

Sunflower BCHKS Quarterly Meeting
June 17, 2023, 5pm
Blackhawk Horse Campground, Pomona

Meeting brought to order at 5pm by President Tyler Gestl.

Minutes approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:	Beginning balance	\$4,612.75
	Payment for Natl Director plane fare to NBM	- 587.37
	Rockhaven Benefit Ride	+473.00
	2023 Membership Dues	<u>+555.00</u>
	Ending Balance, June 17, 2023	<u>\$5,053.38</u>

Approved as reported.

The Sunflower BCHKS Chapter currently has 18 individual members and 16 family members. Twelve Sunflower members were present.

Lake Reports:

- Eisenhower State Park, Melvern Lake – Jim continues to clear and mark trails, as needed, and has completed a couple of new trail additions. The trails will be mowed this week.
- Rockhaven, Clinton Lake – Diana reported that reclaiming and rebuilding the orange trail will take considerable manpower. She said there have been some complaints about campers not cleaning pens before they leave, and complaints about day riders parking in campground sites. These infractions should be reported to Corps office.
- Perry Lake – Ken Patterson reported that the Thompsonville trails are in good shape. Rocky Top trails are overgrown. Jo Turner texted a report on State Park trails – Ed and Robin mowed part of the Wild Horse Trails last week. A small volunteer group will be removing the fence around the old lagoon to assist the Perry State Park staff in decommissioning that site. The eastern side of the Jackalope Trail will be closed for a week for installation of a new electrical line. Eldon Pickett has retired from leading the Thursday CCC guided trail rides; these rides are currently on hold. The emergency entrance on 58th Street will be moved to the top of the hill east of the current gate. Plans are to install a memorial bench this fall by the wishing well in honor of Joey Jernigan with a trail ride and potluck dinner. Ed Jarvis continues to take care of deadfall and routine maintenance.
- Landon Trail – Trail is within 2 miles of being completed in Shawnee County. Work continues south. A ribbon cutting marked the completion of the 8-mile section from Overbrook to Michigan Valley.
- Pomona Lake – Ken Johnson has completed several days of trail work. Keeping downed trees off the trail is ongoing. Kenny Patterson, Joyce Harden, Gary & Sandy Pope, and Jamie Studebaker and her crew were recognized with appreciation for several days of work on Pomona trails. Ken Johnson reminded trail riders that they can help by carrying a pair of hand trimmers and using them while they ride trails.

Old Business:

- Diana reminded members that BCHKS has trail markers available to chapters at ½ cost. She also reminded trail workers to leave about ¼” between the marker and the tree to allow for tree

growth. Diana will be placing an order soon for more trail markers and asked for input on colors needed besides blue, orange, white, yellow.

- National BCHA Board Meeting, Kalispell, Montana – This year was the 50th anniversary of BCHA, which was started in Kalispell. Next year's meeting will be in Casper, Wyoming, April 21-24. Diana reported that BCHA is proposing a dues increase of \$5/member, which would take effect 2025. This will have to be ratified by state chapters. The Chisholm Trail BCHKS was one of 13 national grant recipients and was recognized at the national meeting.

New Business:

- BCHKS Fill-the-Campground Project. Laura reported on the Milford State Park weekend, which had 22 in attendance. The Blackhawk Horse Campground weekend currently has 29 in attendance. Laura thanked everyone for coming out and supporting Blackhawk and the Pomona trails and provided all with the BCHA flashlight/keychain and the Pomona charm. The next Fill-the-Campground event will be Lake Scott State Park, July 22. The Lake Scott state park manager has asked for input on a proposed equestrian campground. BCHKS donated manure carts to both Milford State Park and Blackhawk Horse Campground. A motion was made to reimburse Cheryl Thomas for expenses related to providing breakfast and tableware for the Pomona meals. Motion passed and was approved up to \$100.
- The Tuttle Creek BCHKS benefit ride was rescheduled for the weekend of June 24-25 due to weather. The Tuttle Creek chapter was the recipient of a BCHKS grant, which will provide two manure carts to the Randolph campground.
- Sheila Watkins, state treasurer, provided an updated BCHKS membership report: 83 individual, 61 family (equivalent of 122 members). Sunflower is the largest chapter in the state. There are 106 Trails Advocate members, which combines KHC and BCHA membership.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.