Agenda Minutes – FINAL approved July 21, 2025
Back Country Horsemen of Missouri
May 5th, 2025
Perkins Restaurant, Jefferson City, MO.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman, Becki Krueger called to order at 10:00 a.m.

A. Welcome to all in attendance

B. Roll Call - Present today are Officers – Becki Krueger CHR, Jennifer Wolf VC, and Kathy Jaeger SEC. Directors - Leslyn Randazzo, Gary Harrison, Ruth Garner, Lynette Miller, Janet Rettenmaier and Sherry Copeland. Bob Wolf - Public Lands and Maury Mertz – Volunteer Service Hours.
Alternates - Pat Reinebach and Marsha Copeland. Guest – Gary Garner.

C. Agenda Adjustments

2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 20TH, 2025 MINUTES – everyone had read the minutes prior to meeting and no discussions took place. Motion to approve made by Jennifer, 2nd by Gary and all approved.

3. OFFICER REPORTS

A. Chairman- Becki Krueger reported she has been busy with lots of activities.

B. Vice Chairman – Jennifer Wolf asked if each Chapter would report to her, the designated trails being taken care of in your area. She would like to have this information available upon request.

C. Secretary – Kathy Jaeger – written report given

D. Treasurer – Kathy Jaeger shared the provided documents of Balance sheet / Budget with information now including lines of each chapter's Restricted Funds. Research of the past Treasurer's paper files will be done to search for any possible restricted funds not identified at this point for River Springs or South Central. A recent fundraising event held by Cuivre River provided restricted funds of $325. Total income was $650 with half being given back to the barn facility for their use.

a. January 20th corrections on Balance Sheet – Board officers are in agreement that the CPA has given us a breakout line and we will use this layout moving forward. A motion to accept Officer Reports was made by Kathy, 2nd by Janet, approved with one opposition from Sherry.

4. STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Education and Expansion – Becki Krueger informs everyone, we have someone who has volunteered to fill this position, Christine Grey of Tornado Ridge. Officers Becki, Jennifer and Kathy had a nice visit on a zoom call and we all feel she will make a great fit. Christine will try to make the June membership meeting to meet everyone. Sherry moved to accept her appointment, 2nd by Janet and all approved.

Becki advised she had applied and received a BCHA Youth Grant and a Mark Twain Lake FOREST Council grant to cover costs for an Earth Week event recently held with the Corp of Engineers. 200 kids for 3 days were bused in to learn about the outdoors, conservation and LNT practices. NEMO was the only volunteer group to show up and help with the event and they are already on the calendar for next year's event.

B. Publications – Cristlyn Randazzo written report given and Becki mentioned Cristlyn requests info for the Newsletter. Janet mentions Rabies cases on the rise, stresses importance of vaccinating your horses each year. Jennifer reminds us to advise an Associate member, they receive an advertisement in the newsletter as an extra perk.

a. Merchandise – Maury Mertz - The cups Kathy had made for BCHA were mentioned as a possible idea for BCHMO. Consensus was to be able to fit in the car console holders and possibly a suggestion of a mug with handle. Kathy to bring ideas to the July meeting. The merchandising tax situation was revisited for discussion. Maury advised if merchandise is promoting the 501C3, there should be no tax due. This information was provided by a tax account friend of his.

C. Public Lands – Bob Wolf written report recapped and he advised the value from the Spring Clean up work was $29,212.17. He provided a time line and meal breakdown for the membership ride on June 6 & 7. Ruth Garner volunteered to lead Cowboy Church on Sunday.

Maury advised MDC will hold the Round Table event on Oct 1 & 2 at the Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City with a theme of "Rooted in Our Mission". This is a good networking event if anyone is interested in attending.

Ruth Garner mentioned some of her members are concerned and unhappy over the fee increase at Brushy Creek and how it might hurt attendance for our annual meeting in the fall. Bob offered to check on the rates and see if any discounts apply.

Sherry advised Jason Lott has retired and no replacement person has been announced yet.

Becki advised she met the new MDC NE & Central District land manager – Sarah Franz.

D. Goals and Objectives – Jennifer Wolf – Becki started by thanking Jennifer for a great job on gathering information and preparing our Goals & Objectives documents. Janet questioned the Leadership section and it was determined she was thinking of another item that had been mentioned for Leadership Training in the past. It was discussed by some that 10% might be too high of an amount for increasing memberships. Leslyn motioned to approve with a 5% change in lieu of the printed 10%, 2nd by Kathy, all approved.

E. Missouri Horse Council Lynette Miller advised she attended a zoom call on March 18. MHC is ordering more Equine Liability signs to sell for fundraising. Their treasury balance was $8,978.62 and there had been a discussion with the Governor concerning the expansion construction.

a. Assign delegate - Becki mentioned we need a separate individual to represent BCHMO as Lynette is representing another organization. After discussion, Janet Rettenmeier volunteered to represent us. All board members approved.

F. Volunteer Service Hours – Maury Mertz written report given and noted the numbers are down due to 3 Chapters not reporting for the last quarter.

G. Membership – Sue Maynard. Kathy had given the current membership of 233 with 369 members in her Secretary report.

H. National Directors – Kathy Jaeger written report given and she mentioned her highlights; Pat Reinebach reported how LNT had removed the horse image from the literature and the Nat'l board voted to no longer support the organization with an annual membership, there were demonstrations of the Light on the Land program and Packing, as well as a cross cut competition, and the need to explain to others our concerns on the e-bike issues as well as what trail designation means. Becki Krueger shared the detailed report she had completed on the activities of Missouri and how others states were unaware of this report. The new chairman is Craig Ferdig. We need to stay visible with our Public Lands managers and help where we can with the current government hold situation. The 2026 BCHA National Meeting will be April 12-15 at the Embassy Suites in Kansas City, MO. Kathy thanked Janet Rettenmeier for her hard work in gathering the camping trip for Missouri's donation of an auction item. It was one of the higher items sold.

Motion to accept the Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports made by Janet, 2nd by Jennifer, all approved.

5. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – Chairman, Becki Krueger reported that Cuivre River held their fundraising event and ended with a restricted fund profit of $126.

6. CHAPTER REPORTS

A. Brownfield
B. Cuivre River
C. Heartland
D. Mountain Riders
E. NEMO
F. River Springs
G. Rockwoods Range
H. South Central
I. Southwest
J. Tornado Ridge
K. Tri-Lakes

Motion to accept Chapter Reports was made by Kathy, 2nd by Jennifer, all approved.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2025 BCHA NBM Expenses finalization Car rental $970, gas $246, registration $800, hotel $759.48 equals $2,775.48 (Budget amount was $3000) Slightly under budget.

B. Policies and Procedures manual updates (page by page) Board reviewed and made changes.

C. Upper Current River Ride @ Big Creek update – discussed above

D. Upcoming Annual Membership Ride – Bob Wolf, Maury Mertz – discussed above

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Chapter Guideline updates needed – Becki advised Kathy sent it out but just for your info at this time. Will be an item of discussion in the future.

B. Annual Membership meeting @ Brushy Creek

a. Cost increase in camping (additional charge for 2nd person) – also discussed above and Bob checking on rates and/or discounts.

b. Auction – Live, Silent, or both? Discussion resulted to have only a Silent auction.

c. Workshops – (Chapter leader training?, saddle fitter, other ideas) Interest in Saddle Fitter and Packing Demonstration approximately one hour long

d. Games or ideas to bring chapters together (fundraiser like at NBM, Corn Hole, etc) Decision to have Games of Corn Hole for a competition – Becki & Kathy will bring boards, Bob will bring a bracket sheet for sign ups

e. Entertainment at Banquet – yes, no? Yes - interested in someone to entertain.

f. No organized meals will be provided at the Annual meeting.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND KUDOS

Maury at next meeting want to discuss Volunteer Hours reporting - pros/cons of the short form (being used) vs BCHA wanting long form, cost could be a $1,000 – bring ideas on this matter.

10. NEXT MEETING

A. Date: July 21, 2025
B. Location: Denny's in Rolla, MO
C. Time: 10:00 a.m.

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Jennifer, 2nd by Gary all approved at 2:56 p.m.