

## BCHVH REGULAR MEETING

October 13, 2018

ATTENDEES: Dawn Theisen, Ron & Teresa Anderson, Diane Cherry, Susan & Charlie Smith, Nancy Sluys, Renee & Curtis Stillwell, Ann Crawford, Charles Poole, Holly Schenk, Martha T, Susan Tomaselli, Gina & Tom Hagis, Vicki Zaneis, Nora Dickey

Nancy called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm

- Previous meeting minutes - Treasurer asked to amend minutes with correct figures. Secretary asked for and received approval of the July 7, 2018 meeting minutes as amended.

- Treasurer's report – Administrative Account: \$2777.24 -

Trail Fund Account: \$6121.48 (see attached report)

- Southern States account total –\$23.00 (92 POPs).

They will now only accept POP from Legends and Southern States horse feeds.

- A check for \$365.00 was presented for the trail fund from the endurance riders from the voluntary donation line on the entry form, plus a check for \$200 from a guest at Triple C.

- A check for \$285 was donated by Wayne Frazier in memory of Linda Frazier from the closing of the old Iron Mountain Trail Riders Association corporation. It will be split between the trail fund and the administrative fund. These amounts will be reflected in the next treasurer's report.

- Our Guest, Barry Garten, the new area ranger, had to cancel at the last minute. We will look forward to another time to meet with him.

New business:

1. Nancy is working with Stephen Hmurciak, the trail specialist, to plan a work day on the Yellow Branch and Bourne's Branch Trails to improve the trail tread and drainage. We are looking into being able to use a vehicle or UTV to transport tools closer to the site.
2. Mike McClelland from the East Tennessee BCH chapter contacted Nancy that he had run into Jay Martin of the Mt Rogers Forest Service who is working on funding to improve the Bear Pen Trail through some trout fishing resources. He asked if we could get some horse folks to help. Bear Pen runs from the top of the Jackie Street Trail to the Scales in the high country of the MRNRA. The wooded part needs the work. Nancy will contact Jay Martin and see how we can be of help.
3. Vicki Zaneis wished to speak to the Forest Service about the invasive species such as Japanese Barberry and Russian Olive in the area and what they are doing about them. She also mentioned her experiences with the takeover of horse trails by bicycle and hiker groups on trail systems where she lived in Florida and urged us to be vigilant.
4. Renee and Curtis Stillwell offered to host the BCHVH Christmas Party at their house on December 8th.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Diane Cherry, Secretary

Calendar for 2018:

July 14 – Horse and Hound Festival in Bedford, VA from 11am-6pm

August 22-26 – Iron Mountain Jubilee Endurance Ride at Ivanhoe Horse Show

September 15 – Trail Work – Cancelled due to weather

September 22 – Public Lands Day at FS Headquarters in Marion

October 13 – BCHVH Meeting at Triple C

November 2-4 – National Equestrian Trails Conference in Scottsdale Arizona

November 10 – Trail Work – TBD Location- date may change

December 8 – BCHVH Christmas Party – At Curtis & Renee's place