

BCHU BOARD MEETING

March 26, 2011

Knab, Ut

WELCOME: Sheldon Willardson, Pres from the HD chapter welcomed everyone out.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE: Conducted by Craig Allen.

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Craig Allen. UB was not at meeting, but was at Extravaganza, so they are OK.

THANK YOU TO HD for the great meal and accommodations.

Secretary Report: Linda Morrison recapped the minutes from the last meeting. Motion made to accept, seconded and approved. Reminded every chapter to get their volunteer hour reports and chapter reports in to her or Craig Allen.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bev Heffernan passed out copy of expense and revenues for 2011. Paid Nat'l Delegates trip to Montana in April. @ \$10,473 in checking account. Have received several grants, more coming in, \$1500.00 from Horse council. Stating next month, those delinquent on dues will be taken off newsletter mailing list at State and National levels.

BLOG READING: Craig Allen read a blog from a non-BCH member. Suggested having it read by presidents in all of the chapter's next meeting. It was a pleading to all horse people to help maintain the trails, to get out of their saddles and do more. It is all of our responsibility to do more trail maintenance.

MARCIA GILLES: Trails Coordinator at Pine Valley Mnt Ranger District described her need for assistance with campgrounds, trails, etc. Zack Grey is over the trails crew. RACK is trying to get funding for \$50,000.00 to help with signs on trails and at trail heads. Work through Freddy Dunn. Project should be ready about mid summer or early fall. Also the Mill Flat fire in New Harmony has left several trails in need of repairs. Anderson Creek Trail, Summit Trail, and Comanche Trail are over grown by sage brush. Possibility of chain saw usage or Spike spraying Rodger is organizing work projects proposed date to be June 24-25th with a Bar-B-Que. Marcia reported the TMO for their Nat'l forests were 100% completely updated with new trail classification in Dixie National Forrest. Jack Prescott reported the Kamas Ranger district is 99% completed. Notification has been sent out to all districts and hope is that it will be completed within 6 months. All chapters should ask for the inventory of TMOs and look them over for their area. If they find a trail that has been closed to equine travel ask "why" and volunteer to change it, helping take the load off the rangers and follow through for a successful project.

CHAPTER REPORTS:

1. WF: Mike Bodin reported they had @200 members, with 21 new ones, the Extravaganza was a big success, invited everyone to help with the Antelope Island Project April 1-3 mending fences and trail cleanup. RSVP .
2. Bridgerland: Steve Hales reported they had 42 renewals and still had 20 more to renew. Have focused their projects on service with many of them at Hardware Ranch and other trail heads and horse camps in Franklin Basin.

3. H_H: John Stevens reported they had 105 members, had monthly meetings with Forest Rangers, major on and off camp outs at Deer Springs, and classes for members. Stated he had sent out invoices to unpaid members (70) and got more than half back joining.
4. UH: Jack Prescott reported the membership was about the same, Trails Day for HU is a week after national because of the weather, possible fencing project at Rock Cliff at the Jordanelle State Park, Aug 5-6 was the Crystal Lake bridge packing, and the Bear project starts June 25th.
5. SR: Wayne Ludington reported on the Huntington Canyon Area trails, more work with BLM related to the Russian Olive tress, and trails that need work where horses could fall off the trails. RACK had funding for projects as well as for educational requests. Have secured \$34,000.00 in grants and an additional \$8,000.00 for Huntington Canyon projects.
6. CU: Patti Coon reported that Bill and Barbara Davis were in charge of the St. Jude Ride and auction. They have had several meetings with the Forest Service for projects in the Fish Lake area, bridge repairs, development of new trails tied to TOSHA equine campgrounds, installing new gates purchased by Forest service.
7. HD: Sheldon Willardon reported onn the Barrocks coral rebuilding with the Forest Service. Statedthey have had two educational booths and 2 educational rides, 8 parades in Utah scheduled and a couple of fundraisers, a quilt and donated hay to sell. Has 48 members.
8. SW: Freddy Dunn and Rodger reported they did a special recognition for their Land Managers to help build better relationships with them. Received \$800.00 for three new step overs for Red Mnt Trail and have over 100 miles of GPS trails for the Forest Service. Stated that 40 % of all the volunteer work for federal agencies was done by the BCH people.
9. MR: Fred Leslie reported they did 6 projects last year which consisted of yearly on going trail clean ups and maintaining and repairing 600 acres in Dimple Dell area which is a multiple usage area.

LUNCH BREAK. Craig Allen reminded everyone to make hour reporting at each meeting a practice and asked the presidents to take it back to their chapters. H_H reported they made a more convenient 3 X 5 card to keep track on that fits into a shirt pocket.

SCHEDULING OF BOARD MEETINGS:

1. August 26-27 will be hosted by Bridgerland
2. May 13-14 will be hosted by HU in Kamas area. Will have training for trails classification by Terry Morrison
3. Motion made for acceptance of both times and places, seconded and approved.

BY LAWS: All chapters need to have current set of Chapter By Laws by May's meeting to be reviewed by committee and accept. All chapters need to have current set of Chapter By Laws by May's meeting to be reviewed by committee and accept. Committee will consist of Bruce Kartchner, Fred Leslie and Wayne Ludington. Mike Bodin has a template if anyone needs it. They need to be posted on the Web. Chapters should send bylaws to committee in April.

CHAPTER REPORTS/VOLUNTEER HOURS: Need to be to Linda by next week.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Freddy presented information for State's instruction on how the chapters wanted them to vote on some of the issues and proposals at the National meeting in April in Butte Montana; one being the forming of an Executive Board Committee. Utah Board voted to empower Wayne and Freddy to vote in State's best interest in response to the new document. After a discussion, Craig made motion in behalf of the Utah State Board to empower and enable Freddy and Wayne to vote in accordance with sense of Utah Board and best interest of BCHA. Seconded and approved.
2. Freddy presented other proposals they needed direction of Board to vote on:
 - a.) Golden Horse Shoe Award was proposed by Wyoming to create three additional outstanding awards. Discussed and decided there were enough opportunities for recognition at a National level with the Double Diamond, Ken Osk Award, etc Motion made to have representatives vote "no" for it. Seconded and approved.
 - b.) Wayne presented the proposal for the Director of Development to raise funds for education developments and secure dollars for BCA. Discussion. Fred Leslie made motion to vote "no" to resolution. Seconded and approved.
 - c.) Proposal to strengthen the role of the Executive Committee was discussed and motion made to vote "no" as it was to repetitive. Seconded and approved.
 - d.) Change in Meetings of Board meetings to a centralized location. Discussed and motion made to vote "no" to it as it would reduce representation and had too many other things included in proposal.

NATIONAL UPDATE: Terry Morrison reminded everyone that their comments should be given to our two representatives (Freddy and Wayne) for the National meeting. May be related to information on everything for all the states relate to the Public Lands, committee work, trainings and panel discussions.

LNT: In April there will be a Master's Training class in Missouri for one week. Scott LeRoy will check into it.

FOREST SERVICE TRAILS CLASSIFICATION: Wayne Ludington reported that the Forest service had all received the new trails classification. Each Chapter needs to look it over in their Ranger District. The trails classification is: 1.) not maintained, 2.) somewhat maintained, 3.) better maintained, 4.) 48" wide, 5.) paved. If any existing equine trails have been closed or reclassified so horses can not go on them ask "why". Craig suggested each chapter spread sheets to next board meeting.

REGIONAL PROJECTS:

1. Pine Valley Mnt Project-June 26th. More information to come.
2. Bring other suggestions to next meeting. Chapters are responsible to invite others to help.

HOW TO USE TECHNOLOGY: It is encouraged that chapters use more available technology such as Facebook or Twitter. Good for putting information about trails, vets in area, etc. Beemer stated he would help anyone if needed. Contact him at jverment@gmail. Discussion on pros and cons of email and snail mail. Freddy mentioned the possibility of better standardizing maps for trails with GPS. Motion made to form a technology committee to explore social networking for future and report at next meeting. Seconded and approved. Committee to consist of Bruce Kartchner and Beemer to share chairman position of it. They will check with Chapters to seek out tech people to help. Scott Leroy volunteered to help as the Education Committee Chair.

DOUBLE DIAMOND AWARD: Submit any suggestion to Craig Allen and plan ahead for next year. Two suggestions were made: Wayne Ludington's success with his grant funding and BCHU's successful Trails Extravaganza.

2012 TRAILS EXTRAVAGANZA: Craig Allen reported we had funds for next year. Discussed moving the venue to possibly Spanish Fork Arena next year. Chapters that could spearhead it would be H-H, CU, SR, MR. No volunteers to do it. Will discuss it at next meeting. Motion made to have Fred Leslie to be the Committee chair to research Chapters for commitment for next meeting. Second and approved.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES: Get to newsletter editor on time.

DEVELOPMENT CHAPTER: Kent Evans reported he was working on a couple of new possibilities for Chapters. Gave information on how to build from within:

1. Get younger people to meetings
2. Work with 4H groups on trail etiquette
3. Support high school rodeos

Kent mentioned that he wanted to attend each chapter's chapter meeting over the next year. Email information to him along with chapter's special needs. Freddy Dunn had information about the BCH coloring books created by Missouri that chapters can reprint with own logo on.

LNT TRAINING: Craig Allen reported there were two orientation scheduled this summer, one before mid July. He will get information to Chapters and send list of certified trainers to H_H. If chapters want the BCH magnetic signs they need to get their own. Bruce Kartchner presented a challenge that state use funds from treasury to help chapters with new member development. Will be on agenda for next month's meeting. Dave Howells reminded everyone that we are a grass roots organization.

MOTION MADE TO ADJOURN. Seconded and approved. Craig closed meeting reminding everyone that we are not a riding club, but do a lot of riding. Remember to get off your horses and do more service and work on trails.