



## BHK Saddle Ridge April meeting minutes

Thursday, April 10, Saddle Ridge Pavillion, Hillsdale, KS 6:00 PM

### Call to Order 6:04 PM

### In Attendance:

Monica Chapman-Pickett   Jim Pickett   Pat Pickett   Angie Rolf   Kayla Ratzlaff  
Farley Ratzlaff   John Leighty   Jan Moore   Gerry Cummings   Stephanie Huss  
Jim Poplinger

**March Minutes approval** -Move to approve- Gerry Cummings 2<sup>nd</sup> Jonn Leighty

**Treasurer's Report** – Jim Poplinger- Available upon request

**Trails Report- John Leighty**- Still muddy in areas, wide open spot doing well. Gerry asked about the flags on the purple trail, grass is getting overgrown on them. Steve Boehn and John L discussed and they will get back onto working on it. It has been too cold and wet to work earlier this spring. Monica asked if we could have some more open trail work days this year. John needs a group to clear 2 and 3, lots of branches need to be limbed up over trails. The trail with the Volkswagon needs work.

John also has a special project to note on maps the closest road accesses for emergency situation. Steph will share contact info with person who developed similar with Wyandotte county trails.

**Grant update – John**- They were going to send out for archeological approval.

**Campground update- Steph**- Murder Mystery set for Oct 25<sup>th</sup> \$200 approved for prizes and other expenses. Motion made by Pat Pickett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Monica Chapman-Pickett- motion approved

**Monthly ride update – Jeff/Angie**- Its been too wet to ride. Hoping next Thursday will be dry enough

**State/National meeting update**- Monica said state now has D & O insurance. Core is deciding which campgrounds to shut down due to lack of staff for 2025. No special event permits. BCHA nation mtg for 2026 will be held in KS for it is the most economical location.

**Naming of Trails/Signs** – nothing new to report

**Obstacle Course Committee update** – Angie- Mark said they will burn an area where they want the course to be. It will be back further in the field with a natural grass area and access from the trail headed into the woods. Farley asked if old tiedown straps from semi's would work for the Cowboy Curtain. They are 27 feet long and \$5 a piece. Farley can customize the ends to fit on a pole or Jan would be happy to sew them. Jan can also donate tractor tires and Farley can get telephone poles- discussion agreed that Saddle Ridge would be the best place to store the materials. Members approved \$500 for the Obstacle Course expenses in case it had not been approved previously. Motion made by Stephanie Huss- approved

Fundraising Project Committee 2025-

**Endurance Rides** – Gerry and Mary NATRAC ride coming this weekend. Many thanks to Farley and Joh for ribbon pickup afterwards, Jim and Angie for stock tanks. Gerry for misc. Trails are the same as Gerry's ride.

Gerry's ride- Weather was poor- 35 of the 55 registered riders showed up. CORP of Engineers did a controlled burn the day before and melted a lot of Gerry's Robbons and John trails signs. Had to scramble Friday morning to get them back out. 4 riders missed the course and had some controversy. \$110 in donations from riders to Saddle Ridge NCHA. Gerry will look at late May or early June for his next ride.

**New Business** Sabrina & Luke- new member potential, Kevin and Kenna Goldberry new member potential

Motion to adjourn- Stephanie Huss 6:45 PM 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Leighty

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Huss for Mary Licata, Secretary. April 14<sup>th</sup> 2025