

Meeting Minutes Final/Approved
Back Country Horsemen of Missouri
Board of Directors
Monday July 18th, 2022

- I. CALL TO ORDER 10:14 a.m. (Becki Krueger)
 - A. Roll Call: Ray Maynard, Jane Doskal, Maury Mertz, Kathy Jaeger, Martha Yates, Tim Anderson, Mary Lamar, Sherry Copeland, Becki Krueger. Lynette Miller and Paula Hull attended via Zoom
 - B. Excuse Absentee: Pat Reinebach
 - C. Agenda Adjustments:
 - 1) **Items V and VI combined (BCHA Report/National Director Update)
 - 2) **Item VII/C Policies & Procedures
 - 3) **Item VIII/C Chapter Fundraising Guidelines
 - 4) **Item VIII/D Membership Renewal Letter

Motion to approve Roll Call, excused absentee, and agenda adjustments Ray Maynard, second Maury Mertz. Motion carried.

- II. Motion to approve Minutes for April 18, 2022 (with date) Maury Mertz, second Ray Maynard. Motion carried.

III. OFFICER REPORTS

- A. President and Vice President – Tim Anderson and Martha Yates

- 1) Clarification that North Fork River Ranch is now two separate businesses, Ozark Trax is not for profit for BCH, North Fork River Ranch is fee for service for Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and select special events.
- 2) Discussion with NFRR contact Richard Jones and Tray Hall re agreement between NFRR and USFS
- 3) See VIII/A under New Business for more Annual Meeting details

- B. Treasurer – Jane Doskal

- 1) See Treasurers Reports emailed to BOD for January-June, 2022. Current Assets \$36,917.05, Net Income \$1752.52
- 2) Treasurer has documented \$300.00 income for 7 or 8 new memberships via PayPal
- 3) Quickbooks accounting software update discussion requested. Current QB Online fee will increase from \$25.00 per month to \$50.00 per month.
- 4) Quickbooks Essentials Desktop Version 2018 one-time purchase with access code is option to QB Online

Motion to pursue other accounting software options as opposed to accepting increased monthly fee Maury Mertz, second Ray Maynard. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Publications– Paula Hull

- 1) New two-sided BCHMO informational brochure printed and distributed to Chapter leaders and those at Membership Appreciation Ride
- 2) Notification for nominations for BCHMO Unsung Hero/Good Neighbor Award in Summer Newsletter and last three News Flashes. No nominations have been received as of July 18, 2022. Any current BCHMO member may nominate someone for this award. This new award is to be presented at the Annual Meeting and criteria are:
 - a) Sustained effort, 2 years or longer
 - b) Volunteer, no commercial advantage or financial remuneration involved
 - c) Outcome, cited outcome that benefits the preservation of equestrian trails on public lands in Missouri
 - d) Conservation, natural resources are protected
 - e) Leadership, inspires others to participate in joint venture (optional, subject to Editorial Board review)
 - f) Community recognition, evidence of local community support (optional as above)
 - g) Industry, involves an average of 10 hours or more monthly (optional as above)

Email nominations to the Publications Committee at crazywaterranch@gmail.com by September 15.

- 3) Pictures and events being posted on Facebook as available

B. Service and website (Ray Maynard)

- 1) New VHR application form is now on BCH website. Not yet being used consistently by all chapters.
- 2) Website updates, maintenance, and posts being made as needed.

C. Education and Expansion – Statewide UTV/BCH event in discussion (Sherry Copeland, Theresa Anderson?)

D. Public Lands (Maury Mertz)

- 1) USFS- Tray Hall reports new organizational structure moving toward focus on recreation and new Forest Supervisor has yet to be named.
- 2) MDC- No new infrastructure in place
- 3) USA COE
- 4) MTNF
 - a) New trail being developed at Slabtown
 - b) Consider writing up feature articles from the USFS perspective for Slabtown, Brushy Creek, and Big Creek Trail Rides (Tim Anderson, Maury Mertz)
- 5) Ozark National Scenic Riverways and L-A-D Foundation
 - a) New Facilities Maintenance Hire contact Jason Lott (Sherry Copeland)
 - b) Cooperation between the Ozarks Trail Association and Meramec Trail Association (Jane Doskal)
 - c) **NEED SOMEONE ON OTA BOARD since Russell Martin has vacated that position!**
- 6) MO State Parks – new Equestrian Trail Guides brochure handed out and available (Maury Mertz)

E. Trails Maintenance Incentive/TMI (Ray Maynard)

- 1) Committee is actively seeking applications for projects. See guidelines and application at <https://bchmo.org/tmi-program/>
- 2) Ray Maynard asks for further clarification of what exactly should fall under TMI grants.
- 3) Sherry Copeland indicates that current larger grant priorities include maintenance backlog and GAOA
- 4) TMI funds could be in chapter funds but that must be addressed with Budget at Annual Meeting
- 5) Maximum dollar value may be assigned to TMI applications after further discussion.

Motion to approve Heartland's TMI overage of \$137.00 over \$1000 Maury Mertz, second Paula Hull.
Motion carried.

Motion to approve Committee Reports Maury Mertz, second Ray Maynard. Motion carried.

V. BCHA NATIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT (**NATIONAL DIRECTOR UPDATE)

- A. Legacy Fundraising Committee (Tim Anderson and Jane Doskal)
- B. Education Committee to survey for preferred presentations (Tim Anderson and Martha Yates)
 - 1) Note that our "Leave No Trace" mantra is technically not ours to use. "Light on the Land" Project Task Force formed as first equine specific alternative (Jackie Alexander for our area).
 - 2) "Mountain Manners" booklet from BCH Montana Education Committee.
- C. Media & Marketing Committee (Paula Hull)
- D. 2023 National Board Meeting will be the 50th anniversary of BCHA. Sherry Copeland requests opinions on items with BCHA 50 year logo for fundraising at that event. Considerations include:
 - 1) Belt buckle
 - 2) Henry rifle
 - 3) Bandana
- E. Dues cover contracted expenses to the \$25.00-\$50.00 price point.
- F. Request for suggestions for BCHA fund-raising (Sherry Copeland). Tim Anderson suggests BCHA fundraising for grant applications.

VI. CHAPTER REPORTS RECEIVED

- 1) Heartland
- 2) Mountain Riders
- 3) NEMO
- 4) Ridge Runner
- 5) South Central
- 6) Tri-Lakes

Motion to approve chapter reports Maury Mertz, second Ray Maynard. Motion carried.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Recap of Ozark Trail Cleanup, Membership Appreciation, and Land Managers Rides at Brushy Creek in June.
 - 1) Poker run netted \$240.00 for BCHMO and the winning hand donated back by Becki Krueger.
 - 2) Brushy Creek donated the most horses ever for land managers for the 2022 event

3) BCHMO gifted blue canvas carry bag with logo to land managers and JoAnn Becker and Diane Miller of Brushy Creek (Paula Hull and Sue Maynard)

4) Brushy Creek has still not billed for luncheon.

B. ** Policies & Procedures and updated By-Laws to be sent to BCHA (Michelle Wade) by Mary Lamar (Need to clarify most updated version, ML)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Annual Membership Meeting November 5, 2022 at North Fork River Ranch (Tim Anderson and Officers)

1) Annual Meeting Reservations with North Fork River Ranch to be made and confirmed directly through Secretary Kathy Jaeger. Arrive no earlier than Thursday, November 3 (need to clarify ML). Most are bringing horses and plan to ride and stay through Sunday, November 6.

Contact Kathy Jaeger at zanes@fidnet.com or 573-421-6834 for reservations

a) Site cost per day \$35.00 for water and electric or \$40.00 for water, electric, and sewer

b) Stall cost \$7.00 per day

c) Showers and restrooms will be open and stocked but store will not.

d) Shavings and firewood will be available but bagged ice probably will not.

e) BCHMO to fund Saturday supper only. Estimate 60-80 attendees (had 84 in 2021).

i. Menu is pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls/butter, apple crisp, cherry crisp, chocolate cake, cookies.

ii. Other meals are on own; breakfast option may be entertained for a fee if sufficient interest.

f) Caterer bids for supper menu are:

i. \$1166.00 to include plates, napkins, silverware, cups, tea/coffee

ii. \$1041.00 for food only

iii. Caterer Sharry Lovan contact info: Land line 417-469-5431/cell 417-252-4373
1430 County Road 1210
Willow Springs, Missouri 65793

Motion by Maury Mertz to increase per meal budget from \$13.00 to \$15.00, second Ray Maynard.
Motion carried.

g) Payment by CHECK ONLY made out to BCHMO

h) Need to establish who will collect payments to BCHMO and remit payment to NFRR.

2) Annual Meeting Agenda

a) Officer Elections (Need volunteers for Nominating committee for paper ballot tickets and ballots)

b) Silent/Live Auction (Volunteer auctioneer options: Paul Parker/contact Maury Mertz or Robert Phillips/contact Tim Anderson. Robert Phillips confirmed by phone during meeting.)

c) Educational Workshops:

i. Basic GPS (Ruth Garner)

ii. Equine Vital Signs (Tim and Theresa Anderson)

iii. Panel Discussion "Lost on the Trail Without GPS".

- d) Unsung Hero/Good Neighbor Award presentation
- e) Church services (John Stewart)

3) Annual Meeting Publicity

- a) Tim Anderson to write feature article for September 22, 2022 BCHMO Newsletter (deadline for newsletter is 9/1/22).
- b) Media Requests to be made by Paula Hull with assistance from Kathy Jaeger

B. Facebook Collaboration discussion Mary Lamar, Tim Anderson, and Paula Hull.

C. **Chapter Fundraising Guidelines request since no written policy currently exists.

- 1) As a 501(c)(3) not for profit, when a chapter asks for a charitable contribution, board review and approval is technically required.
- 2) As time allows, Sherry Copeland will write up specific guidelines for future fundraising efforts.

D. **BCHMO Renewal Letter to be reinforced by Officers call

IX. UPCOMING EVENT REMINDER: National Public Lands Day – September 24th, 2022

X. Kudos to Sherry Copeland per Maury Mertz for the success of the 2021 National Board Meeting.

XI. NEXT MEETING – MONDAY OCTOBER 17, 2022 at 10 a.m. (Denny's in Rolla).

XII. Motion to adjourn Ray Maynard, second Maury Mertz. Adjourned at 2:25 p.m.