

BCHU MINUTES 3/29/17
VIA PHONE CONFERENCE

ALL TO ORDER: Craig Allen. Present: Craig Allen, Richard Webb, Wayne Ludington, Linda Morrison, Terry Morrison, Beverly Heffernan, Noel Poe, Jeff Nichols, Freddy Dunn, Gordon Hirschi, Kim Peterson, Kelly Pritchard, Steven Schultz, Gary Bean, Fred Leslie.

MINUTES: Reviewed. Discussed and motion made to approve.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Beverly Heffernan. See attached sheet. Transfer from Nancy Mckay to Beverly Heffernan in Feb. Motion made to table approval results until Bev feels adjustments were OK. Checking into National paying for Freddy Dunn's fees for National meeting. Craig Allen asked to check into moving his PO Box with UPS closer to him. Approved for him to pursue.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Most areas are down. WD and Canyon County membership needs some help.

VOLUNTEER HOURS: Down last year in most areas. Under reporting. Wayne to work on better way to collect next year.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1. Caution with social media. Need to put something on each unit r/t not official BCH practices, only for social means, refer to BCHU Web Site for more information. Craig Allen to send out suggestion to all Chapters to discuss and use. Social media is going well and most visits are not members. Need to watch and keep control for it. May want one person in Chapter to oversee it. Make sure work party projects are appropriate and dressed in good safety attire. Turn off undesirable chats/posts.
2. West Desert Chapter Status: Wayne Ludington and Craig Allen visited Chapter. Sent out invitations to members of years past. Had four members come to meeting. Discussed state of Chapter and area. Still a need for BCH in the area. Check with people to see if they were going to dissolve the Chapter or get people to support it. If dissolved members can join the Mnt Ridge Chapter and help with Kennecott projects and turn their checkbook into State.
3. Canyon County has officially missed enough meetings to be dissolved. Craig Allen and Wayne Ludington are scheduling meeting to discuss with them the state of their Chapter.
4. Craig Allen to visit with Ranger in Region 4 to meet with him and Freddy Dunn. Most of Utah is in this region. Set up for next week. Did speak with David Rosengrant and met others. Lead to several meetings and Craig doing presentations to them about BCH. Stated they needed BCH and are willing to work better with them. Craig Allen sending out emails to Chapters for comments for him to give to the FS. They have a couple of priorities. One in Wyoming and one in central Idaho. Interested in getting one in Utah. Craig Allen to continue to plan with Nora.
5. Shawn Harwood new ranger in Ogden area. Met with Terry Morrison and Craig Allen. Owns horses and wants to join BCH. Wants Craig Allen to do presentation and classes on defensive horsemanship and packing. They will assist with training for chainsaw training and certification. How to partnership with local biking and other users for more volunteering projects.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Canyonlands.** Steve Schultz reported. Is getting support from others from other areas. Checkbook members. Requested for corals in a new development of camping areas. Got it. Needs help from others. Will send out more information. Using social media. Has rides listed with maps.
2. **SW Chapter.** Freddy Dunn reported 63 members. Some new. Projects scheduled. FS gave training on illegal growing in their area. Report suspicious finds to them.
3. **WD.** Noel Poe reported. Picked up a few memberships of lapsed people. Met with BLM to start light trail work. And construction of new trails.
4. **UB.** Gordon Hirschi reported. Working with trails people BLM and 4-5 user groups for clean up. Applied for several awards and got them all. Chapter certified for chain saw certification and cross bow.
5. **Central.** Ken Peterson reported. Going to still take care of TOSHA and some other projects. Several trails clean up. Working on membership and certifications.
6. **H-H.** Jeff Nichols reported. Membership declined. Six new ones. Had good rides. Has been working with Search and Rescue. Good relationship with local FS. Attends their meetings. Meet with other user groups once a month. Several projects scheduled. Are doing a wagon ride with Knab Aug 21-26. Extended an invitation to all to join them.
7. **San Rafael.** Wayne Ludington reported. Membership is up some. Still working on it. Can't do much until snow goes away. Lots of work needed this year.
8. **HU.** Membership is up. More older and younger. Working on packing clinics. New Forest Ranger is much more receptive this year. Wants to go over area on horses.
9. **MR.** Fred Leslie reports. Membership about the same. Working on signage with FS, trail clearing and packing clinics and work. Working with Tooele and Kennecott committees.
10. **WF.** Richard Webb reporting. Setting up meetings with FS and other officials. Got a nasty letter from biker complaining that horses being on the trails too early. Developed good relationship with them for it. Worked into a joint project. Youth group in August 20-30 people Chain saw clinic scheduled. Working with State and Antelope Island. Putting pamphlets out all over.
11. **Bridgerland.** Kelly Pritchard reported. Membership is up r/t social media. Going to ride in Yellowstone Park.

NATIONAL BOARD MEETING: RESOLUTION. Discussed. Transferring of Federal lands to State. Some concerns that it meets with in our Mission. Statement of intent of executive committee to form committee to develop an action plan to direct membership in opposition of transferring. After discussion needs to be rejected and as it did not meet what was asked. Motion made to reject it and send back for action plan. Discussion on motion. Seconded and approved.

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HORSE EXPO: Fred Leslie reported. We purchased only one booth and they compt a second. Moved us to a better spot. Turn out for participants and vendors were light. May be gone next year. One booth was good. Friday was fairly dead. Gave away a few brochures. Scheduled on top of another big event. Done it for several years. People more interested in the area activities and not so much the booths. Quality of vendors has gone down as well. Whole show is basically dying. Slow on Sunday as well. Not sure it is a productive effort anymore.

PLANS FOR NEXT MEETING: Wayne Ludington reported. San Rafael will be hosting at the San Rafael Equestrian area with 6 large and 4 small corals. By Swinging Bridge. Scheduling rides for 4-5 th and meeting on the 6th of May. Two rides per day, one easy and one longer. Bring own hay and water. Bring back into Price if weather is bad. More information to come.

OTHER: Nothing.

ADJOURN: Motion made and approved.