

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF UTAH BYLAWS
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BYLAWS

ARTICLE I PURPOSE

The purpose of the San Rafael Back Country Horsemen (SRBCH) shall be (a) to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses and recreational stock in Utah's roadless back country; (b) to assist various governmental agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource; (c) to educate, encourage, and solicit active public participation in the wise and sustaining use of horses and other recreational stock by people, commensurate with our heritage and the back country resource; and (d) to work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.

The San Rafael Back Country Horsemen (SRBCH) will adhere to all organizational requirements established by the state, Back Country Horseman of Utah and national organization, Back Country Horsemen of America (BCHA).

ARTICLE II POLICIES, GOALS, AND PROCEDURES

Establishment of Policies, Goals, and Procedures: The officers and directors of the San Rafael Back Country Horsemen (SRBCH) (hereinafter referred to as the "Chapter") shall establish policies, goals, and management procedures for the Chapter. They may delegate the implementation of these policies, goals, and management procedures to ad hoc committees.

ARTICLE III CHAPTER OFFICE LOCATION

The principal office for transacting business with the Chapter will be at the residence of the incumbent Chairman. The business mailing address will be CHAIRMAN'S NEW ADDRESS

The Board of Directors is hereby granted full power and authority to change the principle office of the Chapter from one location to another anywhere in Carbon/Emery Counties. Any such change shall be noted by the secretary in these Bylaws but shall not be considered an amendment to them. The secretary will also notify the State Organization, BCHU whenever the address of the principle office changes and give the name of the new Chairman.

ARTICLE I V MEMBERS

Section 1. Classes of Members: The Chapter shall have three (3) classes of members: regular members, associate member, and patron/ benefactor members. Any action needing member approval shall require a simple majority vote of those members in good standing present at any regularly scheduled or special membership meeting as provided herein, provided a quorum is present.

Section 2. Categories of Membership: There shall be five categories of memberships, designated as (1) individual membership, (2) family membership, (3) associate membership, (4) patron membership, and (5) benefactor membership.

Section 3. Individual Membership: Individual membership is defined as meaning only one (1) person eighteen (18) years of age or older. An individual member in good standing is entitled to one (1) vote.

Section 4. Family Membership: Family membership is defined as those individuals within one (1) immediate family unit (parents and dependent children). Each family membership in good standing is entitled to two (2) votes.

Section 5. Associate Membership: An Associate membership is defined as an individual or a non-profit organization as a group, interested in supporting the purposes as stated in the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation. Associate members shall not be considered voting members.

Section 6. Patron Membership: A Patron membership is defined as an individual, company, or association interested in supporting the purposes stated in the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation. Each Patron member in good standing is entitled to two (2) votes"

Section 7. Benefactor Membership: A Benefactor membership is defined as an individual, company, or association interested in supporting the purposes stated in the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation. Each Benefactor member in good standing is entitled to two (2) votes.

Section 8. Designation of Local Chapter Affiliation: All memberships shall be in the Back Country Horsemen of Utah.

ARTICLE V DUES

Section 1. The chapter may establish their own fee structure and will collect their dues directly from their members. The chapter will then submit the required amount to the BCHU to cover state and national dues of each membership according as determined by the Board of Directors annually.

Section 2. Determination of Dues Amounts: The chapter membership dues may be adjusted periodically with the concurrence of a majority vote of the respective general memberships.

Section 3. When Dues are Payable: Yearly dues are payable on 1 January of each year. The Chapter fiscal year ends 31 December. Dues paid within the last quarter of any calendar year will entitle members to membership until 31 December of the following year.

Section 4. Delinquent Dues: Membership renewal dues not paid by 28 February of each year are delinquent and those persons or entities who are delinquent as of that time will be omitted from membership and shall cease being entitled to membership benefits of any kind in Back Country Horsemen of America, Back Country Horsemen of Utah, or of this chapter.

Section 5. Dues Notice: Notices for members affiliated with the chapter will come from the chapter. All notices shall advise their members that their dues also entitle them to membership in the state and national organizations. As new members are recruited the amount designated for state and national membership will be taken from their annual dues and sent to the Treasurer of the Corporation along with a copy of their membership application. As existing members renew their membership at the end of each year the chapter will submit the appropriate amount to cover both state and national dues to the office of the Corporation along with a list of all paid up members. This report is due at the office of the Corporation by 15 January of each year in order to meet the deadline for payment of national dues.

ARTICLE VI
MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meeting: The officers and directors of the Charter shall select a date and location for the annual meeting of the membership. The Annual Meeting will be held in the first quarter of the calendar year. This meeting and any other formal meetings held by the Chapter will be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

The Annual Meeting will include but will not be limited to the following activities:

- a. Renewal of membership
- b. Conduct a Strategic Planning check-up.
- c. Any changes in the Charter Bylaws will be ratified by a majority of the members attending the Annual Meeting or any special meeting as indicated in Section 2.

Section 2. Voting: When the membership has been duly notified, a simple majority of members in good standing present at the meeting shall be sufficient to conduct business. A two-thirds majority vote passes any motion made at an Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VII
CHAPTER RESPONSIBILITIES TO STATE ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Directors: The chapter will have representation at regularly scheduled Back Country Horsemen of Utah Board of Directors meetings. If the representative appointed can not make the meeting he/she will notify the Chapter Officers. An alternate or one of the Chapter Officers will attend the meeting.

Section 2. Local Chapter Officers and Directors: The Charter officials will implement Corporation policies and establish and carry out their own policies, goals and activities. They shall report their activities and the manner in which they implemented Corporation policies to the Corporation at the annual general membership meeting each year. When expedient, additional reporting may be required during the year.

Section 3. Annual Reports and Financial Statements: The chapter shall prepare an annual report containing a financial statement, the number of paid up members enrolled, a list of service Projects showing man-hours worked, horse and equipment hours donated, and the number miles traveled and present the same to the Board at the annual general membership meeting.

ARTICLE VIII
OFFICERS

Section 1. Titles: The officers of the Chapter shall be the Chairman, Vice Chairman, past Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and such other officers with such titles and duties as determined by the Board to be necessary for the signing of documents and/or the conduct of normal business. Neither the Secretary nor the Treasurer shall serve concurrently as the Chairman; nor shall a person serve as Vice Chairman and Chairman concurrently.

Section 2. Nominating Committee: A nominating committee, consisting of three (3) board members in good standing, shall be appointed at least one month prior to the regular election of Officers.

Section 3. Purpose of Nominating Committee: The purpose of the nominating committee shall be to provide the membership with a list of suitable candidates for Chapter Officers. This list will be published in the newsletter prior to the election. Candidates may also be nominated from the floor prior to the vote by any Chapter member in good standing.

Section 4. Method of Voting: All voting will be by written ballot. Only those members in good standing present at the annual meeting will be eligible to vote.

Section 5. Election or Appointment of Officers: The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Chapter shall be voting members in good standing and shall be elected by the general

membership and serve at the pleasure of the board of Directors. The Chairman shall appoint the Treasurer and / or Secretary with concurrence of the board. All officers so elected or appointed will automatically become board members.

Section 6. Qualification of Officers: All officers must be voting members in good standing with the Chapter.

Section 7. Term of Office: The term of office for all officers shall be for one calendar year succeeding the date of their election or appointment. The Chairman shall not hold the same office for more than three (3) consecutive terms. If the Chairman wishes to run for three consecutive terms, he or she must notify the nominating committee and be re-elected for each term.

Section 8. Chairman: The Chairman shall be the Chief executive officer of the Charter and shall supervise, direct, and control the business and affairs of the Charter, he or she shall preside at all general meetings of the organization and the Board of Directors except as provided by these Bylaws. He or she may call special meetings of the general membership and/or the Board of Directors, and perform all duties incident to the office and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, by these Bylaws, or by such directions as are Prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. The Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of all Chapter committees. Past Chairmen are considered ex-officio officers of the Corporation until the current Chairman's tenure ends.

Section 9. Vice Chairman: In the absence of the Chairman, or in the event of his or her inability or refusal to act. The Vice Chairman shall perform all the duties of the Chairman. When so acting he or she shall have all the powers of, and be subject to any restrictions applicable to the Chairman. The Vice Chairman shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law or by the Board of Directors.

Section 10. Secretary: The Secretary of the Chapter shall keep or cause to be kept at the principal office of the Chapter, or at such other place as the Board may direct, a book of minutes of all meetings of the Board and of regular general membership and special general membership meetings, register the names of the members and issue notices. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as prescribed by law or as may be prescribed or required from time to time by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall keep Chapter membership records.

Section 11. Treasurer: The Treasurer of the Chapter shall collect dues, keep and maintain in written form adequate and accurate records and books accounting for Chapter property and business transactions, including an account of all assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains and losses. The Treasurer shall deposit all monies and other valuables in the name of and to the credit of the Chapter in depositories designated by the Board of Directors. He or she shall disburse Chapter funds as directed by the Board and shall render the Board a Treasurers report at each regular Board and general membership meeting. Chapter finance account records and books shall be open to inspection by any BCHU member in good standing. The Treasurer shall perform other duties as required by law or prescribed or required by the Board of Directors or these Bylaws. Such duties shall include making timely payment of dues to BCHA and Preparing an annual budget for review and approval by the Board.

Section 12. Signatories on Checks: All Officers except the past Chairman or President shall have authority to sign checks of the Chapter; however, at least two (2) signatures are required to validate any check.

Section 13. Resignation or Removal of Officers: Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Charter. Officers may be removed with or without cause at any meeting of the Board by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2 /3) of the Directors present.

Section 14. Vacancies: Vacancies in any office (except that of Past Chairman and the office of Chairman, which shall automatically be filled by the Vice Chairman) shall be filled by a vote of the Board.

Section 15. Executive Committee: The officers (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Past Chairman/Past President) of the Board shall comprise the executive committee

and will act on behalf of the board between board meetings. Action taken by the Executive Committee will be presented at the next board meeting for ratification by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES

Section 1. Selection: The Executive Committee with the approval of the Board shall designate Committees required for the function of the Chapter. Basic committees shall include: Chapter Development, Education , Public Lands, Legislative, and Communication. Additional committees or appointments may be designated as the need arises.

Section 2. Committee Chairperson: The Executive Committee with approval of the Board shall appoint the committee chairperson. He or She shall in turn appoint committee members as necessary to accomplish the assigned purpose.

Section 3. Committee Chairperson Term: The Chairperson may serve for one year, from the time of appointment and may be re-appointed each year, after the election of the officers and the first meeting of the new Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X RESPONSIBILITY FOR INJURY

The Back Country Horsemen of Utah and San Rafael Back Country Horsemen (SRBCH) shall not be responsible for accidents or injury incurred by any person or persons engaged in any activity of the organization and also recognizes it's protection under Utah State Law, "UCA 78-27b -- Limitations on Liability for Equine and Livestock Activities". It shall be presumed that participants in equine or livestock activities are aware of and understand that there are inherent risks associated with these activities. "Inherent risk" with regard to equine or livestock activities means those dangers or conditions, which are an integral part of equine or livestock activities. The equine activity sponsor is not liable for those inherent risks.

ARTICLE XI ASSETS

The property of this Chapter is dedicated to the specific purposes set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and no Part of the net income or assets of the Chapter shall ever incur to the benefit of any Director, Officer, or member thereof, or to any other private person. Upon dissolution or termination of the Chapter any assets remaining after payment of, or provision for the payment of, all debts and liabilities of the Chapter, shall be given to the Back Country Horseman of Utah for distribution to the other chapters.

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended at any Annual meeting of the General Membership by an affirmative vote of the majority of Members in attendance.

ARTICLE XIII ACCESS TO BYLAWS

A copy of these Bylaws will be given to all Chapter Officers and will be made available for the general membership on request. .

Note: Original Bylaws written March 2006,

THESE BYLAWS WERE REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS BINDING BY THE
FOLLOWING OFFICERS and are effective 15 March 2006: