

BCHU WASATCH FRONT

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September 18, 2019 Monthly Business Meeting Minutes

7:00 pm Pledge of Allegiance

Thank you to the Diana and John McFarland for providing this month's potluck entrée.

August, 2019, Minutes approved.

Treasury/Financials Report as per Treasurer, Lyn Taggart. As part of expenses paid this month Lyn is reminding all about the latest edition of the Western Wasatch magazine published by the Standard Examiner.

Treasure's report approved.

✓ Treasurer's report available upon request.

✓ Current Rosters available each meeting upon request.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Hooper Tomato Days Parade was Monday Sept. 2. It was successful. Thanks to Ann Hyde for getting the Chapter signed up for it and to Nancy, Kelly, Don and LaMar and his family for participating. We are still in CFOV fund-raising season. Thank you for your donations and your continuing effort in

soliciting to businesses for their donations. Donations received **through September**

30th will be matched by the CFOV.

Last month Amber Pierce talked about the inaugural "Cowboy Crawl" going forward as approved by attending members last month. The Chapter members present voted to support it. *If you didn't see the email, registration is currently open to the first 50 riders and it is filling up fast so register right away.* www.OVCowboyCrawl.com Amber has made all the arrangements but for your trailering efforts.

You must make your own return-to-your-trailer arrangements. The CFOV has agreed to extend our Match-Time season to include funds raised from this event. If this turns out a successful endeavor, it may become an annual event. Alan Phister mentioned that Amber wants to install hitching rails and raised the question regarding using our CFOV funds to support installing hitching rails next to agreeable local businesses. The USFS manages Pineview so we are also coordinating their approval to install hitching rails at recreational locations. Current funds are marked for projects in Ogden Valley.

Let's get Ogden Valley News and Ogden Standard Examiner involved to publish something about the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

On **Monday, September 30th, starting at 4:30pm**, the CFOV is looking for volunteers to help with the 'Ball Drop' event at Valley elementary school at **5821 E 1900 N, Eden, UT**. It is food-truck night there too so volunteer and hit the food trucks for dinner. Tell Richard if you can volunteer. If you can help us, meet at Valley Elementary school, Eden, UT. Per Richard, it would be nice to get 10-15 volunteers. The school is on the main road around the bend from Carlos & Harley's and west of Middle Fork.

Bridgerland Chapter of BCHA has invited all to attend an event in Logan on **October 11 (Friday) at 7:30pm** at the North Logan Library, 475 E 2500 N, North Logan, UT. Text "Dawny" at 435.232.9610 if you plan on attending.

Subject: "Lady Long Rider: Alone Across America on Horseback" we are introduced to Bernice Ende, a solitary figure with the daunting goal of traveling from Trego, Montana to New Mexico in a single ride. At the age of 50, Bernice turned south into the unknown and began her first trip on her way to becoming a world-class long rider. Since that fateful decision she hasn't looked back.

Accompanied by her horses and an exceptional dog named Claire, Ende has logged more than 29,000 miles in the saddle, crisscrossing North America and beyond.

The Bison Roundup is **Saturday October 26**. Looks like registration has opened, filled up and closed. If you haven't registered you're out of luck this year.

Antelope Island is hosting a **LNT trainer training event on Friday November 8 and 9th**. Is anyone interested in attending? Richard asking for specifics, hours. The info is on Facebook. See Arcadia Guided Outdoor Education Group to Register. Posted by AISP on Facebook and shared on the chapter page. It is geared towards all in the outdoors. Craig Allen may be there to do the Horse part of things. This is an over nighter. Provide all your own camping/hiking equipment. Details on how to sign up will be forwarded via email later.

East Fork of the Wheeler Creek (Art Nord to Green Pond) is going to be closed when precipitation starts, over the winter through and/or until it dries up next spring. This is to let the trail settle over the wet season without damage. Please respect the closure and encourage others you see in the area to respect it too. It cost a lot of money to get the work done. Don't mess up the good work.

Reminder to mark your calendars for the chapter's annual auction and banquet at the Timberline Restaurant Saturday November 16. Details forthcoming regarding menu/entrees and cost. Nancy McKay and Caren Miller-Lazarz are helping organize this important Chapter fund-raising effort. Don't forget, please help by bringing your auction items! Monies raised at our Annual Holiday Auction Banquet helps offset costs of burger burns, monthly meeting entrees and much more.

FUTURE WORK PROJECTS:

Also, LaMar Taylor has reminded us that there is so much garbage build-up at Middle Fork that we should consider installing signage regarding "pack in-pack out" (LNT) at various areas in question. Chapter is discussing dates for our next work projects. Bus Stop @ Middle Fork is an issue. Is there enough debris and trash to warrant the need of a pack horse, ATV, on-foot? After deliberation, it is determined to schedule this work project for Friday, October 11th. This is the first of the elk hunt season; wear your orange. A follow-up to Middle Fork work project is scheduled for November 2nd, Saturday. Please consider volunteering as we wind our season down.

Please remember to get volunteer hours to Jill Poll for all your work projects through the year, PR stuff Education stuff, etc. Please provide your volunteer hours to Jill in time for her to get them to National by the early part of November before our Holiday Auction Banquet of November 16th...

Don Bradshaw has been suggesting that new trail boss(es) be assigned. His busy schedule will eventually not allow his ongoing trail bossing which he has been doing for the Chapter for many a year. Anyone interested, please volunteer.

New Officers on-going discussions: Julie is reminding the Chapter members that annually new Officers are to be elected. It's been a long time since the Chapter has seen new Officers. Current Officers have been filling their positions for many years. Please consider stepping up to relieve if only for one year.

Julie was talking about the "bike-centric" developments going around North Fork County Park. These are not dedicated only to bikers, they're open to equestrians and hikers also. If something is said about "no horses", it's on the newly constructed trails that are soft until they've had a chance to settle over a winter. We wouldn't ride on them when muddy. More trails are going to be developed in the park this fall. The trail re-route near the Smith property is still in bad shape. The USFS has not been able to work on it this summer. Also, Cutler Creek crossing has had some bad issues with riders. Weber County Parks Dept., Todd Ferrario said he will go in with equipment on Southern side to see if the crossing approaches can be improved before winter.

The Art Nord to Green Pond section of trail is going to have a seasonal closing when the weather changes with posted signs. Please respect the closure and ride only on dry trails.

The issue of disrespect on the trail came up. If anyone encounters problems, please quell the altercation and just record it on your phone and Julie will get it to the USFS. It does no one good to have a confrontation. Instead, be kind, be proactive, educate and be safe above all. Of all encounters we have on the trails, bikers, hikers, joggers, equestrians, 95% are all respectful but occasionally we encounter that 5% of users who can cause problems. Represent our Chapter by being kind to all you encounter.

Lyn suggesting the Triangle "Trail Courtesy" Signs be increased on our trails denoting and reminding who yields to who. That will be considered with our project to create more trail signs.

REMINDER: As the largest, slowest-to-maneuver and (usually) least-predictable creatures on the **trail**, horses get the **right of way** from both hikers and mountain bikers.

Alan donated his magnetic door prize to Matty Philips.

Meeting Adjournment.

(Secretarial liberty: Next month is our last monthly business meeting of 2019. Please pass the word to your fellow members and prospective members that your attendance next month (October 16th) is important in wrapping up our year, discussing our important Holiday Auction/Banquet, and other ongoing activities.