

BCHVH REGULAR MEETING
October 15, 2016

ATTENDEES: Nancy Sluys, Gina Hagis, Dawn Theisen, Ron and Theresa Anderson, Susan Tomaselli, Diane Cherry, Ann Crawford, Becky & John Pearman, Linda, Tammy

Ann called the meeting to order at 6:15pm

- Previous meeting minutes - Secretary asked for and received approval of the September meeting minutes
- Treasurer's report – Administrative account balance –\$1685.56
Trail fund account balance - \$3770.00 – (see attached report)
- Southern States account total - \$272.12

Updates on old business:

1. Report on FS projects – Valley Divide Project – 9/22 was the final day of helping the forest service clear trail, they hope to have the equipment work started this fall; October 2016 Schedule of Proposed Actions was sent to membership on 10/6 – the Bournes Branch (Kiosk) Parking Area on Brush Creek Rd scoping letter is due out in December, the Hungry Horse Camp to Yellow Branch connection trail scoping letter is expected in October, Forest Roads Management Changes scoping letter is expected in December

Note: Diane had a chance to speak with Sara Abbott at the FS headquarters and asked about our helping to partner on the Kiosk project. Sara indicated that she need to wait until the project is approved before moving forward to determine how best we can help with funding or equipment. She also mentioned that the shale like type of surface there may reduce the amount of rock that will be needed on the project.

2. Officer nominations – President (Nancy accepted nomination), Treasurer (Dawn Theisen accepted nomination), 1 State Delegate, Alternate State Delegate (Gina Hagis) - (Susan Tomaselli accepted nomination for State Delegate), BOD Chapter Members at Large (Susan Tomaselli, Annie Malone, Holly Schenk, Ronnie Patton)
– we are looking for any additional nominations for officers and we would like to confirm those folks serving as state delegate or board members still want to remain in those positions, or if anyone else would like to run for either of these positions

New Business:

3. Gina asked where the Tack sale items are being stored. Nancy said they are all currently at her place in NC but she is planned to purchase a storage building and the items will be moved to that building which will be at Triple C.
4. BCHVH By-Laws Potential Changes – Diane put this on agenda because we had indicated that we would use the existing by-laws for one year and then review to determine what changes might be appropriate - Gina recommended a board meeting to go over the by laws – Diane will work on and send out mark up of

potential changes. Would like to have the board meeting before the next regular meeting.

5. Grant Request to BCHA Education Fund for Safety Equipment – Diane requested approval to move forward with looking at how and when to submit request to BCHA for safety helmets, chaps, and other items. Motion was approved.
6. MRNRA Leave No Trace Hot Spot week activities – Diane attended the Training Awareness class held in Damascus on 10/12, the equestrian event held in Rural Retreat on 10/14, and the wrap up meeting held at the Forest Service headquarters on 10/17. There were several folks from the ATC and many forest service workers that attended the class on 10/12. There were only 5 folks who showed up for the equestrian event so they pretty much cancelled that event after an hour. Several people from the training awareness class showed up at the FSHQ for the wrap up meeting. There will be a report sent to us with the observations and recommendations from the LNT traveling trainers. One item discussed at the wrap up meeting was scheduling an equestrian training weekend event for some time in 2017.
7. Schedule upcoming meetings and activities
 - Gina would still like to have a get together for making BCHVH trail work signs, Bill Sluys had some suggestions for the signs so we will get his ideas and come up with a time when we can put the signs together.
 - Next meeting will start at 5:30pm on Nov 19th – Nancy will not be able to make this meeting so the original plan to have it Trailside has been changed. If Susan Tomaselli's office space is available, we will plan to have the meeting in Wytheville. Waiting to confirm the location.
 - Gina also suggested a weekend trip to South Mountain at some time to allow folks to see a great example of a sustainable trail system.

Meeting adjourned 7:05pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Diane Cherry, Secretary