



## KANSAS – HILLSDALE CHAPTER

**MINUTES: 8/21/2018 Hillsdale Community Center 216 Central Paola, KS 6:30 pm**

### **ATTENDEES:**

#### **Members:**

Monica Chapman	Farley Ratzlaff	Kayla Ratzlaff	Lynette Burkhart
Rick Medlin	Paula Cazzato	Linda Shields	Jeanne Schell
Denise Farris	Charlie Waymire	Kathleen Waymire	Anne Alberson
Frank McCarthy	Stephanie Huss		

\*Quorum of 6 present

#### **Non-Members:**

Marianne Wyant	Derek Kvasnicka	Mark Nepote	Alan Farris
Whitney Lowe			

### **I. Trails Report:** Rick Medlin and Farley Ratzlaff

#### **a. Trail Work Jul/August 2018: Total 17 hours**

**9 hrs** F Ratzlaff 6.5 hours Mowed 8-9; Spillway to 10, 11 & Airfield; 3 hours clearing 2 trees north blue between #1 & rock hill, and one tree behind horse campground.

**3.5 hours** R. Medlin 3.5 hours clearing #10 South

**2.0 hours** D Farris Lopping Hanging overheads Blue Trail Campground to 1.

**2.5 hours:** Waymires cut fur tree limbs, sawed overhanging tree trunk & removed from trail; cut several large overhanging limbs and removed from trail; cleared ground of several roots looped on trail between #7 and #9.

**Reminder:** Please email or text Denise Farris (913-220-6203) with any trail work done independently. Need volunteer's name, work description, location, date, and hours. If volunteers belong to other recording organizations (i.e. NATRC, MOTDRA, AERC), please include that information as well and the info will be routed to the relevant organization.

#### **b. Pending Trails Work:**

Farley and Mark Nepote will together visit and review those areas of trail rerouting requested by BCHA prior to work commencing.

Please also contact Farley Ratzlaff (913-755-1624) regarding trail issues needing attention or repair, with the same information. All work issues will be reported to the Park Office as well.

### **II. Treasurer's Report**

**Members: 23** (2 new members in Jul/Aug).

\$15 gift certificate to Farley Ratzlaff for most new members.

**Funds: \$500 (Ks Chapter Account)**

**Donations: \$332 Memorial Plaque Colby Memorial Bench (D Farris; bench paid for by NATRC)**

**\$100 Installation Materials & Labor Colby Bench (L Burkhart)**

**\$325 Purchase Price Safety Vests (D Farris)**

Note: BCHA KS is a 501C3 charitable organization and donations are tax deductible. Persons needing verification of donations should contact Denise Farris for a written receipt.

### III. **Fundraising**

- a. CTH Opportunity: BCHA Hillsdale asked to sponsor and staff food concession at UCTHA competition Douglas County Fairgrounds in February. Group decided to pass this year given we don't yet have the member numbers, but will pass the opportunity on to BCHA KS state chapter.
- b. Tack Sale: Set for September 29<sup>th</sup>, Saturday at Saddle Ridge Pavilion. Donations of tack (including description and estimated FMV sales price) should go to Denise Farris. Lynette Burkhart and Stephanie Huss volunteered to assist.
- c. Benefit fund ride: To be scheduled for spring 2019, to be coordinated by Rick Medlin.
- d. Safety Vest sales: 50 bright orange safety vests donated to the Club for sale thru the Club and Campground Office, \$10 each. Size L and XL for hunting season.

### IV. **Officer Elections:**

The following slate of officers ran unopposed and were approved by unanimous vote:

President:	Rick Medlin
Vice President:	Becky Wiehl
Secretary:	Denise Farris
Treasurer:	Lynette Burkhart
Trails Chair:	Farley Ratzlaff
Fundraising Chair:	Stephanie Huss

### V. **New Business**

- a. Future Trail Changes – Near Shooting Range

Charlie Waymire suggested that since a bridge across Bull Creek below the spillway would cost so much, and that some horses may not cross a bridge, that the trail be brought back north through the woods well east of the shooting range close to the Park maintenance lot behind the office and then west through the trees to come out on the north side of the range close to the road crossing the spillway. Mark stated that this would need approval of Jim Bell (Army Corp. Engineers) as he is the final approval for any trails close to the dam.

- b. Park Report:

1. Equipment.

Mark Nepote reported that they had acquired an ATV and a small tractor for mowing. The ATV has already been delivered and is in use. They will be using it to spray for noxious weeds such as the problem with the sericea lespedeza. The tractor will be delivered in November. He said that they still need a mini-excavator but cannot fund it through the Park funds but there are other funding avenues to check into.

2. Grounds Improvements

Mark reported that they are working to change open fields into crop ground which will help increase funds available for Park use. They have already changed some fields to hay ground and they have an additional 100 acres that will be ready to be planted in crops in the spring planting season.

3. Trail issues

Mark stated that he is the liaison to be contacted for any matters relating to the Park grounds.

Any concerns regarding trails should be directed to the Trail Committee Chairman, Farley Ratzlaff and he will coordinate with Mark.

4. Trail marking and maps:

Other suggestions were made as to marking trails as well as naming some of the trails as they have done in other State Parks. Mark acknowledged that there are many different good ideas but decisions and trail marking should be tabled until the trails are definitely decided as to any old trails that may be reopened, which ones (yellow) can be designated to use for crossover trails, which are dangerous, and which ones are to be closed due to erosion or other factors. Mark and Farley will meet to look at these trails together so that firm decisions can be made, and the trail committee can then be definitive as to the ones needing work on our work days.

The next meeting will be September 18 at 6:30. Lynette will confirm that the community hall will be available for all future meeting dates.

The next work day for trail cleanup will be October 6.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Denise Farris & Lynette Burkhart