**Sunflower Chapter Quarterly Meeting
Rockhaven Campground, Clinton Lake
April 29, 2022**

Attendance: Tyler Gestl, Cheryl Thomas, Diana Skinner, Sheila Watkins, Kenny Patterson, Joyce Harden, Wendy Griffin, Bonnie Warner, Jennifer Carnahan, Jim Thomas. Guest – Mark Patterson, Catherine Crites, Richard Grayson

Meeting was brought to order by President Tyler Gestl. A motion was approved to dispense with reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

Treasurer’s Report – Diana Skinner provided the report showing income from dues of $525; expense of printing on safety vests, $176.30; ending balance of $4,102.75. Sunflower BCHKS currently has 37 active members; 11 members have not paid 2022 dues. Emails have been sent to those members.

Lake/Trail Reports:

* Eisenhower State Park, Melvern Lake – Jim reported that trail markers have been repainted or replaced, as needed. Clearing of downed trees and limbs continues to be ongoing, due to wind. Tim Shields donated an afternoon of skid loader work, and two culverts were put in at muddy areas. The park also has a pile of chipped asphalt from road repairs last fall; Jim plans to use some of that material to fix several other places.
* Rockhaven Trails, Clinton Lake – Diana reported that progress is being made on reclaiming the lower orange trail. Rockhaven Equestrian Campground has a new camp host this summer.
* Pomona Lake – no report.
* Perry Lake – Kenny reported that the Rocky Top to Thompsonville trail is open. Work has also started on a day parking lot near the Andy’s Overlook area.

Old Business: The application period is open May 1-31 for the BCHKS grant.

No New Business reported.

Diana reported on the BCHA National Board Meeting held recently in Kansas City. It was the first face-to-face meeting in three years. BCHA offers a Sawyer Certification program free of charge that could be scheduled for fall, if there is interest. Participants would need appropriate safety equipment and CPR and First Aid certification. BCHA is stressing the benefits of advocacy and partnerships to promote good working relationships with public land managers, which in Kansas would include KDW&P and the Corps of Engineers, among other public entities. Jim Thomas agreed to represent BCHKS on the BCHA Public Lands Committee. Next year is the 50th anniversary of BCHA, and the national meeting will be held at Kalispell, Montana, where BCHA was started. BCHA is working closely with the USFS on keeping non-equestrians from taking over campsites in equestrian campgrounds. An Incident Reporting Form is available on the BCHA website. Although it is mainly directed toward issues in the national forests, the form could also be used to report problems on other public lands.

The next meeting of the Sunflower BCHKS Chapter is scheduled for September 2 at Wild Horse Campground, Perry State Park.