

BCHMO Meeting Minutes Apprvd 4-6-26

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 10:00 am

Denny's Restaurant, Rolla, MO

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman, Becki Krueger called the meeting to order at 10:06 am
  - A. Welcome to everyone and we appreciate your attendance
  - B. Roll Call – Present today are Officers – Becki Krueger CHR, Jennifer Wolf VC, Julie Irwin TRSR and Kathy Jaeger SEC.  
Directors - Leslyn Randazzo, Tim Anderson, Gary Harrison, Lynette Miller and Janet Rettenmaier  
Alternates – Mary Lamar, Steve Assenmacher, Pat Reinebach, Ronnie Shelton and Michelle Rager.  
Maury Mertz, Volunteer Hours; Bob Wolf, Public Lands; Ray Maynard, Web & IIP; and Sue Maynard, Membership  
Guest: Theresa Anderson and Jodi Hess-Schlup
  - C. Agenda Adjustments – Time to address a new QR code available with the Forestry
2. **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 MINUTES** Motion to approve was made by Ray Maynard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer Wolf and the motion approved.
3. **OFFICER REPORTS**
  - A. Chairman – Becki Krueger shared the following:
    - a. Correspondence from BCHA (Donation thank you card) for the generous donation to the National Museum displaying the BCHA story from an anonymous donor in Missouri. Julie will take the card to the donor.
  - B. Vice Chairman – Jennifer Wolf no report
  - C. Secretary – Kathy Jaeger report in packet.
  - D. Treasurer – Julie Irwin reported on the financial reports.
    - a. Merchandise sales/cups – she noted the cups and a few other promotional items brought in \$800 income. Kathy advised there are a few cups still available but most have been sold. Tim Anderson advised they held a drawing for their new membership joining and a cup was the gift.  
A motion to approve Officer Reports was made by Gary Harrison, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Anderson, and the motion passed.
4. **STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - A. Education and Expansion – Becki Krueger reported Christine Grey has stepped back out of this position as she is leaving the state. So this position is once again vacant.  
Becki advised River Springs Chapter has been re-established as the original founder has stepped back in to fill the Director position.
  - B. Publications – Cristlyn and Leslyn Randazzo (Newsletter update) Becki asked if Tim was able to get a story written up and sent to Cristlyn on the recent Sawyer Training class? Tim responded yes, it was turned in. Leslyn reported that Cristlyn has struggled to get articles turned in from the membership and was close to publication when she had a software crash, so no newsletter has been produced as of yet. Becki requested everyone to be sure to send articles in a Word format for ease in transferring and stressed the need to get this out. Directors also stressed need to get this completed and published to the membership in the next few weeks.

- C. Public Lands – Bob Wolf reported how a Judge from Oregon state has blocked the U.S. Forest Service from using a decades old exemption to approve logging projects without environmental reviews on the National level. Presently, there is a logging issue to be discussed on Wed @ Knoblett Lake in Howell County. Bob and Jennifer will be attending that meeting and will report back to the Board. Becki commented how there had been an Action Alert related to local logging with discussions of a 100’ buffer zone on both sides of the trails in our state. Several of the BCHMO membership responded during the requested comment period.
- D. Goals and Objectives – Jennifer Wolf started to report on the Goals & Objectives she had prepared for review. Unfortunately Kathy did not get all pages included in the packet. This was tabled to the April meeting.
- E. Missouri Horse Council – Janet Rettenmaier, Maury Mertz, Becki Krueger and Lynette Miller all attended the January meeting of the Missouri Horse Council. Becki Krueger was presented the Iron Mule Achievement Award at this meeting. Lynette advised the new Sedalia State Fair “Parsons Arena” is hoping to be open later this year. Topics discussed at this meeting included EPA concerns of wanting to get rid of the use of Permethrin sprays; the usage of this on the new screwworm outbreak and a new threat of the Long Horned tick invasion. The existing officers were all re-elected for the 2026 year. Treasury funds are at \$7,590 ending 12/31/25. Janet Rettenmaier reported on the concerns of the aging out membership and trying to draw in the younger generations. The members present voted on an E-bike matter but it was voted down. Out of 26 states having a Horse Council, only half of those are somewhat involved and out of that number, only half of them show up to participate in events.
- F. Volunteer Service Hours – Maury Mertz reported our 2025 Volunteer hours totaled a value of \$458,336. This amount is up substantially from the 2024 report and the 2024 was up from 2023. Great work by everyone. It was suggested for each Chapter to share this information to their Chapter Leaders and their membership, stressing the importance of everyone working together.
- G. Membership Coordinator – Sue Maynard reported memberships are being recorded as Chapters are having their first meetings of the year. She reminded everyone there is an application available as well as reminder cards that can be sent to those who have not renewed yet. Lynette reminded everyone that some of our members can only pay their membership as their contribution to BCHMO. They have aged out and cannot ride any more but still try to support by paying dues.
- H. National Directors – Becki Krueger reported on the Public Lands issues on the national level. Janet Rettenmaier has been working on a Fund Raising Committee for National and reports the members are encouraging local Missouri residents to attend this year’s meeting as it is being held in Kansas City. Hoping to find speakers of interest and locate possible vendors and/or sponsors. Becki reminded everyone that our state needs to have a minimum of 2 auction items for either the silent or live auction.
  - a. 2026 BCHA NBM – Expenses expected at \$1,600 for two attending.Motion was made by Kathy Jaeger to approve Standing and Ad Hoc Committee reports, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lynette. Motion passed.

At this point Kathy brought up the CLOSED SESSION minutes needed to be approved in a separate motion and were overlooked. A motion was then made by Tim Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janet Rettenmaier to approve the CLOSED SESSION minutes, motion passed.

5. **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS** – Chairman, Becki Krueger reported the current appoints will be continued for the upcoming year.

6. **CHAPTER REPORTS**

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| A. Brownfield | B. Cuivre River( <b>none</b> )  | C. Heartland       | D. Mountain Riders |
| E. NEMO       | F. River Springs( <b>none</b> ) | G. Rockwoods Range | H. South Central   |
| I. Southwest  | J. Tornado Ridge( <b>none</b> ) | K. Tri-Lakes       |                    |

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Tri-Lakes Chapter Update - Becki reported that Tri-Lakes had advised the board as of last October, they will not be sending a Director or an Alternate to the Board meetings. Janet Rettenmaier and Ray Maynard both inquired as to their eligibility for any state funds, if they are not complying with our Chapter Requirements. Ray advised that they have not completed the required Ending Report for the IIP funds they had received last year. It is a requirement to complete the end report showing photos and recapping the details of how the funds were spent. No IIP report has been received from them. There has been a refusal to convert their Volunteer Hours to our reporting form as they are using a new method. Michelle Rager asked if they have active members? Becki explained membership is by a minimum number not based on activity. Maury spoke in his opinion that Tri-Lakes does not approve of the direction the Board is going and thus they are refusing to participate on the state level. Becki recommends for the time being that we will just monitor the upcoming year to see how it goes.
- B. B Bucker Training Report (Salem Ranger District & Brushy Creek Lodge) Becki reported 9 new B Buckers were certified and 3 recertifications occurred at the Salem Ranger District training on November 6-7. Thank you to all that devoted the time to this training. The BCHA also scheduled a Sawyer Training at Brushy Creek during that same time. They certified 19 B Buckers and for Missouri, we had John Waitman and David Nelson receive recertification as C Trainers.
- C. Land Managers Ride 2026 – Membership Appreciation Ride Becki advised with the government shut down last year, the government employees are swamped trying to play catch up and get everything done. It was suggested that we may want to postpone our Land Managers Ride until next year. A motion was made by Tim Anderson to postpone our Land Managers Ride to next year, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leslyn Randazzo. Motion passed.
- D. Action Alert (Ozark Trail Public Comment Period) Becki advised she recently met Seanna Whisenhunt of Ozark National Forest and had a good visit with her, discussing the set-back area for the logging. She stated she has heard of our organization and she made a point to say, she appreciates all the work we do for the state trails.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Action Alert (Annual Membership Meeting Input) and Proposal for 2026 Becki reported the information from the survey she had sent out to the general membership concerning our Annual Membership Meeting. Disappointingly, not very many members even responded and the responses were varied. Most consistent is that people want to ride, have meals and shorter time spent in the actual meeting. Maury Mertz questioned “Do we still need to even have an Annual meeting?” Meeting is presently scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup> at Brushy Creek. Julie Irwin suggests lack of attendance at the Annual Membership meeting and the Board meetings is due to too much time being spent inside at meetings. She offered a fall meeting extended to several days. Chapters could elect their Directors and Alternates prior to that meeting. Then those officers could plan the next year’s budget and following year activities as well. There was concern that going from four to

one would not be doable. Julie Irwin motioned to condense the four board meetings into one meeting done at the same time as the annual membership meeting in the fall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Harrison. A vote was taken, 3 for and 6 opposed. Discussion continued and it was decided to have a committee meet and discuss possible changes to our By Laws concerning the number of meetings for the Board and the general membership. Jennifer Wolf nominated Bob Wolf to Chair that committee. Other members volunteering to serve include Jennifer Wolf, Julie Irwin and Tim Anderson. Proposed changes will be brought to the April Board meeting. If the Board recommends changes to the By Laws it will be sent to the general membership for a vote at the Membership Appreciation Ride in June.

Tim Anderson brought up a QR Code that the Forestry has for quick notification of issues, merely scan and go type thing. Maury Mertz was concerned on who would be receiving the notification. Jennifer Wolf volunteered to ask Trey Hall for more information on this. Becki reminded everyone that Richard Stout is the Saw Leader of Missouri for BCHMO.

- B. Committee to organize the Membership Appreciation Ride @ Brushy Creek June 5-7, 2026
- C. Budget for 2026 - Discussions took place and a budget deficit of \$21,372 was determined. A motion to approve was made by Julie Irwin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Maynard. Motion passed. A fund raising event at the Annual Membership Meeting of Bingo Cards was suggested by Julie Irwin in lieu of the auction. Very minimal cost and very little work is required and could be a lot of fun.
- D. Updated Chapter Formation and Chapter Guidelines Booklet – Discussions held with a few minor corrections and formatting to be done. Motion to approve made by Ray Maynard on the Chapter Formation Booklet, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Harrison. Motion passed. Motion to approve the Chapter Guide Booklet made by Kathy Jaeger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Julie Irwin. Motion passed.

**9. STATE AND NATIONAL EVENTS-** (These dates and events need to be sent to the membership)

- A. March 27-29: Upper Current River Clean Up Ride @ Big Creek Trail Ride
- B. April 13-16: BCHA National Directors Meeting @ Kansas City
- C. April 22: Earth Day
- D. June 5-7: Mark Twain Forest/Ozark Trail Clean Up Ride and Membership Appreciation Ride @ Brushy Creek Lodge
- E. June 6: National Trails Day
- F. September 19: BCHMO Annual Membership Meeting @ Brushy Creek Lodge
- G. September 26: National Public Lands Day

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND KUDOS**

Becki reminded everyone this is 250<sup>th</sup> year Celebration of our country nationwide. Keep that in mind when planning events this year.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

- A. April 6, 2026
- B. Location in Jefferson City, Missouri
- C. Restaurant at Perkins Restaurant
- D. Time 10:00 am

**12. ADJOURNMENT** Motion to adjourn meeting a 2:36 pm made by Jennifer Wolf, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Anderson. Motion passed.