

Back Country Horsemen of Utah

High Desert Chapter Bylaws

Article I – Name

The name of this chapter, which is a non-profit organization, shall be the Back Country Horsemen of Utah – High Desert Chapter.

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America’s back country and Wilderness areas.
- To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
- To assist the various federal and state government agencies as well as private entities in their maintenance and management of said resource.
- To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise and sustaining use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
- To foster and encourage the formation of new local back country horsemen’s organizations.

Article III – Membership

Section 1. Membership shall be open to anyone who is committed to the purposes of HDBCH as stated in Article II.

Section 2. The membership classifications shall be “Single” and “Family.”

Section 3. Membership shall correspond to the calendar year – January 1 through December 31.

Article IV – Dues

Section 1. Dues shall be determined by majority vote of the membership present. Dues shall be payable on the first day of January of each year. Dues shall be considered delinquent when not paid within three months of the January date. Delinquency in payment of the annual dues shall remove a member from “good standing” and said member shall relinquish all voting rights and privileges.

Section 2. The holding of any office or membership on any committee shall be contingent upon the member being in “good standing”.

Article V – Voting

Section 1. Single members shall be entitled to one voting right. Family memberships shall carry two voting rights. Only members in good standing (dues paid) may exercise the right to vote on matters of chapter business.

Section 2. A simple majority of members in good standing, voting when the organization is in session, shall be required to conduct that business requiring group action.

Article VI – Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be established and held at a time and place decided by a vote of the membership.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President or upon written request signed by any three (3) voting members. All members will be notified at least 5 days before a special meeting.

Section 3. Notice shall be given to voting members of all meetings.

Article VII – Officers

Section 1. The officers of the chapter shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as the voting membership may create.

Section 2. The election of officers for the coming year shall be conducted at the November meeting in accordance with ARTICLE IX of these by-laws.

Section 3. Any vacancy in an office shall be filled by special election except for that of the President which shall automatically be filled by the Vice President.

Section 4. If the President cannot attend BCHU State Board of Directors meetings, he/she will appoint a representative that has the authority to represent the Chapter and vote on issues that come before the Board of Directors.

Article VIII – Duties of Officers

Section 1. The power and authority of this organization shall be vested in the membership. The officers shall conform to the wishes and instructions of the membership; and subject to the rules of this document, manage and execute the affairs of the organization. When the organization is not in session, the officers shall have all needful authority to manage the activities of the organization.

Section 2. The President, or his representative, shall preside at all meetings. The President shall appoint committee chairmen and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. The President may co-sign checks for the disbursement of funds, if the membership desires. The President shall be

responsible for all communication between the state and/or national organization. The President shall see that the annual narrative and volunteer report is submitted to the State Office.

Section 3. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President when absent, or by request. The Vice President may also be designated to co-sign checks for the disbursement of funds. The Vice President shall serve as the coordinator with the state and/or national organization in absent of the President.

Section 4. The Secretary shall record and keep the minutes of all regular and special meetings and perform such other duties as pertains to this office. The outgoing Secretary shall pass old minutes forward to the new Secretary.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial control of the chapter funds. The Treasurer shall give financial reports to the membership on a regular basis, shall keep financial records of income and expenditures suitable for a review, shall collect dues and maintain a “good standing” membership list. The Treasurer shall be the signer of the checks for the disbursement of funds. The outgoing Treasurer shall pass old records forward to the new Treasurer.

Section 6. The President or his/her designee shall be responsible for the flow on information to and from the state meeting.

Article IX – Elections

Section 1. Officers and directors shall be elected by the membership present at the November meeting and will assume office at the January meeting of the new year. Officers shall serve through the December meeting.

Article X – Committees

Section 1. Committees, necessary for the functioning of the chapter, shall be created by the President with the approval of the membership.

Section 2. Committee chairmen shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the membership. Vacancies of a committee chairman shall be filled by appointment by the President.

Section 3. Committee chairmen shall select members as necessary to accomplish the functions of the committee.

Article XI – Removal

Section 1. Any officer or member whose conduct has not been in the best interests of the chapter may be removed from participation in chapter activities by a two-thirds vote of the membership at a regular meeting.

Section 2. Notification of the intent to remove an officer or member must be made known at the regular meeting preceding the meeting that the action is to take place.

Section 3. An officer or member who is removed must be informed in writing of the action taken by the membership.

Article XII – Amendments

Section 1. These by-laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting by a majority vote of the members present, provided that the proposed amendment(s) must be made known at the regular meeting preceding the meeting that the action is to take place. After the amendment is submitted for consideration, the Secretary or another officer will distribute the proposed amendment to all members in good standing either electronically or by mail informing them that a vote will be taken at the next meeting.

By-Laws adopted this 14 day of February, 2013

President Mary F. Poe

Vice President Lacey Hurlbert

Secretary Georgia Bentley

Treasurer Amelia Black