

BCHKS Board Meeting Minutes
Equifest of Kansas, Salina
March 6, 2020

Erin Glassman brought the meeting to order at 10:45am, and Steve Lindsey introduced Casey Hafstader, who was a workshop speaker at Equifest.

Motion passed to dispense with reading of the minutes. Minutes were approved

Steve provided an update to the Treasurer's Report. Safety vests have been purchased; Stephanie Huss ordered additional vests for Hillsdale, which were paid from the Saddle Ridge BCHKS chapter. Hoodies and caps have been ordered for door prizes at KHC/BCHKS trail rides. Steve also purchased items for a welcome gift basket for Casey Hustader in appreciation for representing BCHA and speaking at Equifest. Steve reported \$6,384.09 in the Bennington account; \$669.78 in the Concordia account, which will soon be closed. Steve will email the complete Treasurer's Report.

Regional reports:

- Joyce Adams reported receiving a \$500 grant for improvements at Lake Scott. There is talk at Lake Scott about possible trail expansion. There is also some discussion on developing horse trails at Little Jerusalem State Park. A KHC/BCHKS trail ride is scheduled for Lake Scott, September 26.
- Sunflower Chapter – Diana Skinner reported on trail work days at Clinton and on the Landon Trail. She also provided updates to the possible closure of Rockhaven Campground at Clinton Lake due to low usage. Several events are being planned to encourage overnight camping: the Rockhaven Benefit Ride, May 2; Fun Day, May 16. A KHC/BHCKS trail ride is scheduled for April 25 on a section of the Flint Hills Trail, with a preview of a new equestrian campground being constructed at Pomona State Park for Flint Hills Trail users. Diana, Carol Retzer, and Cheryl Thomas are planning to set up a BCHKS table at the Rhythm & Ride event at Ottawa, April 25. Two swing saws have been donated to the Sunflower Chapter from the Lawrence Bicycle Club. This contact was made through Diana and Jim Thomas' board positions on the Kansas Trails Council. Carol Retzer is also a KTC board member.
- Southeast Kansas – Steve reported that the big mulching machine has been used on trails at Big Hill with good results. New pens are being added at the South Camp.
- El Dorado Lake has a competitive ride scheduled.
- The Meadowlark Trail, a rail trail project being completed from McPherson to Lindsborg, has requested trail sharing signs for posting a trailheads. Cheryl sent them six.
- The March 12 Saddle Ridge BCHKS chapter meeting will include speaker David Bolton, Buffalo Herdsman at Custer State Park. The public is invited to attend.
- Sand Hills State Park – Erin reported that the trails are in good shape.

- Kanopolis State Park – Erin reported that work days have been well attended by a variety of trail users. Hoping to have trails open later this month. The park has received some grants to bring in professional trail builders for some problem sections.
- Randolph State Park is working to build a team of trail workers to help with trail maintenance.
- A KHC/BCHKS trail ride is scheduled at the Gant-Larson Ranch in the Gyp Hills, May 8-10.
- A KHC/BCHKS trail ride is scheduled for May 29-30 at the Cimarron National Grasslands.
- Information on trail rides is shared with Facebook, bchkansas.com, and kansashorsecouncil.com websites.
- Erin reminded everyone to publicize work days and followup with pictures from the event.

Cheryl reported that BCHA grants have been requested for additional trail sharing signs. KDWP&T will match the grant, if approved. Sunflower Chapter also requested a grant for trail markers. Many markers were lost in the past year's flooding. The Sunflower Chapter is also working toward consistent use of markers on trails throughout the chapter. Notification from BCHA on these grants should be later this month or early April.

The BCHKS Annual Meeting, with election of officers, is scheduled for June 6, at the Perry State Park trail ride and shelter house dedication. Additional board meetings are scheduled for September at Hillsdale (Saddle Ridge) and December at Independence. A slate of officer nominations was approved for the Annual Meeting in June: Steve Lindsey, President; Stephanie Huss, Vice President; Sheila Watkins, Treasurer; Erin Glassman, Secretary.

Cheryl and Diana have updated the BCHKS brochure in preparation for the next printing. There is still an ample supply of brochures, which are being updated with printed mailing labels for the membership forms. Cheryl will send the file to Erin.

Erin reported on an issue with paying memberships through PayPal. She sees the information on who has paid and will share that information with Steve. He only receives the deposited amount, with no other information.

Carol Retzer reported on the potential for organizing a trail ride in conjunction with the upcoming anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail. A possible route could include Admire to Council Grove via the Flint Hills Trail. Carol will investigate further.

Erin will provide additional information on the National Meeting in April in Kansas City, MO. It was suggested that Tuesday might be the best day to attend.

