

BCHVH REGULAR MEETING

February 11, 2017

ATTENDEES: Nancy Sluys, Holly Schenk, Ann Crawford, John & Becky Pearman, Dawn Theisen, Susan Tomaselli, Martha Teitelbaum, Bill & Gail Carter, Diane Cherry, Roger Call, Dustin Call, Elin Call (via conference line)

Nancy called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm

- Previous meeting minutes - Secretary asked for and received approval of the December 10th meeting minutes
- Treasurer's report – Administrative Account: \$2334.96 after paying dues
Trail Fund Account: \$4428.39. (see attached report)
- Southern States account total – \$169.62.

Updates on old business:

1. BCHVH Bylaws Changes Discussion (markup and rational sent to members on 1/12/2017)- We had a 'first reading' of the bylaw changes. No one had any issues with the discussed changes. Motion on accepting changes will occur at next meeting.

New Business:

2. Report on January 9, 2017 meeting with Forest Service - Nancy gave summary of the issues discussed. Diane gave summary of the Jan 26th meeting with the FS for the Woodpecker project. See attached report for details.
Ann brought up concerns with motorcycles speeding around on the trails over near her. The motorcycles are tearing up the trails. Motorcycles are allowed on the Iron Mtn trail out of Damascus all year and on the VA Highlands Trail from Rt 21 almost to Rt 16 during the fall. Ann thought there was a 15 mph speed limit on the trails. Susan also ran into motorcycles out there. Nancy is trying to set up a meeting with new Area Ranger Barry Garten and will bring this up at the meeting.
Also discussed the Scoping Letter just released for the Brush Creek Rd parking area enlargement and the trail from Hungry Horse East to Yellow Branch.
There was also some discussion of the Pink Trail and potential chance to have some work done on it. See attached report for details.
3. Report on BCH of VA State Conference Call on January 14, 2017 – quick read thru of the minutes from the state meeting. See the attached report.
4. Report on Friends of Mount Rogers meeting on January 25, 2017 – see in the attached Jan 9th FS report.
5. Report on Regional Forester Invitation to meet Region 8's Tony Tooke on January 30, 2017 – see in the attached Jan 9th FS report.
6. Plan calendar of BCHVH meetings and events for 2017
–Nancy thought we should have a meeting next month to allow finalizing the Bylaw changes. Ann offered to have the meeting at her place next month. Meeting will be on March 11th.
Workday may be planned that morning in that area or on the Yellow Branch trail if it is still blocked by fallen trees.
Dawn would like to have a workday trail ride from her place on April 15th, possibly something in the Raccoon Branch Wilderness area.
7. Report on the February 7th webinar put on by National Wilderness Society Alliance, discussing the National Forest System Trails Stewardship Act. – See the attached PDF file from this webinar.

Meeting adjourned 6:44pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Diane Cherry, Secretary

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