



**Kansas Back Country Horsemen Quarterly Officers Meeting**  
**March 18<sup>th</sup>, Equifest , Tonys Pizza Event Center**  
**Salina, KS 67401**

**Call to Order**—President Huss called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.  
10 people in attendance

**Minutes from previous meeting**—Secretary, Pattie Stalder  
Approval of minutes as provided on website, motion made by Cheryl Thomas, seconded by Bill Racy, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**—Treasurer, Sheila Watkins  
Beginning balance \$ 7098.75; Current Balance \$8735.56. Motion to accept by Bill Racy, seconded by Dianna Skinner, motion passed.

**Vice President Report**- Membership drive - Fill The Campground  
Laura Smythe reported they will set up booths at rodeos and other events this summer to promote BCHKS membership.  
Fill the campground update: Milford is full, although one site is available for use through a member that reserved it but won't be present. Laura has made keychain charms ride participants. Bill Racy recommended using the north campground at the Big Hill event. Lake Scott will charge a fee but no reservations can be made in advance. Monthly newsletters will provide info for each ride.

**National Committee Reports**

**Expansion** -Diana Skinner - nothing new

**Media & Marketing** - Pattie Stalder - nothing new

**Public Lands**- Jim Thomas and Diana Skinner – the committee meets monthly and discussed value of working with the corps of engineers. Jim met with Chris Hammerschmidt, Big Hill Manager, on behalf of the KS Trails Council to talk about bikers using the hiking trail at Elk City. Chris offered that Card Creek could possibly be a site for new bike trails. Jim asked about utilizing Elk City River Hiking trail for horse riding. He's okay with twice a year equestrian ride if we get a special use permit. Probably won't schedule any events there until next year.

**Membership Date Coordinator**- Sheila Watkins – No new memberships received from KHC since 2/10/23 so no info available on anyone who has paid since then. We have several new members thru BCHKS. No numbers from Saddle Ridge. Diana reminded everyone that as of April 1<sup>st</sup> you are no longer a member if dues haven't been paid. Members will be notified if they need to renew as soon as KHC updates their list and gets it to Sheila.

**Volunteer Hours**- Cheryl Thomas – nothing to report as it's early in the year. Reports most often come quarterly.

**State Committee Reports** – Grant Committee, Diana Skinner stated that May is the month state grant applications can be submitted.

### **Chapter Reports**

**Sunflower** – Perry had their tractor engine rebuilt. Rockhaven ride is April 1<sup>st</sup>, no Friday night camping. Sunflower Chapter is sponsoring the Fill the Campground Pomona ride on June 16 – 18.

**Saddle Ridge** – Scheduled events include Best of America by Horseback, Fill the Campground and Murder Mystery. Girl Scouts and 4-H groups are volunteering at the park and corrals are being welded. New toilets have been delayed due to funding. Working to get rock in for muddy areas and a grant for equestrian trails is still pending.

**Tuttle Creek** – Park manager has said there will be funding for new corrals, but no time frame is available. New Asst. Manager Danny Fallon was recently hired. Fundraiser ride will be on June 3<sup>rd</sup> with dinner, a silent auction and live music.

**Big Hill** – Committee is working on creating a logo. Bill Racy has applied to BCHKA for \$1000 grant for painting north camp pens, Corps will provide the paint. Trails are in excellent shape. Fill the Campground Big Hill ride is Aug. 25 & 26.

**Chisholm Trail** – Their logo has been created. Their first workday is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> at Pawnee Prairie in Wichita. They have applied for a \$500 grant for trail markers.

### **Old Business**

**Merchandise**- Diana Skinner – 2024 is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BCHKS. She suggested we should we create commemorative event or merchandise. A 10 Year Anniversary Committee was created: Dianna Skinner, Stephanie Huss, Laura Smyth, Pattie Stalder & Donna Johnson.

### **New Business**

**Monthly newsletter** – Stephanie Huss reported that the format is set. Information should be sent to her. Some new email addresses were acquired on the sign-up sheet at the EquiFest booth.

**National Meeting** – The 2023 meeting is April 16 – 19 in Kalispell, MT. Diana Skinner and Jim and Cheryl Thomas will be attending. Diana suggested purchasing 50 commemorative 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary \$2 flashlight keychains to use for the Fill the Campground charms. Diana moved to spend \$100 to purchase them. Seconded by Donna Johnson, motion passed.

**Best of America By Horseback** - in Kansas at Eisenhower State Park on Sept. 15-17

**Other Discussions** - Nice job on the booth at EquiFest, Stephanie Huss will take it home with her.

**Move to adjourn**- Motion to adjourn by Diana Skinner, seconded by Cheryl Thomas, motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.