BCH Kansas Saddle Ridge Chapter Meeting
2/12/26

Person's in Attendance: Pres. Kayla Ratzlaff, VP John Leighty, Treas. Jim Poplinger, Kathy Skahan, Gerry Cummings, Ronda Wooden, John Pickett, Jim Pickett, Pat Pickett, Jeff Van Horn, Nancy Poplinger, Farley Ratzlaff, Monica Chapman-Pickett, and Adelaide Manica.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.

A motion was made to approve the November 2025 Meeting Minutes by Jeff Van Horn. The motion was seconded by Ronda Wooden. Motion passed.

Jim Poplinger presented the Treasurer's Report(see attached). The reported was approved. Kayla Ratzlaff made a motion to pay Stephanie Huss for hot chocolate served at the New Year's Day ride. It was seconded by Gerry Cummings. Motion passed.

John Leighty presented the trails and grant update report. The RTP Grant and AERC Grant money needs to be spent this year.

There was no campground committee update due to Stephanie Huss being absent.

Jeff Van Horn gave the monthly ride update. The thought is to try the first Thursday and third Saturday for the monthly ride. Starting in April.

John Leighty, John Pickett, Gerry Cummings, and Monica Chapman-Pickett, all attended the State BCHA Kansas meeting in Osage City, Ks, on Feb. 7, 2026. The National BCHA Meeting will be April 12-15, 2026 at the Embassy Suites by Kansas City International Airport. It was suggested that Tuesday April 14 was the best day to attend the National Meeting. Tickets will be $15 a day without lunch. March 5 will be Trails Day at the State Capitol. The Kansas Horse Council and BCHA Kansas will share a booth.

No obstacle course committee report was given. The obstacle course is at a stand still for now.

Monica Chapman-Pickett, Stephanie Huss, and Angela Rolf, are going to put on a Camping, Trailering, and Trail Riding, with your Horses Clinic on March 28 and March 29, 2026 at Saddle Ridge Campground. All profits will go to BCH Kansas Saddle Ridge Chapter.

President Kayla Ratzlaff went over the election procedures. Before any elections took place a discussion was had about whether the club should get Directors and Officers Insurance(D & O). Kathy Skahan went over the D & O insurance. Kathy provided a quote for $1,000,000.00 coverage on a yearly basis for $698.00. Kayla Ratzlaff made a motion for the club to purchase the D & O insurance at the quoted rate. Nancy Poplinger seconded the motion. Motion passed.

On even years the President and Secretary are elected. President Kayla Ratzlaff announced she is not running. She has served her two terms. John Leighty was nominated by Stephanie Huss through Kayla Ratzlaff for President. No other nominations were brought forth. The group elected John Leighty as President.

John Leighty was Vice President. With John moving into the President's position the remaining one year of the Vice President's role needed to be filled. Gerry Cummings nominated Kathy

Skahan to be Vice President. There were no further nominations for Vice President. The group elected Kathy Skahan as Vice President.

Stephanie Huss was nominated by John Leighty to be Secretary. There were no further nominations for Secretary. The group elected Stephanie Huss for Secretary.

John Leighty plans to get the new board members together to work out the committees and who is on them. Kathy Skahan will start working on marketing the events at Saddle Ridge.

In New Business a discussion was had regarding the need for some new trail tools and to replace others. Gerry Cummings made a motion to spend up to $1000.00 on trail tools. Farley Ratzlaff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A Bigfoot Hunt is scheduled at Clinton Lake on April 18, 2026.
On June 20-21, 2026, a Trail Riding Clinic will be held at Pomona Lake.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:16pm by Pat Pickett. John Pickett seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Monica Chapman-Pickett
Substitute Secretary