

BCHMO Board Meeting – January 30,2024 at Denny’s in Rolla **APPRVD**

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** by Becki Krueger, Chairman at 10:00 AM
 - A) Roll Call-in attendance: Becki Krueger, Leslynn Randazzo, Mary Lamar, Jennifer Wolf, Gary Harrison, DR Barks, Julie Irwin, Kathy Jaeger, Lynette Miller, Janet Rettenmaier and Sherry Copeland. Alternates (nonvoting today) Maury Mertz as Public Lands chair and Vicki Clark. Members Pat Reinebach and Bob Wolf. Guest Deana Joplin (attending with DR Barks). Becki thanked everyone for attending today.
 - B) Excuse Absentees - none
 - C) Agenda Adjustments – Later we will discuss two Chapters – Cuivre River & Ridge Runner
- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** for the 3 previous meetings October 16, November 30 and December 5, 2023. Discussion then a motion to approve with corrections was made by Jennifer, second by Sherry. Motion passes.
- 3) **OFFICER REPORTS**
 - A) Chairman – Becki appreciates everyone rearranging due to the weather issues this month. There have been a lot of challenges with getting the information transferred to the CPA. There is not a contract yet but will be before long. Julie has spent a good deal of time working with her to get everything set up.
 - B) Vice Chairman – Jennifer reported she is looking for a few more volunteers to assist with our Strategic Plan; asks to be kept informed on the various Committees and advises we still need a Volunteer Hours/Service Committee Chair.
 - C) Secretary – Kathy reported 2023 minutes will be ready for Web posting after this meeting, signed up for National Board meeting, received the ending 2023 Membership list from Sue and received a letter of thanks from Jason Sumners of the Missouri Department of Conservation to the BCHMO.
 - D) Treasurer – Julie reported 2023 figures of income \$14,723.88 vs actual expenses of \$18,800.57 leaves an overage amount spent of \$4,076.69. Maury asked what the forecast numbers look like and it appears a larger overage if we continue as is. Julie is very pleased working with the new CPA. The CPA had to set up several new accounts to track items. She did discover that she forgot to include a setup fee in her bid, so she will not be charging us for her time doing this. Julie has gotten the bank to quit charging a \$5 fee per month for the PAY PAL account. Sherry questioned the Income Statement entry of Misc Admin Expense \$2,902.37 - never had this before. Julie will ask CPA where that number came from but there were several items unrecognizable in which the CPA created an account for. Julie will ask for details and bring to the next board meeting. Julie stated these reports will allow us to follow accounts from here forward. A motion to approve the Treasurer Reports was made by Lynette, seconded by Gary. Motion passes with one Nay from Sherry based on wanting to see the final corrected reports.
- 4) **STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A) Education & Expansion - none
 - B) Publications & Promotions – Becki reports no newsletter - as we have not found anyone to be the Publication Chair

- C) Public Lands – Maury reported on Tread Lightly and the 50/50 program he has been working with Ed Sherman on. The signs have been created for promoting a safe interaction between motorized and equestrian users. Two signs are available for each Chapter to post in their forest areas. If more signs are needed, there is additional funding available in the program and there has not been anything approved for 2024 yet. Gary asked if these signs can be used in Corp of Engineer areas? Becki advised we would have to ask each land manager’s permission first before posting.

The MOU with the USFS is done but we are still working with the other land managers.

Bob Wolf expresses an interest in the Public Lands committee and would like to be advised of upcoming meetings. Maury is hoping Bob will soon take over this Chair position.

Becki reminds everyone Bucking/Limbing on the trails in public lands requires PPE.

Sherry reported on a new trail - the Butterfield Overland Trail which is a 3,000 mile National Trail traveling thru Missouri – some public/some private. She encourages BCHMO to get involved with the ground work on this project.

Maury advised Rock Island is getting funding thru the local communities and there have been no State funds allocated for it.

- D) Service/Volunteer Hours – Becki provided a handout showing a pie graph with stats per Chapter of the Volunteer work we provide to the government agencies. This report reflects the 2023 value of our donated work which is \$332,528 - an increase of \$43,863.39. Great work BCHMO!
NOTE: MDC at Deer Ridge is allowing all multi users on the trails, this includes E-Bikes. If a problem arises, please use the Incident Report Form and send to land manager, maintaining a copy for yourself.
- E) National Directors – National Back Country Horsemen officers Mark Himmel and Randy Rasmussen are planning to attend the “Hike The Hill” at Washington DC to voice our concerns.

5) CHAPTER REPORTS

- A) Brownfield – only one to turn in a report here at the meeting.
- 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

Discussion took place over dissolution of the Cuivre River and Ridge Runners Chapters due to lack of membership participation. A motion was made by Janet to accept the dissolution of both chapters, a second by Lynette and the motion was passed. Maury noted there is a Cuivre River Trail Riders group and he suggested we try to reach out to invite them into our association.

Leslyn just got a message from Cristlyn that she would contact Paula and she will take on the duties of the Publication Chair.

6) OLD BUSINESS

- A) MOU Renewal Maury Mertz reports has been received from the USFS.
- B) Laptop vs Accountant for Treasurer – Becki advised this job of transferring has been done w/CPA
- C) BCHMO Annual Membership Meeting 2024 (Time & Place update) Becki advised Sept 28 at Brushy Creek. Lynette would like to motion we make Brushy Creek the location for all Annual Membership Meetings – this way deposits could be held over and we would not have to keep changing the date due to conflicts with other events/rides. DR 2nd the motion. Discussions took place – some concern could set the wrong precedent with only one camp being chosen. A vote taken, NAY was the majority.
Becki suggested we get options together and get the place decided upon for 2025. Vicki mentioned they have a guest at their Chapter from Montana. He shared their annual meeting details included no horses but had vendors, speakers and clinicians. Pat suggested each chapter contact their membership for their input and bring info back to next meeting. Vicki suggested possibly coordinate it with the Ozark Round Up event in Springfield.
- D) Tread Lightly Program (Maury Mertz; Becki Krueger) Discussed above in 4) STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEES.
- E) Facebook Birthday Fundraiser concern (Becki Krueger) Becki advised in researching this, she must get with Ray and Paula to file a complaint to get the remaining funds - \$270 still has not been received by us.

- 7) **BUDGET REVIEW AND APPROVAL** – Was discussed in Treasurer’s section above and revisited after “9) STATE AND NATIONAL EVENTS”. Tri-Lakes had requested a budget amount of \$1,274. Maury suggested the first two larger line items totaling \$700 could be submitted to the IIP program. The remaining budget would then be set at \$500 as with all other Chapters. Discussion took place on the expenses relating to the attendance of the National Board Meeting in Wyoming. Leslyn made a motion to decrease attendees to only 2 vs 3 due to the costs and limited funds available. Motion was seconded by Janet and the motion passes. The 2024 Budget was set at an amended amount of \$9,938 net loss. Motion to approve budget was made by Sherry, seconded by Janet and all approved.

Jennifer brought up fact that a processing fee is being charged on the memberships collected thru PAY PAL. She motions to charge a process fee of \$2.00 per membership for each type ie individual/family/associate for the 2025 year dues if collected thru PAY PAL, seconded by Leslyn, motion passes.

8) NEW BUSINESS

- A) Ozark Spring Round Up (March 22-24, 2024; Springfield, MO) Two attempts have been made for Volunteers at this event – only Ray & Sue have stepped up for Saturday hours. No volunteers for set up, tear down or any other days. Suggested to co-rent with the Missouri Horse Council in 2025. Leslyn motioned to drop the event due to lack of volunteers, seconded by Kathy. Motion passes. Lynette will check with the Horse Council on possibility of sharing a booth next year.

- B) Mark Twain National Forest/Ozark Trail clean up Ride & Land Managers Ride (committee is needed) – Maury and Bob will work on these details
- C) Leave No Trace Renewal – Cost is \$150 and is up for renewal now. Maury advised we have the Light on the Land program. Is there a value in continuing this program also? Discussed and motion was made by Jennifer, seconded by Sherry to continue the renewal. Majority Ayes with Leslyn a Nay.
- D) IIP Requests (Rockwoods Range) received \$4,500 for a major project – we had no other submissions. Julie advised their first work day is March 17th. Kathy suggested she share work day schedule with all of the Chapters to allow additional volunteers to help if available.
- E) Trail Skills College - Maury Mertz advises
 - a) Date: May 6-8, 2024 Chainsaw Certs – New & Renewal at Brushy Creek
This will also include Crosscut, First CPR, ATV certification. Ozark Trails will be instructing on Basic Trail Maintenance and Trail Construction.
Maury asked for suggestions from BCHMO on possible classes we could teach – suggestions of Leave No Trace; How to approach a Horse from safety & psychology; Trail etiquette and DR suggests to include when PPE is needed.

9) STATE AND NATIONAL EVENTS

- A) March 15-17 Upper Current River Clean Up Ride 2 Brushy Creek Trail Ride
- B) March 22-24 Ozark Spring Round UP @ Springfield, Mo – DELETED THIS YEAR
- C) March 24-27 BCHA National Board Meeting @ Casper, Wyoming
- D) June 7 BCHMO Mark Twain National Forest/Ozark Clean Up Ride @ Brushy Creek Lodge
- E) June 8 BCHMO Membership Appreciation Ride @ Brushy Creek Lodge
- F) June 10 BCHMO Land Managers Ride
- G) September 28 BCHMO Annual Membership Meeting @ Brushy Creek Lodge

10) ANNOUNCEMENTS AND KUDOS

11) NEXT MEETING

- A) April 17, 2024 @ 10:00 am
- B) Rolla, Missouri
- C) Denny's Restaurant

Motion to adjourn made by Jennifer, 2nd by Mary at 3:02 pm. All approved.