

# CENTRAL UTAH BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN BY-LAWS

AS OF APRIL 29, 2011

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# **CENTRAL UTAH BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN**

## **BY-LAWS**

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### **ARTICLE 1**

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of CENTRAL UTAH BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN will be to (a) perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses, mules and recreational stock in Central Utah and adjoining areas; (b) assist various government agencies in their maintenance and management of our back country and public land resources; (c) educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise and sustaining use of back country resources by horsemen and the general public; (d) work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use; and (e) to foster and encourage the formation of new local Chapters and support the state and national BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN organization.

This organization will adhere to all organizational requirements established by the state organization, BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN of UTAH as well as those set forth by the national organization, BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN of AMERICA.

### **ARTICLE 11**

#### **OFFICE LOCATION**

The principal office of the CENTRAL UTAH BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN (hereinafter referred to as the "chapter") for the transaction of its business is located at current President's residence. The mailing address is P.O. Box 621, Richfield, Utah 84701.

## ARTICLE 111

### MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Members will all be composed of any individual interested in promoting the organization's purpose as stated in Article 1.

Section 2: To be in good standing and entitled to vote, a member must be current with dues obligations.

Section 3: A membership year will be the calendar year.

Section 4: Categories of membership will be as follows:

1. **Individual:** A person, 18 years or older. One vote. \$30.00
2. **Family:** Individuals within one family unit. (Parent or Parents and dependent children). One vote per adult; limit two votes. \$40.00.
3. **Patron:** Individual or company interested in supporting our purpose. Two votes. \$100.00 or more.
4. **Benefactor:** Individual or company interested in supporting our Purpose. Two votes. \$300.00 or more.
5. **Payment of dues:** The yearly dues are payable on January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. The Chapters fiscal year ends on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Payment of dues during the last quarter of the year will entitle membership until December 31<sup>st</sup> of the next succeeding year.
6. **Delinquent dues:** Renewal members' dues not paid by the end of March of each year are delinquent and those

persons or entities shall automatically cease being entitled to membership benefits of any kind in CENTRAL UTAH BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN or its associated organizations.

## **ARTICLE 1V**

### **VOTING**

- Section 1. Each member, eighteen (18) or older, in good standing, shall be entitled to one vote on any matter voted upon during a regular or special meeting.
- Section 2. Seven members, two of which shall be officers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- Section 3. Unless otherwise stated, a simple majority of a quorum is required to effect business requiring group action.
- Section 4. The election of officers and directors shall be by written ballot. Voting on other matters shall be by raised hands unless a written ballot is requested by a simple majority of a quorum.
- Section 5. The president shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of no less than three members at the regular October meeting. The nominating committee will deliver its report to the officers and directors at the regular November meeting. At this time further nominations will be accepted from the floor. Nominations of all candidates will be published in the newsletter prior to the December meeting. Elections will be held at the regular December meeting. Newly elected officers and directors will assume their offices on the first of January.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **MEETINGS**

- Section 1. Refer to BCHU'S General Meeting By-Laws.
- Section 2. Meetings will be held at times and places determined by the Officers and Directors.
- Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the President, or upon written request, signed by any seven members in good standing.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **CHAPTER OFFICERS**

- Section 1. TITLES The officers of the Chapter will be the President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer. The President is the executive officer of the Chapter.
- Section 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The Officers of the Chapter shall be chosen during yearly elections by the majority vote of the membership present. These elections will take place at a designated meeting.
- Section 3. QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS: All officers must be voting members in good standing as defined in these by-laws.
- Section 4. TERM OF OFFICERS: The term of office for Officers shall be one (1) year. No Officer shall hold the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms.
- Section 5. PRESIDENT: The President shall be the chief executive Officer

of the Chapter and shall supervise, direct and control the business and affairs of the Chapter. The President shall appoint all committee chairmen to be approved by the Officers and Directors. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 6. PRESIDENT-ELECT: In the absence of the President, the President-Elect shall perform all the duties of the President and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to any restriction upon the President. The President-Elect shall have such other power and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Officers and Directors of the Chapter.

Section 7. SECRETARY: The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Officers of the Chapter, all general membership meetings and all special membership meetings; maintain current roster; issue notices. The Secretary shall perform such other and further duties as prescribed by the Officers and Directors of the Chapter. The Secretary shall keep the Chapter's membership records.

Section 8. TREASURER: The Treasurer of the Chapter shall collect dues; keep and maintain written form adequate and correct books and records of account of the business transactions and property of the Chapter, including accounts of assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains and losses. The books and records of account will be opened to inspection by any member in good standing. The Treasurer will deposit all moneys and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the Chapter. The Treasurer will disburse the funds of the Chapter and will report on the current status of funds at each regular meeting. The Treasurer shall make timely rebates to the BCHU for the moneys collected in membership dues. The Treasurer shall provide the State Treasurer an annual financial statement.

Section 9. DIRECTORS: There shall be four (4) Directors serving at all times. The term of each director will be for two years. One half of all Directors will be elected one year, the other half the following year. Directors may not serve more than three consecutive terms. Directors duties shall be to provide recommendations to and assist the officers in conducting the normal business of the Chapter.

Section 10. UNIT OFFICER MEETINGS: The business of the Chapter will be performed by the Chapter Officers and Directors at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting. All members in good standing are invited to attend and voice their opinions and be heard. Any other business will be conducted with an open forum. All statements, questions and concerns of the general membership shall be heard and documented in the minutes of the meeting.

Section 11. ACTION WITHOUT MEETING: The Chapter Officers And Directors may take any action required or permitted without a meeting, if the majority of Officers and Directors of the Chapter, individually or collectively, consent verbally or in writing to such action.

Section 12. SIGNATURES OF CLERK: The President, President-Elect, and Treasurer shall have the authority to sign checks of the Chapter; at least two (2) signatures are required to validate the check.

Section 13. RESIGNATION OF OFFICERS: Any Officer may resign at any time upon written notice to Chapter Officers.

Section 14. REMOVAL OF OFFICERS: Officers may be removed with cause at any meeting of the Chapter Officers and Directors by affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of Officers and Directors.

Section 15. VACANCIES: Vacancies in any office (except the Office of President, which shall automatically be filled by the



President-Elect) shall be filled by an election of the Officers and Directors of the Chapter.

## **ARTICLE V11**

### **RESPONSIBILITY FOR INJURY**

The CENTRAL UTAH BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN, BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF UTAH and BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF AMERICA shall not be responsible or liable for any accidents or injury to any person while engaged in any activities of the organization.

## **ARTICLE V111**

### **AMENDMENTS**

- Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Chapter by a two-thirds majority vote of a quorum of members.
- Section 2. Notification of any proposed amendments must be made to members in good standing by bulletin or newsletter prior to the meeting that they will be voted on.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **EXPULSION**

Any member working against, or not adhering to the purposes and by-laws of this Chapter, may have their membership terminated by a two thirds majority vote of the members at any regular membership meeting of the Chapter. Said member shall be notified prior to the meeting at which such action is to take place. Unused dues will be returned prorated.

**Dated this April 29, 2011**

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