

Big Hill BCHKS meeting

March 8, 2023, 7pm

United Methodist Church, Cherryvale, KS

Bill Racy, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:56pm. A sign in sheet was present for member sign in. Bobbi Barton, President, was contacted via speaker phone.

The November 1, 2022, meeting minutes were presented. A motion was made and seconded for approval of these minutes. All members voted in favor of approval.

John Scammey, Treasurer, reported that we have \$447.00 in our account. It was stated that we need a higher account balance to file for our chapter 501(c)(3). Bill Racy stated that the Big Hill Trail Riders would donate the remainder needed so that the 501(c)(3) application could proceed. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report.

Old business:

1. Bill reported that he attended the state meeting in Emporia. State Chairperson, Stephanie Huss discussed, at that meeting, that the state organization will need to officially change its name to "Kansas Back Country Horsemen". This is necessary to refile for the state's 501(c)(3) status. Our chapter name will remain "Big Hill Back Country Horsemen of Kansas aka BHBCHKS".
2. Jennifer Carnahan, Secretary, stated that we are owed \$405.00 from the 2022 membership dues. Shelia Watkins (state treasurer) will send that to us.
3. Bobbie has received our current membership list from the state.
4. Bill stated that the previously installed hitching posts at Chuck's campground need to be painted. He has the supplies and will gather a small group to paint them the last weekend of March 2023.
5. John stated that there are multiple forms that need to be filled out in order to file for our BHBCHKS 501(c)(3) status. Bobbie, Bill, and John will meet to complete these forms after the additional membership funds have been deposited in our account.

New business:

1. Bill stated that he would like to apply for a \$1000.00 matching grant to paint the north (Dennis) pens. The deadline to file is March 15, 2023. (motioned/seconded/approved)

2. John stated that there will be an endurance ride held the last weekend of April. They will be using the Cherryvale campground. John stated that this would not inhibit other riders but that we should avoid camping at the Cherryvale campground that weekend.
3. Bill stated that the Girl Scouts of America will be utilizing the Timber Hill campground this coming weekend. They will be updating the paint markers along the trails and will mark the new trail that goes down along the lake.
4. Bill stated that the state is promoting “fill the campground” weekends this year. They will add Big Hill to the list and will update us as to the date and which campground we will use.
5. Discussion was held regarding a chapter logo. Member Donna Marotta provided an example. It was motioned, seconded, and approved to form a logo committee. This committee will include Donna, Susan Searles, Connie Scammey, and Ginger Slabaugh. Any member can submit their ideas to the committee. It was decided that our chapter name should be spelled out in its entirety for better promotion/exposure. Logo ideas will be brought to the next meeting.
6. Discussion was held to add a trail to the Cherryvale side. It was motioned, seconded, and approved to form a trails committee. This committee will include John, Connie, Susan, Bill and Jennifer.
7. Bill distributed a list of “trail rules” for review/discussion. It was discussed that there are some updates and revisions needed. It was motioned, seconded, and approved that we update the rules and then post them at each trail head.
8. It was discussed that we hold a recruitment ride to try and encourage chapter membership. It was decided that we would do this after the new Cherryvale trail is ready.
9. John stated that a request was made to add an additional mounting aid at the Cherryvale campground. It was specified that they would like steps.
10. Bill stated that each December we should nominate a chapter member for the “work horse” award. This person will be recognized at the state level. Bill was recognized for 2022!

Next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2023, at 1pm – Cherryvale campground – ride to follow. Bring a friend and logo ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm (motion made, seconded, all in favor).

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Carnahan, BHBCHKS Secretary