

WELCOME and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Craig Allen

MINUTES: Read by Linda Morrison. Approved as they stand by body.

TREASURER REPORTED: Presented by Bev Heffernam. Just over \$10,000 in bank. Also had summary of previous years. Down @ 5% over last years as following the National trend. Motion made to accept, second, approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Craig Allen thanked committee for getting facility for meeting. All chapters have done well past year, but do have challenges. Loosing members and enthusiasm. Our group does 40% of volunteer services for Forest Dept. Still has a lot of grants for projects. We are known for being able to get it done. We need to recommit, to educate, to grow, and to find others to help and join. We have a lot of land available to us, but rules are made in areas where they do not have a lot of knowledge about horses. Therefore, our land managers need to be well educated. Go back to Chapters and be an advocate with other chapter members and land managers. Need to revitalize others and get back lost chapter members. Craig's last year of chairman. Done it three years. Thanked everyone for the opportunity.

2. VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Terry Morrison report he invited others to help with chapter projects who were not members. Very successful. Need to redefine chapter and state roles. Did packing for UB. Need to do more for ranger district in that area. Door now open for it.

3. NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Wayne Ludington reported there are a lot of problems with mountain bikes taking over our trails. Work with land managers to make sure we have a place to ride. Sequoia National Park in California took the National Park to court until they completed paperwork for commercial horses on trails. Decision made because of BCH involvement to keep trails open to stock until study done. Freddy Dunn reported for the expansion committee. To be part of our national organization states need to have two chapters in a state. Needs to be changed for smaller states. Long process because we are a grass roots organization. Craig Allen explained how grant funding works. 2013 OK for funding, problems will be 2014 and on. Fees coming from gasoline taxes. Recommended to work with State representatives. Discussion on who will manage national lands, state or federal. Our position is to make sure whoever manages it, that we make our concerns known related to stock and trails. There are RAC (resource advisory committee) grants available with Forest Dept.. They will receive @ 10 million dollars which will be available for trailwork. Work with land managers to get grants as they know how to write the grants up. BLM has manual online. Addressing horses is under 6330. We have expanded with the addition of the Canyon County Chapter from Escalante. Still working on Panquich area.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. COMMUNICATION: Nothing worse than an out dated web site. Carol Lang would like to have all updated information to Craig Allen and have a person from each chapter contact him on a monthly basis with updates.
2. EDUCATION: Each chapter representatives to make face to face contact sometime today with him.
3. MARKETING: Freddy Dunn. Got feedback about brochures. Everyone like them. Need more brochures. Reminded them to use sign and to put plastic container for brochures. Can get more signs. Contact Freddy for more. Discussed getting signs that were more transferable/moveable. Freddy will explore possibilities out of canvas. Suggested places to take brochures. Anywhere people with horses may go.....feed stores, ranger districts, windshields at trail heads. Use calling cards too. Discussed why loosing members. Need more personal contact. Look on old membership rolls and invite them back. Loose people if rides/projects are not "fun". Need younger people. Checkbook members or just riders are OK. Can help with the cause in other ways. Their names on our rosters help with our position in Washington. Each chapter to get information to webmaster for newsletter to let people know what they can do on their own to help.

STATE MEETING REPORT: Jeff Nichols reported on what was to happen the rest of the day. Go to arena for obstacle course and demonstrations. Silent auction during lunch.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. By Laws review by Craig Allen. Bev Heffernam passes out information for new Treasurers. Reviewed responsibilities of members along with Chapter responsibilities. If Chapter misses more than three consecutive meetings without being excused may have to reapply for membership. WD and Canyonlands have been excused from this meeting.

**2. PLAN FOR 2013 MEETING AND EVENTS**

15-17 March is Horse Expo. MR and H\_H to take lead roles. WF and HU will help. Suggested each chapter to have DVD for slide show. Get own Chapter's applications to Bev Heffernam to put on table. (2489 Maple Creek Lane, Sandy, Ut 84092)

13 April: Prep for National Board Meeting. State pays for building. Host chapter does rest. HD (Knab) to host.

18 May National Board Meeting. Reporting on National meeting. CU will host.

1 June Trails Day.

Llama days in Midway third weekend in June.

21 Sept. Plan for General Membership Meeting. HU chapter will host.

18 Jan 2014: General Membership Meeting.

**3. NATIONAL DUES INCREASE:**

\$5.00 per membership per year for National level for 2015. Voted on it by body. Discussed what the dues were used for. Cindy reported by going all electronically to save spending. Motion made to accept National increase of \$5.00 per membership in 2015. Motion made, seconded, approved. Motion made for State to pursue if increase to flow to chapters of through state to pay it through savings or budget cuts by state board at state level (@2500.00). Seconded and approved.

4. 40th anniversary of BCH 2013. Each chapter has been asked to do something special to celebrate. Formed committee to report on recommended suggestion for celebration. Chairman will be Jell Nichols. Committee members are: Art Johnson H\_H, Scott Leroy WF, Richard Webb WF, Pat Wilson MR, Kathy Myers WF, Lemar Taylor WF, Gordan Hirschi UB, Ken Snock SR, Ray Connor CU, Perry White MR, Willard England HH, Jerry Strand HH. Suggested having a 10 day wagon adventure. Skyline trail suggested.

5. Harold Edwards passed away at 84. Long standing member at State level.

6. Mexico trek group approached BCH with their activity to celebrate the horse. Western Horsemen sponsoring them. Go online to donate.

7. Correspondence from member concerned about web site and commercial links to boarding available in their area. Body felt it was OK as is on our Website. Suggested link at bottom for others to send information to WebMaster.

RANGER AND TRAILS MANAGER FROM PLEASANT GROVE - Works with H\_H. Stated they are essential to trail working groups. Can't get their jobs done without us. Good impute from BCH and a great thank you from them.

**OFFICERS NOMINATIONS:**

Scott Leroy reported Terry willing to be State Chairman and Craig Allen to be Vice Chairman. Voted on by body. Accepted. No opposition. Nancy McKay to be Treasurer. Linda Morrison to remain as State Secretary. Will work on Leave No Trace presentations for chapters and with chapters for other users in their area.

**CHAPTER REPORTS:**

1. Canyon County. Carol Kracht reported. New chapter in May with 5 families. Several service projects and one fund raising projects. Larger project for clean up after a fire. \$500.00 dues

collected. Working on trying to grow.

2. Bridgerland. Jared Stores reported. 21 memberships. Down some from last year, but did have new members. Doing the Adopt a Trail Program.

3. SW. Roshelle Bromley reported. Chapter doing well. Reported volunteer hours. Honor Dexter Reese and Paul Gooch for dedication and hours spent. Hosted land managers from Russia for Forest Service. Got grants for step overs. Volunteer from 4yrs to 80.

4. WF. Julia Heavirland reported. Opened up a trail and will pick another for coming year. More members certified with chainsaws. Involved with Ogden Valley for donations for equipment.

5. HD. (Knab). Mary Poe reported. Has monthly meetings. Worked on Jacob Trail. Will finish this coming spring. Served on Cane County committee and got \$20,000 for trail work and assisted with a runner competition. Looked for stragglers after each race.

6. UB Gordan Hirschi reported. Working with land managers in Vernal. Has new members.

7. MR Perry White reported. Gave statics of volunteer time, equipment, etc. Highlights : Dimple dale, Expo, and Weber Pathways.

8. CU Ken Peterson reported. National trails days worked with other users on several trails. Provided pack demonstrations. Host chapter for TOSH National Park. Provided trail maps for park. Has yearly cleanup project at TOSH. Six new corrals.

9. HU Terry Morrison reported. Had grants from Forest Dept. 549 fallen trees (killed by beetle infestation) removed from 14 miles. Worked on building bridges for water drainage problems.

10. SR Wayne Ludington reported. Members are on many committees with other users. First equestrian trail in area. Packing in supplies for work crew. Working on new trail heads. Special packing training of "odd" objects. Free to anyone. Will get information from National newsletter.

11. H\_H Jeff Nichols reported. Replace bridges. Did National Trails Day. Very active with rides every month. Good relationship with Forest Service.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded and approved.