

Minutes
Back Country Horsemen Kansas Annual Meeting
March 16, 2019, 10:30 am
Salt Creek Ranch, Lyndon

Chair Erin Glassman brought the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

Minutes: Cheryl Thomas read minutes from the March 17, 2018, annual meeting. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Lindsey reviewed income and expenses for 2018. BCHKS had a Net Income of \$1,500 for the year and an ending balance of \$6,366.

Regional and Chapter Reports:

- Diana Skinner reviewed the first year of the Sunflower Chapter, which had 39 members. The Sunflower Chapter includes Clinton Lake, Eisenhower State Park at Melvern Lake, Perry State Park, Pomona Lake, and the Flint Hills Trail. Panels were purchased to add two new pens at Rockhaven Campground; nine panels are available for temporary pens at benefit rides. Perry State Park has a work day March 23. The Rockhaven Benefit Ride Weekend is scheduled for April 13-14. A BCHKS/Kansas Horse Council promotional ride is scheduled at Eisenhower State Park, Melvern Lake, April 27-28. Perry State Park's annual benefit ride is Labor Day Weekend.
- Rick Medlin reported on the Saddle Ridge Chapter. They had two work days last year, some cleanup days, and a fall fundraiser.
- Steve Lindsey provided information from the Southwest Region. Lake Scott is waiting on a well for the equestrian camp area; he hasn't heard much from the Cimarron Grasslands since a change in management there;
- Northwest Region – Additional pens are being added to the campground at Kanopolis. Two benefit rides are being held, May 4-5 and September 21-22, to continue to raise funds for pens. The state park may contract with a professional trail builder to work on some badly eroded areas.
- South Central –
 - A benefit endurance ride is scheduled for Sand Hills State Park, July 13.
 - Harvey County is interested in trail expansion. They have a Horseback Scavenger Hunt, June 22.
 - Winfield is researching options to build a bridge at one end of that lake to connect to more trails.
 - El Dorado State Park will host their annual benefit event in September
- Southeast –
 - There is interest in reopening the trail at Elk City to equestrians.
 - Lots of work being done at Big Hill Lake. Open-sided shelter houses and pens have been added at the north and south campgrounds. The Bridge Campground, a private campground located at the midway point of the trails, offers hookups and pens.

Old Business:

Information on Saddle Ridge & Sunflower chapters was provided during Regional & Chapter reports.

No updated information on providing chainsaw certification class.

Several benefit rides were listed. Erin will post events at bchkansas.com and Facebook. Information will be shared to other sites, as well.

Sales Items – Diana had glasses with BCHA and Sunflower logos available for \$5. Decals were also available for \$3. One decal is provided with membership.

New Business:

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed by BCHKS and Kansas Horse Council making BCHKS the official trails division of the KHC. Erin is transitioning into taking over Jim Thomas' position as KHC Trails Director.

Cheryl reviewed the 2018 Volunteer Work Hours Report. BCHKS reported over 4,900 volunteer work hours in 2018, with a dollar value of \$225,000. Jim share that information with public land managers, legislators, and director of KDWPT. Diana suggested that everyone take summary cards to share in their areas.

Nomination and Election of Officers – Nominations are Erin Glassman, Chair; Monicka Remboldt, Vice Chair; Cheryl Thomas, Secretary; Steve Lindsey, Treasurer; Steve Lindsey, National Board Rep. There were no nominations from the floor. Motion passed to approve the slate of officers for 2019.

Upcoming Work Days – Perry State Park has a workday March 23. Other workdays will be scheduled and posted at bchkansas.org and on Facebook. Send pictures and summaries following the events to Erin. Lake LaCygne needs someone to coordinate trail work there.

Benefit Rides/Fundraising – A complete listing of scheduled events will be included at bchkansas.com and Facebook and shared to other sites. Contact a board member with any unique ideas for fundraisers.

Expansion of Membership – Ideas are needed for building membership. Several BCHKS reps attended events to promote the organization this past year.

Grant Possibility – Steve suggested offering a \$500 grant for trail-building projects. He asked that a committee be formed to develop a grant program and application process. Carol Retzer and Priscilla Lindsey both offered to work on this committee.

Diana Skinner recognized recipients of the Sunflower Chapter Workhorse Awards for their contribution of at least 100 hours in volunteer work.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.