

Back Country Horsemen of Missouri
Twenty Second Annual Membership Meeting
Brushy Creek Lodge and Resort
Black, Missouri
Minutes of September 30, 2023
FINAL APPROVED 9/28/24

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Annual Membership Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Treasurer, Jane Doskal on September 30, 2023. The meeting was held in the Dining Hall of the Brushy Creek Lodge and Resort in Black, Missouri. Everyone was reminded to be sure and sign in on the registration forms.
- II. MEMORIAM:** John Stewart lead our group in Prayer for comfort of the families of Debbie Barks, Jerry Richardson and Bob Howell. He asks everyone to keep Jeanne Crosby in your prayers for injuries she sustained in a horse related accident.
- III. 2022 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES:** Kathy Jaeger advised the minutes were on our website and a few copies are here available today. **Two corrections noted from Sherry Copeland- Old Business section “The Leave No Trace Slogan is being replaced with” was eliminated and replaced with “The new BCHA educational platform is” and the New Business section date of the National Public Lands Day was corrected to September 23 not the 30th. These corrections were made and final copy was voted on.** Motion to approve the minutes with the corrections noted was made by Ray Maynard, second by Danny Gentles and passed with no opposition.

JUNE 10, 2023 SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING CALLED FOR PROPOSED

BY-LAW CHANGE: Two corrections were again made with reference to Johnny Miller being the camp representative announcing the Poker Ride winners – not George Becker as noted per Sherry Copeland. And in the paragraph with regard to the Motion made by Cristlyn Randazzo second by Charles Prilwetz - correcting statement to read Paul Parker pointed out the family membership only allowed one vote. The “and business” was eliminated. Motion to approve the minutes with the corrections noted was made by Doris Ruby, second by Sherry Copeland and passed with no opposition.

- IV. TREASURER’S REPORT:** Jane Doskal presented the Treasurer’s report and noted we have \$34,426.91 in our treasury. Several people are using the Pay Pal account that was set up last year. The organization has about \$6,000 more than when she took it over five years ago. She has been careful in watching and advising for and/or against spending and is proud of her efforts. Her Quick Book accounts have been audited each year with no discrepancies and she is pleased to be moving on to enjoy horseback riding without the officer duties of the Treasurer. Motion to approve report was made by Maury Mertz, second by Paula Hull and passed with no opposition.
- V. STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION:** Becki Krueger extended a THANK YOU to all in attendance and realizes without you – there would not be this organization. She advised everyone of the Chainsaw Certification / Recertification classes with the Forestry which provided much needed positions for Missouri. We now have John Waitman and David Nelson as Class C trainers, a 1-B and a 1-A Sawyer, 6 Buckers and 2 Trainers. Ed Sherman was very happy with the Chainsaw attendance.

Becki thanked everyone for the great Tri Fold Posters - everyone did a fantastic job with pictures and descriptions. Reminded everyone there may still be some funding available for your Chapter,, be sure to check before the year ends. There is still time to apply for Infrastructure Improvement Program (IIP) funds. Thank you to all who have stepped up to the Director positions and also those in the Alternate Director positions – we look forward to working together to continue this organization into the future.

Next Board meeting will be October 16 at Denny’s Restaurant in Rolla starting at 10 am. At this meeting we will be filling the Chair, the Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and two National Director positions. We want to thank Sherry Copeland for holding a BCHA Executive Committee position as the past national officer.

We are excited to welcome two newly formed Chapters – Rockwoods Range and Southwest.

Looking forward to a new Board and structure with new goals and truly appreciate everything our membership has done.

VI. NATIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT/2022 BCHA NBM: Becki advised 3 attended, herself, Pat Reinebach and Lynette Miller. Pat reported out of 33 states, 28 were represented at the National Meeting held in Kalispell, Montana this past spring. A lot of information was dispersed in 3 days to promote our desire to keep trails open to the horseback riders and provide strong representation to elected officials in Washington DC; discuss budgets; had a 50 year recap as this was the anniversary of the BCHA. Lynette added there were different meetings going on all day every day and it was a real eye opener on the entire organization. She noted very different approaches out west vs our region. Becki enlisted them in a Cross cut saw competition with another director but little did Becki know that Pat & Lynette were going to take 1st Place in the Novice Class – woo hoo!

Items to be watching for:

Lakes Act 1358 – user fees can be used in that agency. This is especially important to U.S. Corp of Engineers.

E-bike issue is here to stay – be sure and report any concerns or violations you encounter.

There will be a BCHA Incident Report form. E-bikes are silent and a true concern for any rider.

Equine Campgrounds are seeing heavy usage by non-equestrian campers – again fill out the BCHA Incident Report.

Youth grants BCHA up to \$500 available for involving the youth in our organization.

BCHA is making a video on how to complete the Volunteer Hours-watch for it.

Marsha Copeland serves on BCHA Education Committee

Legacy Trail App will be out Oct 2-Dec 1 has \$1.5 million in funds available.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education/Expansion Committee Report: Maury Mertz reported

Public Lands Committee Report: Maury Mertz, Sherry Copeland & Becki Krueger reported Electric Motorized Bikes (EMB) on USFS, State Parks and the Missouri Dept of Conservation (MDC) are allowing e-bikes.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Cost Share agreements with our local land managers are being updated.

USFS is severely understaffed and are not replacing personnel in a timely fashion.

Sherry reported the OSNR is slowly starting to designate the Equine Trail System as per their recent REVISED decision. Maury advised the Montauk to Akers Trail head will be relocated. Becki reported on the Tread Lightly 50 for 50 Initiative. Ray Maynard, Maury Mertz and she are working with Scott Ammerman, Project Manager for Tread Lightly, to design signage that will be installed in areas where motorized and equestrians interface.

Publications Committee Report: Paula Hull reported and thanked Phyllis Rowe, John Stewart, Ray Maynard & Lynette Miller for serving on the committee. She advised she is stepping down after 9 years and has enjoyed serving in this capacity. She wanted to acknowledge Ray's time taking care of the web presence for the BCHMO. Paula encourages new people to step up and serve this great organization.

Service Committee Report: Ray Maynard reported the statistics for our Service Hours which resulted in a dollar value of \$ 246,684.87 from the Chapters who have reported thru 9/27/23. That was 4,295 human hours, 978 trail miles covered, 35,873 travel miles accumulated, 201 Equipment hours used and 331 Stock days. There could be more but if the reporting form is not completed, our organization cannot count it. As with all governmental agencies, numbers speak.

VIII. CHAPTER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Director Delegates & Alternates were asked to introduce themselves and their Chapter.

Brownfield – Leslyn Randazzo, alt Phileta Rio
Cuivre River – none
Heartland – Tim Anderson, alt Mary Lamar
Indian Trails – Charles Prilwetz, alt Richard Stout
Mountain Riders – Jennifer Wolf, alt Steve Assenmacher
NEMO – Becki Krueger, alt Gary Harrison
Ridge Runner – none
River Springs – none
South Central – Kathy Jaeger, alt Maury Mertz
Tornado Ridge – Laura Johnson, alt Janet Rettenmaier
Tri-Lakes – Sherry Copeland, alt Vicki Clark
Rockwoods Range – Julie Irwin, alt Vivian Regna
Southwest – Lynette Miller, alt Kem McKinnis

IX. BCHA \$5 Increase in National Dues: Jane explained that BCHA is asking for dues increase of \$5 in January 2025. Becki further explained that an increase in the amount we send to BCHA has not occurred since 2013. These dues pay the everyday costs of expenses for the National Organization to operate. The Nat'l board first tried a \$10 increase and it was voted down. A new motion proposed for a \$5 increase passed by the National Directors but must be ratified by the states to become effective.

If the states vote to ratify the dues increase, the dues would not be paid until the 2025 year. Motion was made by Maury Mertz, 2nd by Russ Martin to accept increase of dues to BCHA if ratified by states. All approved – no opposition

Tim Anderson motioned, 2nd by Russ Martin for the Missouri dues to increase by \$5 if accepted by the states. Maury thought it was premature to act on this – Leslyn motioned to table - 1 opposition by Tim Anderson.

X. 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

January (tbd)	Board Meeting @ Perkins in Jefferson City Will discuss budget (could be lengthy)
March 15-17 22-24 24-27	Upper Current River Clean Up Ride @ Big Creek Trailrides Ozark Spring Round Up @ Springfield Ozark Empire Fairgrounds National BCHA mtg @ Casper, Wyoming
April (tbd)	Board Meeting @ Denny's in Rolla
June 6-10	Mark Twain National Forest/Ozark Trail Clean Up Ride and Membership Appreciation Ride @ Brushy Creek Lodge
July (tbd)	Board Meeting @ Perkins in Jefferson City
September	(Annual meeting date & time to be decided at January mtg)
October (tbd)	Board Meeting @ Denny's in Rolla

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Motion called for adjournment by Danny Gentles, second by Sharon Dengnan. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:51 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Jaeger
BCHMO Secretary