

Monthly Chapter Meeting Minutes

WASATCH FRONT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF UTAH

April 20, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Held at TRU by Hilton Hotel Conference Room in Clearfield, Utah

Pledge of Allegiance: Everyone participated

Meeting Minutes: March 2022. Accepted

Financial Report: Lyn Taggart. Accepted

Membership Report: Lyn Taggart 31 Individual and 30 Family. 61 Total Memberships
91 Total Voting Members

Recognize New Members (if any): Beth Haggett started to join 4 years ago, now returning. She has a gelding and a mare.

Attendance: 26 members attended

Announcement: West Desert Ride Cancelled for this weekend because of Rain

Volunteer for May 2022 Chapter Meeting Food: Food assignment sheet passed around and filled.

1. Garmin will be kept by Ron Hales and turned on so it can be used.
2. Chainsaw Training: The course is full. If you're interested in taking the course and are not registered, you can be put you on a waiting list in case someone cancels. Classroom work will be held at TRU by Hilton conference room on June 3rd. The practical use of chainsaw location has not been decided. You need to have experience in using a chainsaw before you can take the course. The training dates are June 3 and 4. Get an application to Nancy if interested asap.
3. CPR & Wilderness First Aid Course: The CPR & First Aid Certification class is scheduled for May 6th & 7th. We need 10 participants to hold the class. Our BCH chapter is covering half of the cost. We have room for a few more participants.
4. North Fork Pack Clinic: Scheduled for May 14th. Get with Nancy or Ron Auger to sign up. Be there ready to pack by 9 a.m. Approximately 9 people will attend to pack. Others to ride.
5. Chapter Spring Ride: Bryce Canyon May 5th – May 8th. Camping on Forest Service Land or at Panguitch Fairgrounds. We have 3 permits for 10 riders each to ride in Bryce Canyon. There is only room for maybe 2 more riders. Other rides will include Thunder Mountain, Red Mountain, Casto, & Losee.
6. Youth Camp & Ride: Scheduled for June 10-12, 2022. No news yet on if we received a BCHA grant. An ad was placed in the Valley newspaper with flyers at Valley Market and at North Fork. Linda Price gave an update. LaMar Taylor's son, Dr. Taylor, will be the Dr. to help teach first aid. Youth participants will need an equestrian helmet. Each participant will receive a first aid kit. \$10 per person or \$15 for 2 with one of them being a friend from a different family. Rope halters will be made Sunday morning. A simple Friday afternoon ride will be planned.
7. Dog leashes are being made out of baling twine. Cut at the knot and give to Lyn. It takes 6 five foot strands to make 1 leash.
8. Bridgerland BCH Summer Social is June 24 and will include a helicopter from Air Med to come in and present a first aid trauma class. Ride after. To be held at Franklin Basin (Logan Canyon). Great training for horses. Also, a live band will perform: Tree Bird Trio.

New Business

1. **North Fork Trails Committee:** Meet with TNFU to discuss North Fork trails. The purpose is to encourage better communication and horse input. Chere Cross will let us know the date. Mike Applebee is a board member who is also a hiker who may be helpful. Do not pit ourselves against Allen Wheelwright. Chere would like help on drafting an email. Jumps have been put on the trail, the bikers go faster over and jump. The tight switch backs have been changed to be bigger and the bikers are not slowed down. We do not want horses eliminated; horses have been there for many years. There is talk of bike rentals and tree houses to be built. We need to be part of the planning process. All trails are open to horses, bikers, and hikers. No motorized vehicles are allowed on trails. E-bikes are only allowed on roads. Forest Service has our backs. The park service is not so favorable to us. On non-motorized trails, E bikes are not allowed. Politely inform people.
2. **Monte Cristo Signage:** Ron Hales is getting ready to start them. It was recommended to just put names and arrows, not mileage.
3. **CFOV NPO meeting:** May 17, 2022. Nancy will attend. Take a calendar. Linda and Lyn may attend also.
4. **Cross Cut Saws:** We have purchased a 3-foot vintage crosscut saw, a hard side strap slot case for hanging on the side of a horse, and a 2nd sawyer handle set. The board approved this purchase. The saws donated are not useable. Don will take care of selling the old ones and we can use the money to help pay for the new saws. The Forest Service requests we have 2 on hand.
5. **E-Bike Use:** The Forest Service policy is that e-bikes are now, and will continue to be, managed as a motorized use. E-Bikes are allowed on currently authorized roads and trails open to motorized use and not allowed on roads and trails closed to motorized use.
6. **Magnetic Signs:** It was voted to purchase more. We can buy 20. The price about 4 years ago was about \$10.50 for 2 signs.
7. **Grant:** Susan Rady will help us get a grant. It is important to be specific as to what we will use it for. Richard said we should prioritize. Maybe Ben Lomond Trail, or when a trail is on an angle going downhill. Another option was to put in a water system at Bluff Springs but the forest service said no. We could put in a composting outhouse. Maybe groomed trails to drive through at Bluff Springs. We need bids for projects for next year. They need detail. They will match funds. Man-hours count towards matching funds at \$27 per hour. Be thinking of other ideas: Restroom facilities, outdoor classrooms, camping facilities, building trails, trail maintenance. Applications will be accepted in January, by March they have allocated all the funds. They like BCHU.

Ron Hale Work Projects and Chapter Rides

1. May 20-21 Middle Fork

National Trails Day June 4 Nancy, Susan Rady, and Caren Lazarz will help. Don will take his horse Spot. Meeting adorned at 8:30 p.m.

Don Bradshaw won the prize of a neck cooler.