

SHOW ME MISSOURI BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

Board of Directors Meeting
Denny's Restaurant, Rolla, MO
January 2, 2017

In Attendance:

Board Members: Sherry Copeland, Lynette Miller, Maury Mertz, John Stewart, Larry Dishman, Cristlyn Randazzo, Candace Hale

Absent: Mary K Teel Church, Marsha Copeland, Carol Mason

Officers: John Turner, Becki Krueger, Phyllis Rowe, Janet Karrenbrock, Paula Hull

Guests: Brad and Joyce McBride

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Sherry Copeland

Motion to excuse Mary K and Marsha. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

2. **MINUTES:** Approval of October 10, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to table approval of minutes until next meeting. Seconded. Approved unanimously.

3. **BOARD REORGANIZATION AND ELECTION CERTIFICATION:**

A) Election Report & Certification – John Turner

President: John Turner

Vice President: Becki Krueger

Secretary: Phyllis Rowe

Treasurer: Janet Karrenbrock

Board Members: Lynette Miller and Maury Mertz for 2017-2019

Larry Dishman term through 2017

Motion made to accept election results from the annual meeting, seconded, passed unanimously.

Lynette requested time to define what's "open" vs "closed" on board meetings. Requested more open communication with the members quicker.

B) Board Reorganization (Chairman and Recording Secretary Election) – Sherry Copeland

Motion made and seconded to elect Sherry Copeland as Chairman of the Board and Cristlyn Randazzo Recording Secretary for 2017, seconded, passed unanimously.

4. **MEMBERSHIP INPUT/INFORMATION GATHERING REPORT** – Maury Mertz

Suggested taking merchandise to chapter meeting for door prizes

Suggested getting pens or other items as give-aways for booths

Discussed the information gathered from membership input for what they want to see from SMMBCH.

Maury will consolidate results, email, open to suggestions for achieving goals, develop action plan

5. **OFFICER & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/Questions and Protocol:**

A) **President** – John Turner

Approval of Standing and ad hoc committee chairpersons, Paula (publications), Sherry (public lands), Mary K (service), Marsha (education), Carol (membership coordinator)

Motion made, seconded and approved.

B) Vice President – Becki Krueger

Written report submitted, attached

C) Treasurer- Janet Karrenbrock

Written report submitted, attached

Motion to accept, seconded, passed unanimously

D) Secretary – Phyllis Rowe

Written report submitted, attached

When answering questions “reply all” to keep others informed

E) Membership Coordinator

No report submitted

F) Publications and Promotions - Paula Hull

Written report submitted, attached

Suggestions for raffle item for next year

G) Webmaster – John Stewart

Written report submitted, attached

H) Service -Mary K

Written report submitted, attached

Remember to submit hours for everything, including committee members’ hours

Double Diamond award nominations open, need to submit (specific project)

I) Education and Expansion – Marsha Copeland

Written report submitted, attached

Boonville area showing interest in starting a chapter.

John Turner attended meeting with the Platte County 4-H. Group expressed interest in expanding equine activities, expanding a “trail course”.

Leave No Trace- written report submitted

First Train the Trainer class set for March13-14

J) Public Lands – Sherry Copeland

Missouri Department of Conservation – John Turner

Public comment period open for Shell Osage, Bois d’Arc C.A.

Met with Whetstone Creek manager. Cowboy Church interest in partnering with MDC to help maintain trails

Talks with Forest Service and MDC regarding Cedar Creek area, possible transfer of land from FS to MDC – (Note: BCHA opposes disposition of any federal/public lands)

DNR – Missouri State Parks – Sherry Copeland

Marsha staying abreast of State Parks, Rock Island Park is open

Need someone to take over DNR liaison, John Stewart will consider position

3 new state parks comments closed – Ozark Mountain, Bryant Creek, Eleven Point St. Park

National Park Service – Maury Mertz

National Scenic Riverways –Current River, Cedar Grove area.

Spoke with ONSR superintendent concerning the Roads and Trails draft.

Hopefully February will have the comments open for draft plan

Anticipate Final decisions come out in 2018. SMMBCH reactions solicited prior to releasing to public for comment.

National Forest Service – Maury Mertz

Issue of transfer of Cedar Creek District USFS to MDC, need to encourage FS to try to get clauses within document about keeping trails open

365 days a year and if the MDC is to dispose of land, they return to FS

Amanda Walker – matching grant program regarding forest management, probably not suitable for SMMBCH

Invited to attend new group forming, Aim for Wilderness Stewardship, AR, Ill, MO group to help FS manage wilderness areas. Group wants to get paid director. SMMBCH will take the “wait and see” approach but will remain on mailing list to keep SMMBCH informed on what occurs in regard to group

September major gravel haul in Shawnee Forest in IL., request possible assistance from SMMBCH. Decision to assist on personal level but not a ‘state sanctioned’ event

Trail stewardship bill mandating USFS allow assistance and partner with volunteer organizations

Candace Hale – USFS requested assistance for GPS marking social trails

K) National Directors – Sherry Copeland

Appoint National Directors for 2017: Sherry Copeland and Mary K

John Turner, as President, declined serving as National Director

Motion for Sherry Copeland and Mary K to continue as National Directors for 2017. Seconded, passed unanimously.

Motion for Alternate Becki Krueger. Seconded, passed unanimously.

Motion for 2nd Alternate Maury Mertz. Seconded, passed unanimously.

Sherry participated in discussions with national bike group summit regarding trail difficulties and partnership.

6. CHAPTER NEWS – Becki Krueger

- A) Brownfield
Written report submitted, attached
- B) Cuivre River
Written report submitted, attached
- C) Eastern Missouri
No report submitted
- D) Indian Trails
Written report submitted, attached
- E) Mountain Riders
Written report submitted, attached
- F) NEMO River Valley
Written report submitted, attached
- G) River Springs
Written report submitted, attached
- H) South Central
Written report submitted, attached
- I) State Fair Trails
Written report submitted, attached
- J) Tri Lakes
Written report submitted, attached
- K) Chapter Retention and Revitalization
John Turner and Becki Krueger will contact chapters that need assistance with organization and participation. Becki will contact Eastern Chapter.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Policy and Procedure Manual – Complete Update – Phyllis Rowe
Phyllis will e-mail completed revisions
- B) Trail Maintenance Incentives – 2016- Sherry Copeland
Mt. Riders, NEMO completed. South Central 25% complete
- C) Membership Recruitment Incentive Program Report

Motion to approve the four members who have qualified for free memberships, seconded, passed unanimously.

Motion to continue Membership Recruitment Incentive program for 2017, seconded, passed unanimously.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Dogs in Camp
P&P # 14 Dogs are not allowed on trails during functions and must be on a leash in camp. Reminder e-mail will be sent from John Turner stating they've received complaints regarding dogs on the trail, reminding them of the policy.
- B) Official Name Change
Proposed "Back Country Horsemen of Missouri" or "Missouri Back Country Horsemen"

Motion to submit name change 'Back Country Horsemen of Missouri, Inc. to membership, seconded, Passed.

Vote of the membership will be at Special Membership Meeting March 18th, 7:00, in Big Creek Trail Ride Dining hall. Required notification will be done via News Flash.

C) 2017 Schedule of State Events

Upper Current River Clean up March 18th

Ed Copeland Memorial Clean up Ride June 10th

Membership Fun Ride June 24th

Annual Membership Meeting November 4th

Possible 'Fun' Fundraising ride in August, possibly second or third weekend. Paula Hull will check availability of Flying R and get a specific date.

D) 2017 Budget

Motion to approve budget of \$29,361.00 for 2017. Seconded, passed unanimously.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT

April 1st, 10:00 a.m. @ Denny's in Rolla, MO

Motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded, passed unanimously.