Kansas Back Country Horsemen Board Meeting Agenda
July 19, 2026 at 7pm via Zoom

Call to Order at 7:02 by President Laura Smyth

Minutes from previous meeting – Secretary, Pattie Stalder – posted on website – Sheila moved to approve as submitted, seconded by Monica, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Donna Marotta **–** Sandi Pope moved to accept as submitted, Eileen seconded, motion passed. Monica requested that the Treasurer Report be sent out prior to the meeting.

National Committee Reports
National Director Report-Diana Skinner – n/a

Public Lands- Diana Skinner – National Public Lands Day is Sept. 26th. Nationwide events can be posted on the BCHA event page.

Membership Data Coordinator- Sheila Watkins – We have a few new members. She's working with Justine to insure all Neon member information is correct. AS of July 9th, we have 190 members (individuals 74 & family 116).

Volunteer Hours- Cheryl Thomas – n/a

Youth Committee – Lexi Studebaker – n/a

State Committee Reports
Fundraiser/Event Committee- Stephanie Huss -n/a

Chapter Reports
Sunflower - Sandi Pope – Not able to carry forward with introduction to trail riding/horse camping clinic in June due to weather. It may be rescheduled.
Saddle Ridge - Monica Chapman – obstacle course is coming along, Texas Two Step has been held up, footing still needs to be put in, monthly trail rides have been hit and miss due to weather. Jerry Cummings is Trails Comm. Chair and is doing a great job along with many volunteers. State is letting them use their tractor to mow. Fundraiser is 9/26. 7/20 will be the By-laws meeting.
Tuttle Creek – Pattie Stalder - Fundraiser ride will be Sept. 19 & 20. Next meeting will be held in on Sat., 8/15/26. We have joined the Rural Riley County Community Foundation and will participate in their "Match Day" on Aug. 27 & 28.
Big Hill - Donna Marotta – Spent 3 days, 113 hours of volunteer time due to downed trees. Corps gave permission to burn the debris. Fundraiser ride is on 9/13, Memorial Ride for Bridge Campground. Cherryvale and Timber Hill are cleared.

Old Business
1. Special Event and other Insurance discussions
    a. Monica stated that she didn't know we had made a decision about the coverage. Sheila explained that there wasn't a decision to be made. We have D & O and special event coverage. It's general liability coverage. Eileen asked if the liability covers BCHKS and 2 events or does it also cover Chapter events?

Sheila said it covers anything BCHKS does. Eileen asked if it covers an event put on by Sunflower Chapter. It doesn't cover injuries incurred at an event. Monica wants to check with our agent's underwriter and would like to see it in writing. She suggested we get another quote. Chapters that are using BCHKS tax ID # can't purchase their own liability coverage. Sheila will check with agent to see how many special events we can add to our policy. Some states require events to be covered through the state and 10% of funds raised gets paid to state to cover the cost. An insurance committee was created which includes Monica, Jamie and Sheila.

New Business

1. We still need Saddle Ridge By-Laws to put on our website.
2. Need picture and Bio for Jamie Studebaker and Donna Marotta and chapter representatives. Who is Chapter rep to state board for Big Hill? According to their by-laws, it's an elected position.
3. Need all chapters' minutes, please have your chapter look at website and send missing minutes.
4. Need updated Sunflower by-laws (Cheryl may have already done).
5. Have Board appoint Sheila as our membership coordinator (Article VII, Section 12 of state by-laws) Diana moved, Donna seconded, motion carried.
6. 2027 Election of Officers: Positions up for election for 2-year term are President, Secretary, National Director #2, and 1 year term-Alternate National Director. FYI–we have had several members expressing interest in running for a state position. Monica is interested in the president position. We need nominees and bios addressing why they want to serve in an official capacity to Diana by mid-November. Full description of each position should be on our website.
7. Create dedicated QR code for donations–post on website. Donna and Laura will address this.
8. Remind our members to read the monthly email blast from Nationals. Cheryl has several articles in there, plus you can see what other states are doing.
9. Need to have at least bi-monthly Board meetings, even if they are short. Discussion only.
10. New on BCHA.org website–Events page for bigger events, not state or chapter events.
11. Stihl small chainsaw purchase for Trail Warrior 2027 on sale. Cheryl purchased one. Diana moved to reimburse her for the purchase. Jamie seconded - motion carried. Trail Warrier nominations need to be shared with everyone on FB and newsletter.
12. BCHKS grants have been awarded to Tuttle Creek in the amount of $398.40 to reimburse for printing of trail brochures. Sunflower Chapter received $101.60 for trail marker signs for Pomona Lake.

Other discussions

1. Next meeting will be scheduled in early Sept. (zoom). An in-person board meeting will be held on Oct 24, 1pm at Eagle Ridge campground, Milford Lake State Park. Trail ride to follow.
2. Some chapters do not follow parliamentary procedure. Laura will email Chapter presidents with a gentle reminder and offer to assist.

Move to adjourn – 8:30 Diana moved, Donna seconded, motion carried