

Agenda-Minutes to BOD 01-19-26 Approved

Back Country Horsemen of Missouri

Board of Directors Meeting

October 13, 2025

Perkins Restaurant in Jefferson City, MO

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman, Becki Krueger called to order at 10:07 am
 - 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, Tim Anderson, Lynette Miller, Janet Rettenmaier
Alternates –Pat Reinebach
Maury Mertz – Volunteer Service Hours
Bob Wolf – Public Lands
 - C. Agenda Adjustments - Kathy Jaeger asked for a Closed session to be added.
2. **APPROVAL OF July 21, 2025 MINUTES** – motion to approve made by Lynette, 2nd by Jennifer, all approved.
CLOSED SESSION – Motion made by Jennifer, 2nd by Janet to move to closed session, all approved. Bob Wolf was asked to leave meeting during these discussions. Motion to end the closed session was made at 11:07 am by Jennifer, 2nd by Janet, all present approved.
3. **OFFICER REPORTS**
 - A. Chairman – Becki Krueger I have been contacted by the Forest Service and am pleased to advise we are working on a B Bucker class for certifying new Buckers and re-certifications for those needing a class. Hoping to hold the first part of November in Salem, MO. Recap of the Prison Trip made by myself and Kathy Jaeger was a great youth experience. Becki advised she had a good interaction with hikers at the Mark Twain Lake and they asked about joining her chapter, offering to help on foot with trail maintenance.
 - B. Vice Chairman – Jennifer Wolf advised a recent post on Facebook by the Howell County Riders expressed displeasure of a logging operation at Noblett Lake and Jennifer wants to try to de-escalate this situation before she has a meeting with Trey Hall.
 - C. Secretary – Kathy Jaeger (nothing)
 - D. Treasurer – Julie Irwin (absent) Printed reports came out in the packets. Becki advised that thank you cards were sent to the donor of \$2,500 to the National Museum and to the anonymous donor of \$500 for the Annual Membership meal. January meeting will be about our budget – be thinking on these needs. Becki advised she will discuss with both Julie and Karen about formulating some idea of the amount of reserves we might need to prepare for during low income years.
Motion to approve the Officer Reports was made by Lynette and 2nd by Pat, motion passes.

4. STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Education and Expansion – Christine Grey(absent) We are looking forward to her working on the Chapter Guidelines document and the Chapter Formation Booklet for updates.
- B. Publications – Cristlyn Randazzo(absent) Leslyn has volunteered to help her and they are wanting articles from the various chapters.
- C. Public Lands – Bob Wolf reported nothing new since the Annual Meeting
 - a. MDC Roundtable – Maury Mertz reported many of the seminars were Conservation related which fits us well. Forest service was missing due to shut down but there were still 95groups represented and is a great networking tool. Maury was the only one from BCHMO who attended – same as the last 2 years.
- D. Goals and Objectives – Jennifer Wolf advised she needs to set a Zoom Call up to further discuss the G&O.
- E. Missouri Horse Council – Janet Rettenmaier representing BCHMO but will be attending their Annual Meeting in January. Lynette Miller reported at the September 8 meeting, they did a By-Law review and Taylor Ann Washburn from Mo Farm Bureau spoke. Their next meeting will be the Annual scheduled on January 17 with a make-up date on January 24th at the Farm Bureau Building in Jefferson City. Their current fund balance is \$8,028.62.
- F. Volunteer Service Hours – Maury Mertz total hours \$326,713 for the first ¾'s of the year and he has completed the reports to the NFS, NPS and Corp of Engineers. Kathy inquired why numbers are down - some could be related to heat or excessive rain this year or is it due to hours not being reported? Maury responded with no one stating that they are having any issues with our reporting form. Both Jennifer and Becki stated they like the reporting manner. Tim and Jennifer stated they can export the information easily into completing the National reports.
- G. Membership Coordinator – Sue Maynard(absent) Becki and Kathy both noted overall our numbers are down from last year's numbers. Something we continue to look for new ideas to grow.
- H. National Directors – Kathy Jaeger, Becki Krueger and Janet Rettenmaier – Becki reported BCHA has an Incident Report if any E-bike issues occur but as of now, nothing has been reported. There is some concern over distance between hunters in the woods. At the Mark Twain Lake campground, the Golf Cart users are complaining about the E-bikes usage because Golf Carts are not allowed in the same areas as E-bikes.
Janet Rettenmaier – Serving on the Fund Raising committee and reported BCHA is searching for Corporate sponsors. Q &A lecture from a Forestry Representative - Anyone have any contacts, please contact her. She will be sending out a list to Chapter Leaders.
Motion made by Lynette, 2nd by Leslyn to accept the Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports, motion passed.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS –

- A. Chairman – Nomination by Leslyn, 2nd by Jennifer for Becki Krueger. No other nominations. Kathy moved to accept by acclamation. Passed.

- B. Vice Chairman - Nomination by Leslyn, 2nd by Kathy for Jennifer Wolf. No other nominations. Kathy moved to accept by acclamation. Passed.
 - C. Secretary - Nomination by Jennifer, 2nd by Tim for Kathy Jaeger. No other nominations. Pat moved to accept by acclamation. Passed.
 - D. Treasurer - Nomination by Jennifer, 2nd by Leslyn for Julie Irwin. No other nominations. Pat moved to accept by acclamation. Passed.
 - E. National Directors – Per the BCHMO By-Laws, the Chairman is automatically assigned as a National Director. Nomination made by Kathy, 2nd by Jennifer for Janet Rettenmaier to serve as a^t National Director. No other nominations. Kathy moved to accept by acclamation. Passed.
(Alternate) Nomination by Lynette, 2nd by Janet for Jennifer Wolf. No other nominations. Pat moved to accept by acclamation. Passed.
 - F. Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Appointments will be done at the January 2026 meeting by the Chairman.
6. **CHAPTER REPORTS** – Chapter reports presented at the Annual Membership Meeting were acknowledged for this meeting as well. The following chapters submitted an additional report to the secretary for this meeting with the exception of Tri-Lakes:
- A. Brownfield
 - B. Mountain Riders
 - C. Rockwoods Range
 - D. South Central
 - E. Tri-Lakes – A Year to Date Recap – dated October 12, 2025 (shared with the board in this meeting as it was turned in too late to forward to members) Note: no report or Tri-Fold was presented at the annual meeting in September.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Becki advised she listened to the talk happening around the campfire at the Annual Membership Meeting and she took a lot of notes for ideas of the Annual Meeting format.
 - A Rendevous type set up, would point to using a fairground or camp ground with need of horse pens, rig parking and possible riding trails and will include the need of event insurance. Ideas to include activities such as barrels and poles.
 - A hotel meeting – the membership has indicated if they can't bring horse/mules, they won't come.
 - Move meeting back to November (too many conflicts in October). Possible perk - Campground could offer one day free for exchange of our group doing trail work.
 - Take a poll of the membership's desire in November for future planning.
 - Idea to co-sponsor with another organization.
 - Most said if there is nothing to vote on, they have no interest to come just for the meeting.

Becki made a contact with lady by name of Lauri of Tahki Lake in Patterson, Mo. She will inquire about her property and what it might offer. She would like to see it become a celebration and a show of state wide comradery.

Kathy proposed to send the minutes from the Annual Meeting to all Chapter Directors and Leaders for them to share with members as an update of the state's yearly information. Various comments on the Auction – 1) Bid sheets yes 2) Clean up the checkout process 3) Use the ActionAid software 4) close ½ hour before dinner 5) Buyers pay by phone (this would result in charges) 6) Discourage little items from being donated

- B. BCHMO Cups – Kathy advised cups sales are going good, we have sold over half of our initial order.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Government Shutdown – Becki urges everyone to be supportive of our Land Managers through this difficult time of the shutdown.
- B. “B Bucker” Chainsaw Class – USFS Salem, MO will be held November 5-6. We will be doing new certification training and recertification training for some who need it. Super happy our forestry officer reached out and organized this training session. 10 have already signed up.
- C. BCHA ‘B Sawyer and C Trainer’ Chainsaw Class – Brushy Creek Lodge the same weekend .
- D. Update Chapter Guide and Chapter Formation Booklets – needs to be done
- E. **ADDED** – Bob brought up discussion on a Land Manager’s Ride. One has not been held for 3 yrs and most directors present would like to see one in 2026. Becki will check with Brushy Creek. A motion was made by Leslyn, 2nd by Lynette to hold a Land Manager’s Ride in 2026. Motion Passes.

9. NATIONAL AND STATE EVENTS FOR 2026

- A. March 27-29: Upper Current River Cleanup Ride @ Big Creek Trail Ride
- B. April 13-16: BCHA National Board Meeting in Kansas City (will be held in Kansas City in 2027 also)
- C. April 22: Earth Day (on a Wednesday)
- D. June 5-7: Mark Twain Forest/Ozark Trail Cleanup and Membership Appreciation Ride @ Brushy Creek Lodge
- E. June 6: National Trails Day
- F. September 19: BCHMO Annual Membership @ Brushy Creek (location is tentative)
- G. September 26: National Public Lands Day

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND KUDOS

11. NEXT MEETING

- A. January 19, 2026
- B. Rolla, MO
- C. Denny’s Restaurant (Maury confirmed 9-2:30)
- D. 10:00 am start

- 12. MOTION TO ADJOURN** – At 1:46 pm a Motion to adjourn was made by Janet, 2nd by Jennifer, motion passed.