

BCHA Wasatch Front

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October 16, 2019 Monthly Business Meeting Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance

Thanks for dinner Carol Cook

Minutes approval

Financial Report: \$430 deposit for the hitching rail by Saddle Bags. There is a TBD balance owing due.

Caren is collecting membership and or banquet checks/cash to be forwarded to Lyn Taggart. Please get your dinner registration and monies to her this evening.

OLD BUSINESS:

End of CFOV season. We ended up with \$4,523 worth of donations. Included is a \$500 donation from Smith & Edwards and other private donors. Thank you, you know who you are.

The 1st annual Cowboy Crawl was last Saturday. Caren Lazarz, Alan Phister, Cherie Cross and I attended. We all think it went great! It was a beautiful day and everyone was happy and safe. The event raised \$2196 towards CFOV for the chapter. Amber plans on doing this again next year and re-organizing it so there won't be a limit to the number of riders. There was a waiting list which was tapped into. Alan Phister was glad to squeak in from the waiting list. Amber has identified a few businesses that would like hitching rails like the Distillery we stopped at, The American Legion Post (near Chevron). Huntsville City wants a hitching rail at their park. We'll continue to work with the Forest Service and Ogden Valley for locations they approve of, i.e. beaches would be nice.

Lyn and Bill Taggart and I helped with the CFOV 'Ball Drop' event.

Did anyone go to the Social event of the Bridgerland Chapter in Logan on October 11 (Friday)? No one from our group made it.

Antelope Island is hosting a **LNT training event on Friday November 8 and 9th**. Is anyone interested in attending? There was an email and Facebook post regarding who to contact. If you're interested see Julie.

Reminder to mark your calendars for the chapter's annual auction and banquet at the Timbermine Restaurant Saturday November 16. Check your Facebook and emails from Tarryn Galloway. Registration forms are available for you tonight to complete. Write your checks tonight. Don't forget your donations for the auction.

Ron Hales and Jerry were able to get to the Middle Fork work project this past Friday, Oct 11th.

We also have one scheduled for Nov 2 at Middle Fork. Is that still worth doing? Who plans on attending? Marvin Evans will be using his tractor to help with this important clean-up. Weather-dependent whether we do a burger burn or not.

Melanie Beutler had an extra ticket for the Antelope Island Bison Round-Up for a cost of \$52.00. Don Bradshaw purchased her ticket tonight.

NEW BUSINESS

Richard & Don are leading the ride at Art Nord tomorrow, Oct 17th. Everyone going meet at the Art Nord trail head 10am.

From Lyn Taggart re: Douglas Mesa Ride. This is a ride option for consideration. The ride is hosted by Terrance & Mary Holiday. 956-434-1248. They live on this mesa on the Navajo Reservation. They do not use a computer. Call them direct for info & to set up a ride date. For small groups you may park & camp on their ranch. Larger groups dry camp farther out along mesa. There is no well or indoor plumbing for campers. Horse water is tank-hauled from a nearby spring. Corrals are available at the ranch.

I spent three days with the Holidays in Sept & had a ride of a lifetime. They have both gaited & non gaited horses & will accommodate requests for any speed. We crossed the Mesa at several angles, dropped down in to an enormous canyon (sort of like a smaller Grand Canyon), passed by petroglyphs, cliff dwellings, an incredible San Juan River view, bands of wild horses that get feed & water from volunteer families and gaited for miles along the Mesa top. I could have stayed longer but chose to wait for another trip next year.

This is a good trip for any adventurer. They also have an ATV to give non riders an option.

I highly recommend this ride option. It is open all year. Contact Mary Holiday to set up a ride. Have a great adventure. Lyn T

August would be a good month to plan the above Douglas Mesa trip.

New Year's Day ride will be scheduled as usual.

Julie has announced that 2020 is her last year as President of our Wasatch Chapter. Looking for VPs and Trail Bosses/Trail Guide.

Planning a trail ride: General consensus is that for any week-day rides notice isn't as important as advance planning on week-ends.

Don Bradshaw announcing the John Wayne Ride, this is a three weeks ride, or less for those who want to return earlier. Rides on trial rail across the State of Washington. 2nd or 3rd week of May. (220 miles each way)

Sept 6, Monument Valley ride is scheduled for the week of Sept 6th, 2020. Douglas Mesa as explained above will be the week after. Discussion will continue January's 2020 Chapter Meeting.

April 23rd, 2020, Thursday, is next year's Moab travel plans. Mark your calendars.

This is the last meeting of the year. Thanks everyone for your participation. We really need new officers so please consider volunteering. I'd love to hear your suggestions or comments about how you feel we can improve things for next year.

7:33 pm. Adjourned.