

Back Country Horsemen of Missouri
23rd Annual Membership Meeting
Brushy Creek Lodge and Resort
Black, Missouri
Minutes of September 28, 2024
(Approved 9/20/25 AMM)

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Becki Krueger called the meeting at 9:04 am.
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Becki welcomed everyone to the annual meeting and asked Ed Holland to lead us in prayer. She then followed by the recognition of this day being National Public Lands Day and how it is important to all of us.

Directors and Alternates were asked to stand in recognition of their service representing their chapter and in helping with the guidance of the entire state organization by their involvement. Those present were:

Brownfield - Leslyn Randazzo
Heartland - Tim Anderson
Mountain Riders – Jennifer Wolf and Steven Assenmacher
NEMO – Garry Harrison and Pat Reinebach
River Springs – Ruth Garner
South Central – Kathy Jaeger and Maury Mertz
Southwest – Lynette Miller
Tornado Ridge – Laura Johnson
Tri Lakes – Sherry Copeland

No Director or Alternate present from Cuivre River, Indian Trails or Rockwoods Range.

- 3. MEMORIAM:** We recognize the loss of Penny Hicks and Angel Jasper. Continued prayers are needed for Jeanie Crosby on her recovery from her bad fall.
- 4. MINUTES OF THE 2023 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** Presented and discussion with a single correction to Bob Howell (Howe) name being made. Motion to approve with correction was made by Ray Maynard, 2nd by Danny Gentles and the motion passed.
- 5. TREASURER'S REPORTS:** Julie unable to attend but had sent several reports stating our current status is \$36,751.30 per her Hand written Jan-Aug report. Question raised by Bob Wolf on setting up a reserve amount of say \$15,000 as an approximate of our yearly expenses. Also discussed possibility of the need to have a legal fund for expenses that might be incurred. Leslyn asked if we could purchase CD's for some point of growth with our money. These items would need to be taken to the Board of Directors. Julie had also

sent a note stating the CPA has not been paid at this point of time in the reports. Ray Maynard noticed the Property and Equipment line item on the Balance Sheet shows zero, although BCHMO does have equipment such as chainsaws, loppers, etc. Need to get that corrected. Sherry Copeland reminds everyone that October, November and December expenses are not reflected yet. She still has issues with incorrect line item amounts in the revenues. Becki reported that the Board has contracted with the CPA to manage the funds reports. A motion to accept the Treasurer's reports was made by Lynette, 2nd by Gary with majority approval. Sherry casts a nay vote as she states she can't approve an inaccurate report.

6. **STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION:** Becki spoke highly of the representation by the Board of Directors at all of the meetings this past year. She encourages anyone interested to attend as you are welcome to do so. There was a change of membership dues at the National level – an increase of \$5 each type of membership. National has not changed their dues in over 10 years even though costs have continued to rise. The National membership overall is down and that affects budgets in possibly being cut. We encourage growth at the chapter level and as officers, we would be willing to come to any chapter meeting to assist with continued growth. Volunteer positions are still open and anyone may contact an officer if interested in filling a vacancy. The On-Line Store is up and running on our website if anyone is looking for promotional items of BCHMO. With the loss of the Ridge Runner chapter this past year, Kathy Jaeger suggested reaching out to that lost membership and Jennifer Wolf advised she is already working with them. Danny Gentles mentioned some interest in a NW Chapter being formed and Becki will reach out to them. Billie Patton asked who does Macon area – it was offered Tim or Becki could help there. Theresa Anderson encourages everyone to be open and not categorize any new riders as a certain type of rider so that they feel welcome and would want to participate.
7. **NATIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT/2024 NATIONAL BOARD MEETING:** Becki asked Pat, Lynette and Kathy to report on their experiences at the National meeting held at Casper, Wyoming this past March. Consensus from each was great involvement by many of the state's Chapters and the value of all the great information shared. Becki asked if anyone was having trouble with Ebike issues? Suggests to be proactive not reactive if problems are occurring. Also report any motorized activity such as razors or dirt bikes as well on the non-motorized trails. Becki reported the Forestry departments have taken a hiring freeze but that is coming from the top so be kind to your local contacts, their hands are tied. The National Association is expecting an income deficit of \$40,000 this year.
8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - A. **Education/Expansion Committee Report:** Maury Mertz and Sherry Copeland will be attending an upcoming MDC event. Becki is available for the Leave No Trace program. Becki will reach out to the gentleman interested in establishing a new Chapter. Becki will email the Board with any educational events as they come available.
 - B. **Public Lands Committee Report:** Bob Wolf reported the March event at Big Creek and the June event at Brushy Creek yielded 700 miles of cleanup work done in 400 working hours by our members. We have value to offer! In the works are two new proposed Missouri Parks – Bryant Creek and Eleven Point. Horse trails are currently being planned on the Bryant Creek location with 11 miles of Horse trails on 800 acres and Hiking trails on the balance of the 700 acres. The Eleven Point Park is still in the very beginning stages with no determined usage yet.
National Report from Maury Mertz advised we have a great relationship with Ed Sherman, our Program Manager with the forestry and this will serve us well in the

future. Tread Lightly signs will serve us well in the purpose of educating the general public and are available if anyone would like to have one. Chainsaw certifications were accomplished this year coordinating with the forestry training. Ed Sherman requested assistance in supplying some of the donated trash bags back to the forestry for cleanup projects, which we were happy to be able to do so. Maury stressed the value of our work in the forestry lands and how the reporting of that work is so vitally important. We are one of a few organizations that work really well with our Land Managers. We maintain a great relationship and were even able to assist with research on Ebike regulations to help the COE to establish a set of guidelines in our state to address this issue.

Missouri Department of Conservation from Sherry Copeland. She advised agreements have been renewed and we have a new Director – Jason Sumners.

St. Louis County – Jane Dosal advised personal relationships have been established and a few discussions taken place regarding cars parking in the trailer areas. Hopefully these are resolved.

C. Publications Committee Report: Cristlyn Randazzo reported the proposed Newsletter two times year – one in January will be created with a spotlight on the trails in our state. Everyone is encouraged to submit articles either by email or in a word document as an attachment.

D. Service Committee Report: Ray Maynard reported service hours of 397,490 vs last year 246,684. Great job everyone! A lot of hours were attributed to the Rockwoods Chapter with the Greensfelder obstacle course reconstruction.

Sue Maynard reported our membership is up by 88 new memberships, total members of 453.

Motion to approve the Committee Reports was made by Lynette, 2nd by Pat, motion passed.

9. CHAPTER INTRODUCTIONS FOR THE 2025 YEAR:

Chapter	Director	Alternate
Brownfield	Leslyn Randazzo	Phileta Rio
Mountain Riders	Jennifer Wolf	Steve Assenmacher
NEMO	Becki Krueger	Gary Harrison
River Springs	Ruth Garner	Ray Maynard
South Central	Kathy Jaeger	Maury Mertz
Southwest	Lynette Miller	Kem McKinnis

(No Director or Alternate attended from Rockwoods Range but 3 members were present.)

Heartland, Tornado Ridge & Tri-Lakes to be determined – no meeting held to nominate yet.

Lynette Miller mentioned the Missouri Horse Council Liability signs available for purchase – she has some for \$25 as a fund raiser of the Horse Council, if anyone is interested.

Reminded everyone is welcome to attend MHC meeting coming up at Farm Bureau building in Jefferson City in January 2025.

10. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: Jennifer Wolf reported on the input received as follows:

1. Increase youth involvement
2. Membership growth
3. Improve Communication National to State to Chapter to Chapter Leaders & Individuals
4. Members involved in the Chapter (volunteer)

5. Simplify VHS reporting – Ray has made some improvements already and a Zoom call to instruct how to use was helpful.

Some suggestions were to send our Newsletter to the 4-H, FFA and other outdoor local organizations. Tim Anderson applauded NEMO for the Frank Russell location as a model example of what can be accomplished with great relationships and volunteer service being performed. Jennifer finished by asking for any further volunteers to step up, help establish these and have further input on our goals.

11. MEMBERSHIP INPUT AND COMMENTS:

12. 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

October 28 at 10 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting in Rolla at Denny's Restaurant

Mar 28-30 Upper Current Clean Up at Big Creek Trail Rides

Apr 13-16 National BCHA Board of Directors Meeting in Prescott, AZ

Jun 6-8 Ozark Clean Up & Membership Appreciation Ride at Brushy Creek Lodge & Resort

Sep 20 Annual Membership Meeting at Brushy Creek Lodge & Resort

- 13. CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT:** Becki closed meeting with many thank yous for the hard work put in this past year and reminded everyone of the events later in the day – Poker Ride at 1:30 cost is \$5 to ride, Dinner at 6 pm, Silent Auction closes at 7:30, and there is one Live Auction item to sell after dinner – set of monogrammed BCHMO Corn Hole Boards with bags.

Motion to adjourn at 11:30 made by Ray Maynard, 2nd by Danny Gentles, motion passed.