folton passed away, one of the founders of BCHA. Motion made and carried to send \$100.00 to BCHA Educational Foundation in his behalf. Bev to send check.

Steve Hales from reported that Logan Coach will give 1/2 percent rebate back to individual, his chapter, and the State for any purchases of horse trailers. Has also given funding for State newsletter. Motion made for Logan Coach to be official sponsor of BCHA. Seconded and approved. Motion made to accept offer of rebates of horse trailers. Seconded and approval. Spread word to everyone and announce at Chapter meetings.

Bev Heffernan reported that Llamas days was this year will be in Midway, June 23rd. Invited all to come and bring a few horses. Only wanted 4 horses. Contact Bev if interested. Llamas are pack animals are considered stock.

Freddy asked if at the April meeting everyone thinks about sending a donation to the National as they are struggling financially. Need to hire an executive director.

CHAPTER REPORTS:

Dick Walters reported for Canyonlands.

Noel Poe reported from High Desert

Betty Crane reported with S

Grizz Oleen reported for UB

Kent Peterson reported for CU

John Stevens reported for H-H

Gary Bean reported for WD

Fred Leslie reported for MR

Rod Black reported for San Refael

Terry Morrison reported for HU

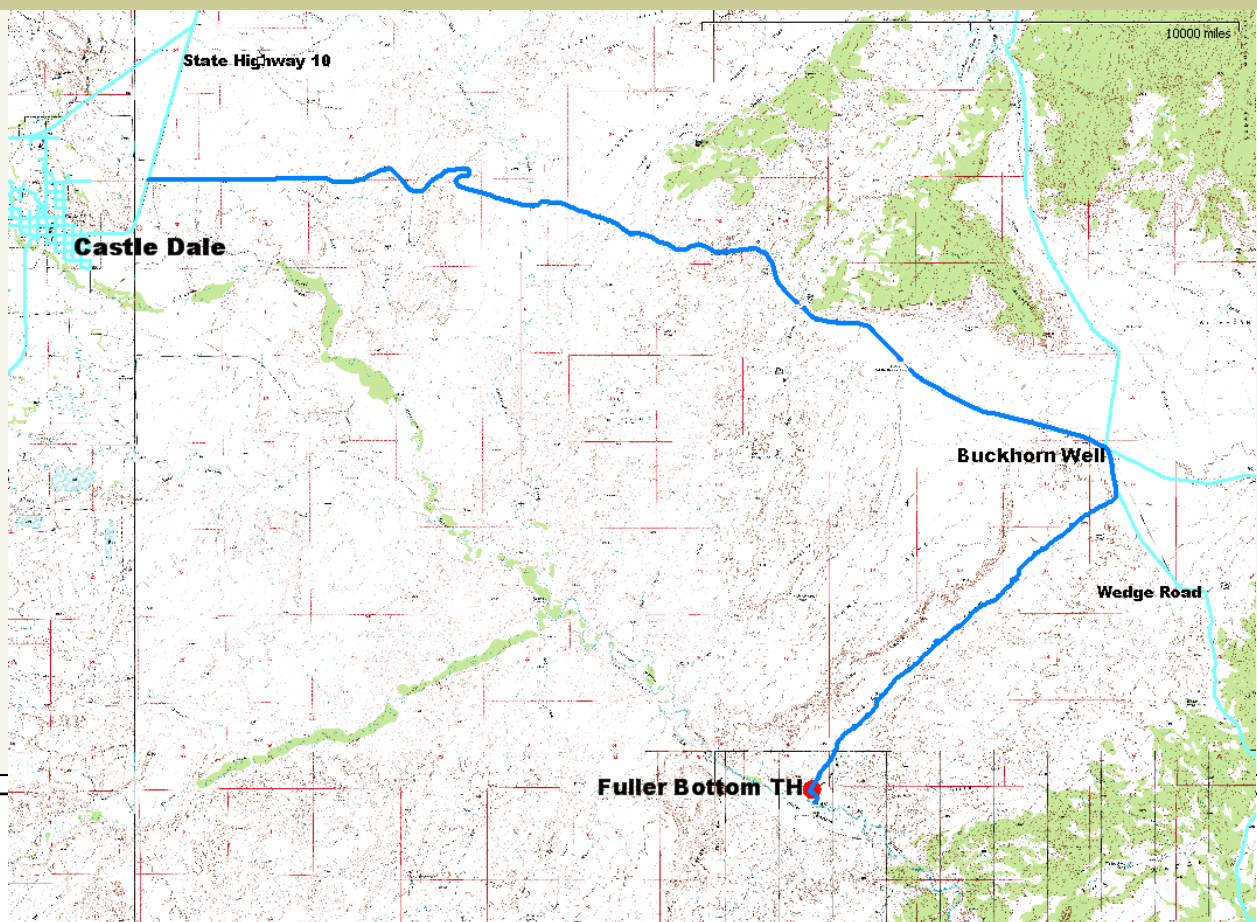
Scott Leroy reported for WF

Steve Hales reported for Bridgerland

Lunch and auction

Thanks again to Kathy Jensen for the meeting room and food.

FULLER'S BOTTOM TRAIL MAP (SEE ARTICLE ON NEXT PAGE)



FULLER BOTTOM TRAILHEAD BY ROD PLAYER (SAN RAFAEL BCHU)

The Fuller Bottom Trail Head accesses a number of trails such as the North Salt Wash Loop, Virgin Springs, and Sids Mountain (On the San Rafael Chapter link from the BCHU website there are individual write-ups and maps for each of these trails). This undeveloped trailhead is along the San Rafael River before it enters the Swell and is approximately 20 miles south east of Castle Dale, Emery County. The trail head has a few undeveloped camp-sites and horse water can be obtained from the river.

Description: The Fuller Bottom has two trailhead areas. The first trail head, a large pull out, is on BLM land just before the road drops into the San Rafael River Bottom. Those on day rides are encouraged to use the BLM trail head. This large parking area has a section of buck and rail fence.

BLM Trail Head

The road from this trailhead goes down and around a hill over a cattle guard and into the river bottom. This narrow bladed dirt road will take you to the river. It is suggested that you walk the road before you pull a trailer down. There are some undeveloped camp sites

just before the river crossing. This land is owned by Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) and is managed to provide wildlife habitat. Camping is allowed here but no work is done on the camp sites or river crossing. Do not try to drive across

Drive southeast down this road for approximately 1 mile to a Y intersection. Turn south (right) on the smaller road. This road is marked with a sign to Fullers Bottom. The roads to this point have all been good gravel all weather roads.

The Fuller Bottom road is a bladed dirt road and can be hazardous in wet weather or dusty in dry weather. It crosses the Fuller Bottom Draw several times and can get washed out. Five miles down this road you will come to the BLM trail head.

Facilities Available: The BLM trail head has a regis-



the river. The bank on the south side of the river is steep and generally contains soft silt. This crossing is best left to horses and 4 wheelers.

Directions: The trail head is accessed from the Emery County road (EC401) that leaves State Highway 10 one mile north of Castle Dale. The intersection is marked with a highway sign and there is a wooden corral on the south east side. Stay on this well maintained gravel road for almost 13 miles to the Buckhorn Well. This well is located on a four way intersection with road signs. There is a newly constructed restroom and informational kiosks at the intersection. Turn south on the road toward the Wedge.

tration box and a section of buck and rail fence. Be careful tying your horses to the buck and rail fence as it is not anchored and a horse could drag it. The camp area is below the trail head in the river bottom and is undeveloped with no facilities available. There are some cottonwood trees available to tie your highline. Please do not tie horses directly to trees. While the San Rafael River can be used to water horses it is too salty for human consumption. You need to bring your own weed free feed as there is limited grazing available.

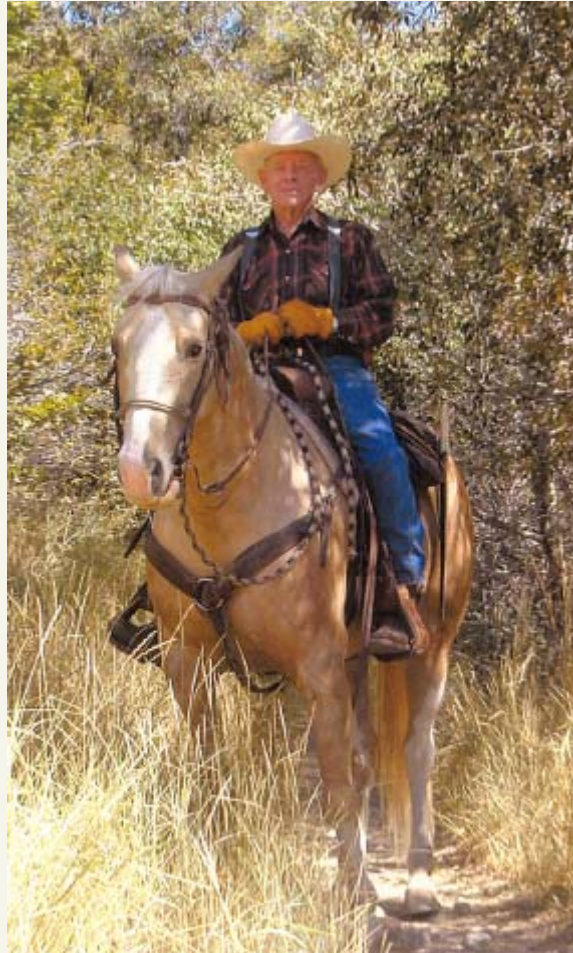
KING GREEN – A BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMAN

BY SCOTT LEROY (WASATCH FRONT BCHU)

What image comes to mind when you think of a “back country horseman”? Do you think of someone who is an avid trail rider with a saw scabbard on their saddle clearing the dead fall from the trail every spring? Maybe it’s someone who is out there practicing “leave no trace” principles because of his great love for the mountains and open space. Perhaps you even think of someone who gets other folks motivated to join him in his efforts. Well folks, I’d say that is a very good description of a backcountry horseman. In fact, we’ve got one of them among us who has been out there being a backcountry horseman long before the Back Country Horsemen organization was even organized. His name is King Green.

King was born and raised in Salt Lake City where all of his young life he wanted horses. Due to living in the city, if he wanted to ride a horse he had to rent one. It was always his dream to get a place in the country where he could have a horse. In January 1942, just after the start of WWII, King found a good job at Hill Air Force Base. With the war still going on, King joined the U.S. Army Air Corps and began training to be a B-29 flight engineer. However, after a training plane, full of cadets, crashed at his base in Hondo, Texas, further training flights were suspended. The war with Japan ended a short time later and King had to choose to either stay where he was or return to his family and job at Hill AFB.

In 1946, King and his young family moved into their first house in the area around 1000 East in Bountiful, Utah. The house was situated on an acre of land with just enough



space for King to get his first horse, a dark mare named Dina. She wasn’t much to look at, but she started King on his decades-long journey down the trail. One Sunday while King was out with Dina hunting deer, she ended up falling on a slick muddy spot where she got stuck and wasn’t able to get up. King knew they were in a bad spot and wasn’t sure if Dina had broken a leg or gotten injured in some other way. At that point, he didn’t know what to do. Like many of us when we’re in a bad situation, King said a little prayer – “Dear Lord, if you just let me get this horse out of this situation, I won’t ride on a Sunday again.” He worked with his knife to cut a branch that was pinning her and eventually freed Dina. Thankfully, she was okay. Since then, King has kept his promise (mostly) and doesn’t ride on Sundays.

King’s second horse was named Smokey. It was Smokey that he rode when he joined the “Twin Star Riders”, which were part of the Utah State Western Riding Club Association. Most of their riding was done in the arenas, but King just wasn’t too excited with that type of riding. His love was to be camping and riding on the mountain trails. A favorite memory of King’s is a trail ride he took in the mountains along the ridge above Bountiful in 1952 on Smokey. They rode for quite a while, but eventually lost the trail and had to go back to a sheep camp to ask for directions. In their conversation, the shepherd bet King a bottle of whiskey that if Dwight Eisenhower was elected president he would become a dictator. King took that bet and won, but never was able to collect that bottle of whisky. Once back on the trail, he found a spring and spent the night there before riding on around Big Mountain, up to Parley’s canyon and then on into Salt Lake City.

King’s third horse, and first training project, was Red Eagle, a sorrel Anglo-Arab. He bought him for a Father’s Day present and says it’s the best Father’s Day present he ever got. Red Eagle turned out to be a wonderful horse and he rode him for many years.

One of King’s favorite places to pack into was Yellowstone National Park. He never had a pack horse to use, so he put everything he needed on the horse he rode. He also has many fond memories of the rides he went on in the Uinta’s and southern Utah.

Like the Backcountry Horsemen organization, King is not just out for fun trail rides. Over the years, King has worked on developing trails in

KING GREEN (CONTINUED)

the canyons around his home in Bountiful. Two of the canyons he has done extensive trail work on are Ward and Holbrook canyons. In 1983, the heavy rains started a mud slide down the mountain and blocked access up Ward Canyon. In 1985, after being unsuccessful in getting some help to build a trail up Ward canyon, he began to work on it by himself. He would work until he thought he couldn't get any further, stop, come back to it later, and somehow be able to make more progress. He eventually made it all the way to a place where the Forest Service made a joining trail.

In 1990, King and his grandson went on a hike up Holbrook Canyon. At the top, he wondered if he could build a trail for horses up the Canyon. Over the years, his sons and grandson, along with other people who wanted to do service projects or an Eagle Scout Project, have helped him with this trail. The trail was finally completed all the way to the top and has made it possible now to ride over the mountain from Bountiful to Morgan City. King has also worked on trails in Mueller Park and Kenny creek along with many more in the mountains above Bountiful. All this happened before

*Dina 1947**Red Eagle 1953*

the "Back Country Horseman of Utah" organization was even formed.

As with many good grass-roots-level ideas, it was through word-of-mouth that King heard about the first meeting to start a backcountry horseman organization in Utah. In 1991, a friend of King, who knew of his riding and trail building efforts, thought he might be interested in joining the group. There were many folks of like-mind with King and two of them were Har-

old Edwards and Dave Halls. These two cowboys were the ones who really started the organization rolling in Utah. Since then, King has always been a member of the Back Country Horsemen of Utah. A long-time friend of King's, Cal Holbrook, also joined the organization a couple of years after King and they've been riding and working on projects together ever since. As the membership grew, groups broke off and formed their own chapters.

After all these many years of riding, King figures he's had about 22 horses and made some good riding friends, many of whom have passed on. He's looking forward to many more rides in the beautiful open spaces of

Utah. In fact, he just made a trip down to St. George to pick up a new gaited Foxtrotter to ride.

"Something a little smoother and steady", King said with a wide smile, "90 year-olds just don't bounce as good as younger folks". See you on the trail King.

**Change of Address?**

If you have moved, or your address is incorrect, please contact your chapter treasurer.

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MARCH

- 3rd** Wasatch Front Work Project
And Burger Burn
- 9-11** Utah Horse Expo
South Jordan Equestrian Center
- 10th** High Desert BCH Ride - TBA
Southwest BCH Ride
Red Cliff Leeds Trailhead
- 17th** High Line & Hobbles BCH Ride –
TBA
- 23-25** Wasatch Front BCH Ride – TBA
SPC Joseph Bushling – Horse Team
Organized Ground Search
Dugway, Utah

APRIL

- 7th** Wasatch Front Work Project
And Burger Burn
- 14th** High Desert BCH Ride – TBA
- 21st** MRBCHU Obstacle Course Ride
And Burger Burn
(Pegasus) Grantsville, Utah
- TBA** High Line & Hobbles BCH Ride –
Wasatch Front BCH Ride – TBA



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