

MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING AGENDA

Wasatch Front Back Country Horsemen

June 16, 2021

Held at TRU by Hilton in Clearfield, Utah

Pledge of Allegiance Richard Webb

Meeting Minutes – Any Revisions? Move to accept – Melody Beutler

Financial Report – Lyn Taggart savings/CFOV : \$8,083.45, checking : \$8,655.71.

Membership Report – Lyn Taggart Membership totals are 92 voting members.

Volunteer for July Chapter Meeting Food? No one volunteered as many will be coming home from Yellowstone trip. If no one volunteers, Melody will bring food.

GUEST SPEAKER

Craig Allen – Secretary of Back Country Horsemen of Utah

An important mission of BCH is to maintain horse access on public land.

You do not need to own a horse to be a member of BCH.

We need to advocate for keeping trails open for horses which means trails have a higher space

We also need to support and educate “Leave no Trace”.

We need to read, analyze, and comment during the creation of the plan.

Since Craig has been a member, they have taken the Forest Service to court at least twice. They wanted to lower overhead to 6 feet. BCH was able to go to court and say they did not ask for public comment. Judge granted BCH to make suggestions for safe access with trails.

Electric Bikes were going on nonmotorized trails. BCH went to court, Forest Service said you are right. We can't allow. This is a continuing issue.

Department of Interior made the decree that all trails that allowed mountain bikes are open to Electric bikes, we are still dealing with that.

We do more than ride. We educate, advocate and support not only for us, but for future generations.

Come ride with us, we will show you trails. We join to find places to ride.

We are continuing the historical tradition of horses using trails. If we stop riding, who is going to say we can continue.

The financial situation at the national level is in good standing.

BCH met with forest service. Every year fires start earlier. The dead trees don't get removed. If you have a card from a different region, you can't do trail clearing. This goes against trail access.

We need a national saw program so we can be certified trainers. We now have a standardized saw policy and on the way to a standardized curriculum. In Utah we do about 40% of the volunteer work. Close to a million hours of volunteer work.

Need to grow membership and include the youth. Created Youth Committee, youth could get a membership for \$10 a year. They will not have voting rights and a parent doesn't need to be a member.

Younger adults are a good group to encourage membership, they still have energy.

You can start out as a helper. Do not have to be a national board member to be a committee member.

If we don't tell representatives what we need, it won't happen. They will hear from E-Bike people. We should look for emails and support where we can.

BCHU.com on the front page, click on volunteer hours and submit regularly.
Work Projects, Planning for project.

Looking for a more standardized process for paying membership dues.
Challenge: Reinvigorate your committees

Old Business

1. CPR First Aid Certification – Held May 21st at 6:00 p.m. & the 22nd at 9:00 a.m. Kathy Murdock was the instructor. We were shocked when the cost of the class was going to be \$200. Gratefully, Kathy lowered the cost to \$115. About 8 from our chapter attended. Catered to wilderness first aid. Check with Forest Service connection Richard to check on reduced cost and certificate good for longer time period. Possibly a refresher course for a reduced cost.
2. Pack Clinic – Schedule a date for Pack Clinic. Craig Allen offered to let us hold it at his place. Aug 7 Saturday.
3. Horse and Hitch parade July 19. Ann Hyde will send information to Richard on how to sign up.
4. Tomato Days Parade Labor Day would be good advertisement.
5. Youth Camp Update – Linda Price Rattlesnakes are out, one was in a restroom. People to help serve. Packing and First Aid lessons will be given. Make a manure pile, don't put in dumpster. Equine helmet required. Simple rides.
6. Thanks to Ken Iverson, he sealed the roof, repaired and cleaned our trailer.
7. Advertising with magazine – Our ad was printed in the Ogden area magazine with ¼ page ad. A ½ page ad should appear the June edition. Richard will find the magazine, no one has seen it.
8. We had several members participate in the North Canyon (East Bountiful) work project on May 20th. We gathered branches and pulled them to the wood chipper for about 2 hours. Thank you to all those who helped out. It was good to have the equestrian people there.
9. Yellowstone – Union Falls Ride – July 16th -19th – Ron Auger. Meet in Downey at Flags West Truck Stop. Near I-15. Friday at 11:00 a.m. Take swimsuit, water shoes, and towel. Carry Coggins and Health certificate in Saddle bag. Camp is about 27 miles from Ashton Idaho. About 13 miles on dirt road. Ron Hales going Thursday. Bugs bad in camp but not so bad when we left camp.

New Business

1. North Fork Park Map – Alan Wheelwright asked it be emailed to our members. Todd Ferrario with Weber County Parks and Recreation assured us that horses were allowed on all trails at North Fork. Ride where you want, just be careful for bikers.
2. Please check "Weber County Trail Conditions" and "Trails Foundation of Northern Utah" on Facebook for trail work dates in Weber County and let's try to attend some of those work projects so the equestrian population can be represented. We need to help with some of the work projects on the Bi-Centennial Trail.

3. We need to ride Ben Lomond, North Fork, Gertson and Monte Crisco 4 Trails (Sugar Pine, Bluff Springs, Little Grand Canyon, and Lightening Ridge, to see about work to be done. Nancy needs schedules and will get the word out. She will give a couple of weeks notice.
4. Thunder mountain campground near St George is going to be worked on to be accessible for longer trailers. Probably in 2022.
5. CSOV Thurs June 24 "Music on the Patio at Country Club at Wolf Creek". Free 6-9 pm.

Don Bradshaw Chapter Rides

1. Don has lost parade riders, Sat. July 3, Clearfield parade at 9:30. Meet at 9 a.m. If anyone can come and ride.
2. BCH Wyoming High Country State Ride Aug 6. \$60 At Burgess Junction if anyone can make it.