

BCHVH REGULAR MEETING
April 16, 2016

ATTENDEES: Diane Cherry, Ronald McArthur, Jennifer Mulligan, Marge Lewter & Laurel, Gina Hagis, Elin Call, Gail & Bill Carter, Susan Tomaselli

Ann called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm

- Secretary asked for and received approval of the March 19th meeting minutes
- Treasurer's report – Administrative account balance: \$1552.90; Trail Fund account balance: \$3050 (This after the \$275 sent to Diane for NBM registration and \$50 donation to BCHA ad campaign for the USA Today NPS Centennial advertisement) Special thanks to Elin Call for her \$100 donation toward the NBM expenses, and to Nancy for the Iron Mountain Jubilee donations of \$500 to the administrative account and \$1000 to the trail fund account.
- Southern States account total - \$272.12

Updates on old business:

1. Mount Rogers NRA 50 year anniversary activities – May 28 to June 4

Committee met on March 23rd and planned flyers and necessary items for each of the two events we are planning. The flyers have been sent to the FS and will be sent to members.

Susan Tomaselli offered to bring her horse Poppy to the May 28th event at the FS headquarters.

We discussed the June 4th ride at Dawns' place in Sugar Grove. Several members were interested in coming for a slow trail ride. Bill Carter offered to help cook lunch. Also need members to help bake the desert items, contact Diane if you are interested in helping out with those.

2. Youth involvement ideas – discussed need to draft a letter for this, Susan knows Kelsey who works with the 4-H group in Wytheville and will get her contact information to Annie; Susan also knows of youth group lead by Sidney with 30 some members who do barrel racing event in the Providence school area.

3. Valley Divide Project – the April 9th workday cancelled due to cold weather and high winds – next workday not scheduled yet, FS may be available more during the week now that they are getting into their busy season – April 30th date is not a good date because we have committed to working with the Eastern Divide BCH chapter at White Cedar Springs

4. Grant Committee and potential projects – Nancy contacted forest service about moving forward with the Kiosk parking area enlargement. Sara Abbott indicated she is committed to getting a design and environmental clearance completed this year and will be starting this in June. The FS would support our efforts to find grant money for this project. She would like to meet at the kiosk area in mid June to discuss the plans and would welcome our input.

Bill is an estimator, need to figure out what is needed for labor, material, equipment. We need to know from Sara what is the actual land available. Diane will follow up on this.

5. Schedule upcoming meetings and activities

May 21st is next meeting date – we will definitely have the meeting at Triple C and plan to have trail ride/trail work and pot luck supper. Meeting will start at 6:00pm and we will eat after the meeting.

New business:

6. Updates on Forest Service opportunities:

- Cross cut training class April 2-3 – Nancy and Diane participated in this course and were both qualified as Class B crosscut sawyers.
- Chainsaw course April 23-24th – we have two members attending, Kevin Nunn and Guy Wilkerson.
- LNT training course April 28-29th in Sugar Grove –sponsored by ATC, this was emailed to members on April 13th, anyone interested in attending this weekend event please let Dian know
- The FS schedule of proposed actions for this quarter has been issued and will be sent to members

Educational Component:

Randy Rasmussen's "The Place of Equestrian Trail Recreation Among Recreation Activities in the US" was discussed. The presentation will be sent to members.

Elin Call reminded folks that she had not sent out request for trail work hours, and even if you are out riding somewhere, if you clear something that is down you can log the time spent clearing. If you go someplace for volunteer activities all of your driving time, lunches, etc. can be logged. Susan suggested that we come up with a different sheet that folks could use a 'cheat sheet' to remind folks what information can be tracked. Diane showed a table format she'd created with Elin's list of questions from email and will send this out to everyone.

Meeting adjourned 8:11pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Diane Cherry, Secretary