

Back Country Horsemen of Kansas Board of Directors meeting June 11 2016

The June 11 meeting of the Board of Directors of BCHKS was preceded by a tree trimming/ pruning/ cutting demonstration at Salt Creek Ranch by Steve Lindsey. Steve demonstrated the right way to clear a trail and prune back growth so that the trails stay cleared and the tree growth is in the right direction. Protective gear, chainsaw use, and choosing equipment were also discussed.

The group then had a working lunch meeting. Present at the meeting were Steve and Priscilla Lindsey, Rick Antisdale, Jim Thomas, Monica Chapman, Diana Skinner, Carol Retzer, and Marleen Parker.

President Diana Skinner called the Board meeting to order.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as amended.

Steve Lindsey gave the Treasurer's report. Steve reported that \$350 has been paid to Equifest 2017 to secure booth space. The Go Fund Me account raised \$400 for a trail machine; Since this is not enough money to purchase a trail machine, it was unanimously decided that a good use of the funds would be for trail machine rental. Members joining midyear will also be members for 2017. Treasurer's report was approved.

Steve Lindsey then explained the "Handshake Grant", which is a partnership with the Corp of Engineers at Big Hill Lake.

Old Business:

The ByLaws need to be officially rewritten and updated, then sent out to Executive Committee. Steve volunteered to do this.

A benefit for BCHKS was again discussed- Carol would like to put on another Tri-Trail event ( Run-Bike-Ride) . Individual and Team options were discussed and it was decided that offering both options would attract more participants. Steve Lindsey offered to cook. Base location would be Rick and Carol's Salt Creek Ranch. Carol Will set up the rules; Steve and Priscilla will research T-shirts; Monica and carol will research any permits needed to use the Rails-to-Trails. The event was set for November 5-6.

Phone meetings were again discussed and remain a possibility.

Trail Representatives- District Reps are responsible to name Trail representatives and have meetings.

Needs for trail maintenance work at Randolph were discussed. Also, there have been complaints that the Equestrian Campground at Milford is filled with boaters and horse pens are being used to secure 4-wheelers, leaving pens and camping areas unavailable for horse campers.

New Business:

Cheryl Thomas applied for a BCHA grant for trail signs. We are waiting for the money to arrive.

Diana noted that many trail riders she has encountered seem to confuse BCHKS with NATRC . Wearing her BCHKS vest when she is working or riding creates many opportunities for education and publicity for BCHKS. Vests and volunteer shirts are available online through the BCHA web store.

Next Board meeting was set for November 5 at the Tri-trail event after dinner. Annual meeting date was set for the third weekend in March (March 18-19) in the Topeka /Manhattan area.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.