

AGENDA – OCTOBER 28TH, 2024

Final Corrected/Approved Jan 20, 2025

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF MISSOURI

Denny's Restaurant, Rolla, MO

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Becki Krueger called meeting to order at 10:03 am
 - A. Welcome and introductions were made around the table by everyone present.
 - B. Roll call – Leslyn Randazza, Jill Szczuka, Kay Raterman-alt, Mary Lamar-alt serving as Director, Jennifer Wolf VC, Becki Krueger CHR, Pat Reinebach-alt, Ruth Garner, Julie Irwin TRS, Kathy Jaeger SEC, Maury Mertz-alt/Public Lands, Lynette Miller, Janet Rettenmaier, Michelle Rager-alt, Sherry Copeland, Marsha Copeland-alt, Bob Wolf Public Lands
 - C. Excuse Absentees – noted no representation from Indian Trails
 - D. Agenda Adjustments – none
2. **APPROVAL OF JULY 8TH, 2024 MINUTES** – A few corrections were made - balance sheet in lieu of general ledger, accept in lieu of approval, decrease in lieu of increase and correct name of Hulston Mills. Motion made by Jennifer, 2nd by Leslyn, motion passed.
3. **OFFICER REPORTS**
 - A. Chairman – Becki Krueger reported she had been contacted by the Americore of St. Louis and is waiting for their criteria to possibly work with us.
 - B. Vice Chairman – Jennifer Wolf nothing to report.
 - C. Secretary – Kathy Jaeger had submitted a report.
 - D. Treasurer – Julie Irwin reports submitted. Maury asked if the Balance Sheet could list each Chapter's restricted funds? This question will be submitted to the CPA.

Julie reported the expenses and income of the Annual Membership Meeting: Dinner \$1,167 meals/tips included, silent/live auction brought in \$1,250, an outside dinner \$22, Poker Run \$160, 50/50 tickets \$210 for a total income of \$1,642

Becki reminded everyone to send a list of their Chapter's assets of items for the inventory. Larger dollar value items that were expensed through BCHMO, not put in an asset owned category. Chapters need to turn in what is owned by each chapter so if a chapter disbands, the asset can be moved to another chapter. Becki will be sending out a request soon.

Mary asked about the trash bags, and directed her to contact Maury.

Julie the amount in the IIP overage was for last year's funds. Julie will check with the CPA to set another line up for use.

Sherry of Tri-Lakes stated they have spent the full \$500 but the report shows \$293. After further discussions between Julie and Sherry an error was discovered in the report and will be corrected in the next report.

Becki & Julie reported the bill for \$960 was paid to the CPA - \$240 for last year thru Dec 2023 and \$720 for fiscal year ending Sept 2024.

Ruth asked if we have til December 31 to submit bills for reimbursement – yes.

Janet asked if the amount rolls into next year – no.

Sherry again questioned the revenue and the income on the reports. Becki replied the CPA is a qualified accountant and believes she would know the proper way to create the reports. Sherry asked Jill for her opinion and she responded that she was not aware of the specifics for a Not For Profit organization. Motion to approve the Treasurer Report was made by Lynette, 2nd by Janet, motion passed with Sherry opposed.
4. **STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Maury spoke on advertising materials with regard to the Ball Cap hats with our logo. 10 yrs ago an order of 48 hats took us a while to sell out. The current order would require order of 36 with a cost of \$16 each, the total cost will be around \$575. We could sell hats at \$18 or \$20. Sunshades for a vehicle with our logo require a minimum order of 25 approximately

\$350 cost. We could sell at \$15 or \$20. Motion made by Kathy, 2nd by Mary to purchase Sunshades. Motion passes. Motion to purchase hats made by Jennifer, 2nd by Jill. Motion passes. Maury reminds everyone decals and now key chains with our logo are available to purchase and we will be sure these items are on our web store site.

- A. Education and Expansion – Becki Krueger advised there are individuals interested in forming a new Chapter in the Kansas City area, around Stockton Lake. Sherry advised it's a Corp of Engineers property but it is managed by the MDC. Contact Becki has been talking with does have 15 members interested.
- B. Publication – Cristlyn Randazzo report sent out. Becki noted we need to correct the fee structure on paperwork and will get with Cristlyn on this matter.
- C. Public Lands – Bob Wolf and Maury Mertz. Bob encouraged everyone to have input with our land managers. Example given is the new discussion of 11 Point Park. Feedback from the public raised awareness to a large request for Equine Trails and possible camping in the design of this new park. This was due to the amount of input coming state wide, many from St. Louis to the West Plains areas. Jill commented that a lot of the general riders do not know the areas within our state that allow Horseback Riding. Bob will send out a list to share the parks with available trails. Some of the miles and accessibility listings are inaccurate so be sure to double check before setting out. Leslyn encourages the MoStateParks.com site and Bob will send an email to each Chapter Director. Maury also suggested checking our own BCHMO facebook site for State/Action Alerts.
 - a. MDC Round Table – Maury Mertz and Sherry Copeland – Maury will be attending.
- D. Goals and Objectives – Jennifer Wolf reported not too much feedback but will be finalizing and sending to the committee for review.
- E. Missouri Horse Council – Lynette Miller advised the Annual Meeting has been scheduled for January 11, 2025 in Jefferson City at the Farm Bureau office. Back up date of Jan 25 if poor weather. Will be discussing the Mo State Fair remodeling, voting in new officers and she has one Liability sign left over with her today if anyone is interested in purchasing for \$25. This was a fundraiser for the Missouri Horse Council organization.
- F. Volunteer Service Hours – Ray Maynard not here but Becki advised no updated numbers since our AMM. The Corp of Engineers report was submitted. Sherry can't get a response from why hours were turned in by someone on the Wilson Creek Battlefield-that is Tri-Lakes area. Someone thought that the info was turned in from Jane for the Indian Trails person doing the work. Sherry questions the travel time vs mileage for Rockwoods Range, suggesting they may be skewed.
- G. Membership Coordinator – Sue Maynard not present but surprisingly as discussed at the AMM even having the loss of 2024 renewals as we did, we still had a surge of new members sign up. Jill questions when/why we have more members – discussion revealed it might be due to the year running January thru December.
- H. National Directors – Becki Krueger; Kathy Jaeger; Lynette Miller Becki submitted a report to directors. Discussion questioned why there is no fund raising on the National level. Sherry responded that Corporations won't work with the National as there is no offering something in return such as an email list of all contacts. Janet asked if there is a Trade Show at the National – maybe for a sponsor? No it is only a business meeting. Kathy reported on a recent Nat'l Director call – a lot of concern for the Tennessee and North Carolina damage from the Hurricane. This brought forth discussions on how the National Directors need to prepare a plan for dealing with disasters and be ready to get involved if needed. Motion to accept all Standing and Ad Hoc Committee reports made by Jill, 2nd by Lynette. Motion passed.

Restaurant owner/manager approached Becki during a break and advised they will be changing the use of the room. Either rent the meeting room at \$100 for the first hour plus \$50 each hour after or the meal cost would be \$15-20 each person (no mention of number

of meals req'd). Kathy will check for options at other restaurants in Rolla and bring it to next meeting.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. Chairman - Kathy nominated Becki Krueger, 2nd by Leslyn. No other nominations. Julie motioned, Jill 2nd and all approved.
- B. Vice Chairman – Kathy nominated Jennifer Wolf, No other nominations. Sherry motioned nominations cease and be accepted by acclamation, Leslyn 2nd motion passed.
- C. Secretary – Jennifer nominated Kathy Jaeger, No other nominations. Sherry motioned nominations cease and be accepted by acclamation, Janet 2nd, motion passed.
- D. Treasurer – Ruth nominated Julie, 2nd by Lynette. Sherry motioned nominations cease and be accepted by acclamation, Jennifer 2nd, motion passed.
- E. National Directors (Board Chairman plus 2nd director and Alternate) – After several discussions of interested directors Kathy, Janet or Tim, a motion was made by Jill, 2nd by Leslyn to nominate Kathy or Tim. Secret ballots were distributed and then counted by Maury with the majority votes to Kathy as the 2nd National Director for 2025. For the Alternate National Director position, a motion was made by Pat, 2nd by Jill to nominate Janet. A second nomination for Pat was made by Sherry, 2nd by Julie. Sherry motioned nominations cease, 2nd by Jennifer. Secret ballots were distributed and then counted by Maury with majority votes to Janet for the Alternate National Director for 2025.
- F. Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Appointments will be done at the January meeting by the Chairman.

6. CHAPTER REPORTS – Chapters presented reports at the Annual Membership meeting

7. OLD BUSINESS This information was covered in the Treasurer section and the Merchandise covered above also as Maury had to leave the meeting early.

- A. Annual Membership Recap
 - a. Meeting
 - b. Banquet
 - c. Silent and Live Auction
 - d. Poker Ride and 50/50 drawing
- B. Merchandise Purchase – Maury Mertz

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. IIP Requests – Marsha advised the Tri-Lakes Chapter has been approved for \$1,035 to achieve signage being replaced, trail repairs with new gravel at the Bolivar Landing. Becki advised the NEMO Chapter is working on one but not submitted yet.
- B. Indian Trails Chapter – Becki Krueger reported numerous calls and text have been sent to Charlie Prellwitz with no response. Becki advised she will send a letter with requirements of number of members and choosing of a Director and Alternate with attendance to the Director meetings is necessary.
- C. Committee to organize the Annual Membership Ride @ Brushy Creek (food, entertainment, etc) – Jennifer and Bob Wolf agreed to work on this.
- D. Policies and Procedures review in January (please begin making corrections to the P&P) Becki asked all Directors and Alternates to read and discuss this for possible changes. Sherry suggests dropping the Leave no Trace section from the P&P.
- E. Prepare for January Budget Review and Approval – Becki asked Julie to contact the Directors for the wants in their Chapter Budgets for 2025.

9. NATIONAL AND STATE EVENTS FOR 2025

- A. March 28-30: Upper Current River Cleanup @ Big Creek Trail Ride
- B. April 13-16: BCHA National Board Meeting in Prescott, AZ
- C. April 22: Earth Day (Tuesday)
- D. June 6-8: Mark Twain Forest/Ozark Trail Cleanup and Membership Appreciation Ride @ Brushy Creek Lodge
- E. June 7: National Trails Day

F. Sept. 20: BCHMO Annual Membership Meeting @ Brushy Creek

G. Sept. 27: National Public Lands Day

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND KUDOS

Lynette asked if the information sent by email could come only in a PDF form. Jill and Leslyn agree only in PDF. Please use PDF as the means of communication.

Becki thanked everyone for coming and appreciates all input from the Directors as well as the Alternates. Look forward to another great year in 2025.

11. NEXT MEETING

A. January 20, 2025 @ 10 am

B. Location: Jefferson City

C. Perkins Restaurant

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm by motion from Jennifer, 2nd by Leslyn and motion passed.