

BCHVH REGULAR MEETING
December 9, 2017

ATTENDEES: , Martha & Maury Teitelbaum, Ron & Teresa Anderson, Susan Tomaselli, Nancy & Bill Sluys, Annie Malone, Diane Cherry & Ron McArthur, Steven Drysale & Tanya Hahn, Mike McClelland, Susan & Charlie Smith, Dawn Theisen & Greg Good, Tom & Gina Haggis, Ann Crawford & Charles Poole.

Nancy called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm

- Previous meeting minutes - Secretary asked for and received approval of the the October 7th meeting minutes.

- Treasurer's report – Administrative Account: \$2174.86

Trail Fund Account: \$6068.39 (see attached report)

- Southern States account total – Diane was sent a check for our money in the SHOW account due to the acquisition by Cargill Animal Nutrition of the Southern States Cooperative Feed Division on September 22, 2017. The check was for \$169.62. The POPs that were sent in October have our current SHOW balance at \$23.00 (92 POPs). They will now only accept POP from Legends and Southern States horse feeds. Diane also received a check for \$174.50 for helping at the Horse and Hound Festival back in July. Motion made and accepted to put these into the admin account.

New business:

1. Nancy read over the summary of what our chapter has accomplished this year. Will send a copy to everyone. The Forest Service accepted 1043 (out of 1074) of our volunteer hours (all except education and public meetings). At the FOMR Xmas get together Sara Abbott from the FS gave a brief update. She indicated that there were 153 volunteers this year who put in over 21,000 hours. That was equal to having 12 employees. The FS staff use to be 10 and is now down to four. The Blue Ridge Discovery Center runs a program to bring kids into the woods. Last year that had 4 kids, this year that had 6 kids. This was the first year that they had issues with some kids not being in shape enough to be in the woods for a week. They are trying to come with ideas to improve.
2. Diane also asked for a motion to send out renewal letters to all members, current (29) and older (6). Motion made and accepted.
3. Public Lands issues to discuss. – Biggest issue is the Bikes in Wilderness bill HR 1349. Also tracking issues on sale of public lands, trail funding, Land & Water Conservation Funding HR 502, and Wildfire Disaster Funding Act S.1842/HR 2862. Will send out the write up from Randy Rasmussen.
4. Determine next meeting date(s): Saturday, January 13th at Trailside in Fries. Will plan the other business meetings for April, July, and October.
5. Nancy mentioned that Gail & Bill Carter are selling their cabin on Brush Creek Rd. If anyone is interested in more details, contact Nancy or Diane.

Meeting adjourned 6:21 pm.

Minutes submitted by:
Diane Cherry, Secretary