

Minutes of the BCHK General Membership meeting on Zoom,
2/21/21

February 21, 2021

Steve called meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

We had 17 in attendance, including Steve and Priscilla Lindsey, Stephanie Huff, Sheila Watkins, Erin Glassman, Jim and Cheryl Thomas, Diana Skinner, Kayla Ratzlaff, Becca Paquette, Debbie Payne, Pattie Stalder, Jo Turner and Dewayne Burgess, LaCole Wagner, Mandy ??, and Mary Licata

Began with Treasurer's report given by Sheila Watkins

Expenses since last meeting were \$3971.01, total income \$2616.10 current balance \$5715.86. Income from dues was \$1205.

Chapter reports were given.

Sunflower: 29 of 33 members have paid their dues. They have had their annual meeting. Trails are looking good. Rides are scheduled at each lake.

Saddle Ridge: a lot of signage has been done. Some color coding of trails is being done and new maps being made. A fund raiser is being planned and also a fun ride. Five culverts have been repaired.

Other trail reports:

Big Hill is working on pens at the south camp. Have materials ready to build a bridge over a culvert that is washing out.

Randolph: plans being made to do some trail work.

Perry: working on plans for future projects.

Erin read/summarized the minutes from last year's general membership meeting from June 6th at Perry Lake. It was voted unanimously to accept the minutes. Any conflicts with the approval were told to email Erin.

Old business:

New member packets, plan to have them ready by mid-March.

New Business:

Natural Directors report: (Diana)

All bills in congress regarding E-bikes in public lands will likely just go away. Forest Service is banning E-bikes on trails. Other agencies haven't made decisions yet.

Equestrian campgrounds being used by non-equestrians issue: Forest Service is going to post signs that you must have stock to use campgrounds. No other agencies are addressing the problem yet.

This year's national meeting will be either a Zoom meeting or be in Kansas City.

Cheryl reported on volunteer hours: 3,303 hours in 2020 for value of \$230,000. A nice letter was received from Linda Landerman praising our volunteer work and we were encouraged by her to meet up to help create more model projects like Perry Lake. Cheryl expressed gratitude for those submitting work hours; she noted that the forms will be getting simplified by national in the near future.

Diana discussed the Lindsey grant for the membership including the information that the grants would range from \$100-500. Steve noted that he had received a donation for this particular award. If anyone has any concerns or questions, please contact Diana Skinner.

Diana discussed the Membership Incentive Program, developed to encourage new membership by reaching out to our trail-riding friends. Prizes will be given to those based on what we can obtain from donation.

The Santa Fe Trail ride, as reported by Diana, is in process of organization, but final information should be coming soon. The event will take place September 18th, 2021 and be held in conjunction with festivities conducted by the City of Council Grove. Biscuit and Gravy breakfast will be provided by BCHK and it will be free to participate although free-will donations are accepted. The starting location for this trail ride will be at Bushong, KS. Wagons are welcome at this event.

There will be a BCHK/Big Hill Lake benefit ride at Big Hill Lake April 23-25 managed by Steve and Priscilla Lindsey. This will be a competitive trail ride sanctioned by NATRC. The same weekend will be the benefit ride for Clinton Lake trails, hosted by Diana Skinner. Steve encouraged more benefit rides.

New Chapter formation is something Diana has been working on. She has been supporting the possibility of new groups in Central Kansas, Tuttle Creek/Milford and there is possibility of a group at Big Hill Lake. New chapter formation is encouraged; more engagement in volunteer activity is seen with the more localized groups of members.

Diana discussed the trail markers that are available at a reduced cost as subsidized by the State Chapter. Cost to the BCHK member using them is \$0.32 (actual cost at \$0.65). These are high quality markers and are available in Orange, Blue, Yellow or White.

The change in bylaws has been worked on by Diana, Cheryl and Stephanie; changes were reviewed to meeting attendees by Diana and these changes were made primarily to help us reestablish our 501(c)3 status with more appropriate wording for the IRS and to clarify officer duties. Changes can be noted on the website if desired. A motion was made by ...to accept the revised minutes, seconded byand voted unanimously in favor of by the attendees.

Equifest of Kansas: We will be hosting a booth for the 2021 year, Stephanie Huss has assumed the management of the booth from Steve; go see her at Equifest!

Election of officers took place with the positions of Chair, Vice Chair (due to movement of prior Vice Chair into Chair position) and Secretary. These are Chair: Stephanie Huss, Vice Chair: Marsha Hayes, and Secretary Erin Glassman. New national directors will be Debbie Payne and alternate Angie Valetine-Rohlman. Diana Skinner called for a motion to approve the ballot, Cheryl seconded. (no phone nominations or nominations from the floor were given). A unanimous vote in favor of said ballot was held.

After a parting speech from Steve, other brief discussions not pertaining to the minutes were held and it was also discussed that the next BOD meeting will be set at Equifest.

Erin made a motion for adjournment and vote was made in favor without second by attrition.