

BCHK BOD meeting, December 6, 2020

The December BCHK meeting was called to order by Chair Steve Lindsey at 6:55 pm. The meeting took place on the Zoom app. 6 members were in attendance: Steve Lindsey, Diana Skinner, Sheila Watkins, Stephanie Huss, Pattie Stalder and Erin Glassman.

Treasurer's report and minutes were sent via email for review. Steve asked for any discussion on these; Diana Skinner made note that she had stated that the Santa Fe trail would have it's 150th anniversary of inception and that needed to be corrected to 200th.

Chapter and regional trails reports were elected not to be had during this meeting due to time constraints of Zoom meeting (40 minutes).

Committee reports were discussed in the following order.

The Santa Fe Trail committee report was given by Diana Skinner. She has submitted the special use form to the KDWP and is waiting to hear back. She will follow up on this but mentioned the parks were excited about the ride. Steve discussed that Carol Retzer may be able to help after the first of the year; she has had experience putting this ride on in the past.

Discussion was made that Cheryl Thomas needs volunteer hours turned in; will advertise this amongst the membership.

Equifest is up in the air; a decision will be made if it's a go after the first of the year.

Chapter development was discussed by Diana Skinner; we have two new areas, including South Central Kansas headed up by Angela Valentine and around Randolph state park. Diana has been giving information and coaching the leadership in these areas; We discussed requirements for chapter development. Pattie asked if a membership was a commitment to working on trails; Steve discussed the variety of ways a membership was in support of trails, including financial backing.

Membership dues are upcoming; Sheila is working on that. December is the time we send in national dues.

Stephanie Huss discussed the annual meeting and it was determined that a tentative date was set for Feb 20, 2021. We discussed the possibility of needing two plans in the event that the nation's health status would prevent us from meeting in person.

Discussion was made that we have lost our 501c3 status; further exploration and work towards regaining this will be made. Some of the work that needs to be done is rewording the bylaws such that our organization's purpose is more clear. Cheryl will present the change at the annual meeting.

Diana Skinner has been working on the nomination committee. Erin Glassman agreed to remain in the Secretary position for the upcoming elections. Diana discussed other nomination possibilities including people for national directors.

Diana discussed things going on nationally from the National Director's role. Work towards fighting a bill to allow bikes in the wilderness has been done and the bill has essentially died due to lack of support. The E-bike fight is still in progress. Nationally there are issues with non-equestrians taking up equestrian campsites and one of the problems is that equestrians get fined for using non-equestrian campsites but not vice-versa.

Meeting was adjourned by Steve Lindsey.