

BCHMO Board Meeting - October 16, 2023 at Denny's in Rolla **Apprvd 1/30/24**

- 1) Call to order by Becki Krueger, current chairman at 10:03 a.m.
 - A) Welcome to all new directors or alternates attending today. Everyone announced their name and chapter they represent. A few guests were introduced as well: Pat Reinebach, Marsha Copeland and Jodi Schlupp.
 - B) Roll Call-in attendance: Phileta Rio, Mary Lamar, Richard Stout, Jennifer Wolf, Gary Harrison, Julie Irwin, Kathy Jaeger, Lynette Miller, Laura Johnson, Vicki Clark, Sherry Copeland and Maury Mertz, Public Lands Chair
 - C) Excuse Absentees - none
 - D) Agenda Adjustments – item 8E New Business added request by Treasurer for used Laptop purchase
- 2) Approval of July 10, 2023 Minutes – with corrections brought up by Sherry Copeland. Motion was made by Lynette, second by Sherry, approved.
- 3) OFFICER REPORTS
 - A) Treasurer - Becki reported the results of the Auction \$1146 and the meal cost \$1118 – no change in the reports that were presented at the Annual Meeting.
 - B) Secretary by Kathy - no activity to report since the Annual Meeting.
Motion was made by Phileta to approve officer reports, second by Lynette, approved.
- 4) STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A) Education & Expansion by Becki reported BCHMO is working with Scott Amerman of Tread Lightly - who is working on a project of producing Informational Etiquette signs for motorized and equine encounter. The USFS land managers have been contacted for approval before going forward with the project. There will be a demo on the BCHMO website to view.
Becki welcomed two New Chapters – Rockwoods Range and Southwest. Sherry noted we now have 13 Chapters in total.
 - B) Missouri Horse Council by Lynette reported registration with the state has been filed and the \$350 annual membership dues paid. The MHC total available funds are \$5,229.11. They are searching for alternative ways to raise funds since membership dues is presently their only income. Possible revenue is an Equine check off similar to the Beef check off, which is collected at the sale barns. This is still being investigated.
 - C) Publications by Becki – read the submitted report from Paula.
 - D) Public Lands by Maury reported:
 - a) MDC Roundtable – Our goal in 2024 during the first quarter is to get all of the five land managers, the Pioneer Forest and LAD association brought current on Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
Maury & Sherry attended a round table hosted by Mo State Parks in Springfield consisting of 400 different groups. The state discussed the challenges and stressed the need for conservation. We as BCHMO fully support the conservation of these lands for future generations.
 - b) MO State Parks (Equestrian Trail – Use representative) – DNR is searching for an Equine Representative to serve both the State Parks and Federal lands agencies. The job closed

October 1. Darla Helton has applied and is a very knowledgeable individual who has worked on trail funding in the past years – accomplishing projects within the Pioneer Forest.

- c) Service by Becki recapped the figures from the Annual meeting – stating no change since then. At that time, our total BCHMO contribution value was \$246,684.87.
- d) National Directors by Becki again no change since Annual meeting. A side note Becki mentioned while on vacation out west, she was informed that PPE is needed even while using a silkie saw. Also no dogs are allowed on the trail and that is a BCHMO policy as well. Motion to approve the Reports was made by Lynette, second by Gary, approved.

5) ELECTIONS

- A) Board Chairman – Kathy Jaeger nominated Becki, second by Gary. Laura nominated Sherry Copeland, second by Phileta. Both individuals talked about their ideas and direction for the organization. A secret vote was taken and the votes were counted by Maury, Jodi & Michelle. Outcome revealed Becki had the majority vote and she will be the Chairman for 2024.
- B) Vice Chairman – Sherry Copeland was nominated but she declined. Jennifer Wolf was nominated by Julie, second by Phileta. No other nominations were presented. A motion to accept by acclamation made by Phileta, second by Lynette, approved.
- C) Secretary – Kathy announced she would agree to another year as Secretary. Jennifer motioned to accept Kathy as the Secretary, a second by Phileta, approved.
- D) Treasurer – (before accepting the above Vice Chair position – Jennifer was nominated but declined) Sherry Copeland was nominated but she declined. After questions and discussions, Julie indicated she would take the position and was nominated by Kathy, a second from Richard. No other nominations were made. Motion to accept by acclamation was made by Gary, second by Phileta, approved.
- E) National Directors (Board Chairman, plus 2nd Director and an Alternate) Becki explained this is a yearly position with representation to the National Board by involvement on a monthly phone call, attendance at the National meeting in the spring and involvement on the national level. The Chairman will serve and a 2nd director as well as an Alternate are needed) Both Kathy and Lynette indicated interest in these positions.
A secret vote was taken and counting revealed Kathy has 2nd Director position by majority votes. A motion was made by Phileta, second by Kathy for Lynette to serve as the Alternate National Director. A motion to accept by acclamation was made by Sherry, second by Phileta, approved.
- F) Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Appointments – Becki asked all directors to search their own Chapter’s membership to see if someone is willing and qualified to fill any of the open positions.
 - a) Education and Expansion – open
 - b) Missouri Horse Council (MHC) Representative – Lynette will continue
 - c) Publications – it was mentioned that Tim & Teresa Anderson have expressed interest in this
 - d) Public Lands – Maury will continue
 - e) Service (Volunteer Hours) - open
 - f) Ad Hoc – Jennifer volunteered to Chair
 - (i) Policies & Procedures
 - (ii) Strategic Plan

Becki advised Ray Maynard is willing to stay on to take care of the Web Page.

- 6) Chapter Reports - * Indicates a Trifold display at the Annual Membership Meeting - ALL very good!
Kathy advised no other Chapter Reports were received.
 - A) Brownfield *
 - B) Cuivre River
 - C) Heartland *
 - D) Indian Hills *
 - E) Mountain Riders *
 - F) NEMO *
 - G) Ridge Runners
 - H) River Springs *
 - I) Rockwoods Range *
 - J) South Central *
 - K) Southwest *
 - L) Tornado Ridge *
 - M) Tri-Lakes *
- 7) OLD BUSINESS
 - A) Annual Membership Recap
 - (a) Banquet cost for the meal was \$1,118
 - (b) Silent Auction brought in \$1,146 plus the raffle income of \$370 (50/50 all donated back to BCHMO by John Stewart)
 - (c) \$5.00 BCHA dues increase ratification – Our membership will wait to see after the National Board meeting if the action is approved by votes from the states. Any due raise for membership is tabled until the National action in March.
 - B) UEI/SAM application in process
 - C) MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) renewal (was covered above)
- 8) NEW BUSINESS
 - A) IIP Requests Becki advised two projects have been submitted to the committee and are being reviewed
 - B) BCHMO AMM venue for 2024 – Jennifer will take on this task
 - a) Date TBD -- Brushy Creek had advised Becki that the date of Sep 20-22 is open as well as Oct 11-13. Lynette noted the Oct date is in conflict with a big Fox Trotter Trail Ride that may affect attendance, so probably shouldn't plan on that weekend.
 - b) Location TBD
 - C) 2024 BCHMO Membership Ride @ Brushy Creek on June 7-10
 - a) Meal
 - b) Poker Ride
 - c) Sunday morning church services
 - d) Land Managers Ride
 - D) Budget review and Approval for January Meeting – Becki requests all chapters to discuss their needs and Directors are to bring their requests for budgets to the January meeting.

E) Lap Top request (an added item) Richard offered insight into different options to achieve transferring records from Jane's personal laptop and also with regard to the Quick Books software in general. Richard and Julie will work together to bring transition options to Becki. Then the Board will be contacted to address this issue as soon as information is available.

9) STATE AND NATIONAL EVENTS

- A) March 15-17 Upper Current River Clean-Up Ride @ Big Creek
- B) March 22-24 Ozark Spring Roundup @ Springfield – Lynette has the BCHMO materials for events such as this and maybe gone during this event. She asks someone to take the lead on this event for our presence.
- C) March 24-27 BCHA National Board Meeting @ Casper, WY
- D) June 7 BCHMO Mark Twain National Forest/Ozark Clean-Up Ride @ Brushy Creek
- E) June 8 BCHMO Membership Appreciation Ride @ Brushy Creek
- F) June 10 BCHMO Land Managers Ride @ Brushy Creek (Horses for Land Managers are provided)
- G) BCHMO Annual Membership Meeting (TBA) Lynette suggested to possibly hold a meeting during the week.

10) ANNOUNCEMENTS AND KUDOS

11) NEXT MEETING

- A) January 10, 2024 (Wednesday)
- B) Location - Rolla, Missouri
- C) Restaurant - Denny's

Discussion – Richard asked about GPS trax for phones – saving trail info in a PDF email, then load on your phone. Maury advised the AVENZA app is great for the trail systems.

Motion to adjourn made at 1:24 pm by Richard, second by Phileta and all approve.