

Back Country Horsemen of Missouri
Board of Directors Meeting
January 7, 2020
Perkins Restaurant, Jefferson City, Missouri
MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Maury Mertz at 10:00 AM.
 - A. Roll call: Directors: Maury Mertz, Sherry Copeland, Larry Dishman, John Stewart, Candace Hale, Paula Hull and Vicki Clark.
Officers: Becki Krueger, President; Darrel Vaughan, Vice President; Susan Maynard, Secretary; Jane Dosal, Treasurer.
Committee Chairs: Robin Vaughan, Service; Marsha Copeland, Education; Sherry Copeland, Public Lands; Paula Hull, Publications.
Members: Ray Maynard (webmaster), Jeannie Crosby, Lynette Miller, Phyllis Rowe, Dr. Mary Lamar.
 - B. Excused Absentees: none
 - C. Agenda Adjustments: none

2. Review of BOD Minutes Sept. 30, 2019.

MOTION to approve BCHMO Meeting Minutes for Sept. 30, 2019 as submitted. Seconded, Passed, Unanimously.

3. Election Certification, Board Elections, and Committee Appointments
 - A. Officer election and certification received; BOD approved.
 - B. BOD new members and election of chairman and recording secretary.
Maury Mertz elected Chairman.
Vicki Clark elected Recording Secretary.
 - C. National Directors and Alternate Director Selection
Sherry Copeland & Becki Krueger agreed to serve as National Directors.

Motion to approve Sherry & Becki as National Directors. Seconded, Passed, Unanimously.

Sherry Copeland will be able to serve as National Director for BCHMO through 2021. If, as expected, Sherry assumes the BCHA Chairman position she will not be able to represent BCHMO as a National Director in 2022.

Volunteer was requested for the Alternate National Director position, no one volunteered.

Marsha Copeland agreed to serve as Alternate for the National Director position.

Motion to approve Marsha as Alternate National Director. Seconded, Passed, Unanimously.

Action Item: Maury & Becki will begin searching for the 2021 Alternate National Director position.

- D. Standing Committee Appointments and BOD approval.
Maury Mertz has agreed to serve as Committee Chair for Public Lands. All other committee chairs will remain the same.

Motion to approve Maury Mertz as Committee Chair for Public Lands. Seconded, Passed, Unanimously.

4. Officer Reports:

- A. President Becki Krueger, written report submitted. Attached.
- B. Vice President Darrel Vaughan, written report submitted. Attached.
- C. Treasurer Jane Dosal, written report submitted. Attached.
- D. Secretary Sue Maynard, written report submitted. Attached.

MOTION to approve all reports. Seconded, Passed, Unanimously.

Membership incentive program reviewed.

Incentive program – if a member brings in two new members the original member will be given a free yearly membership for the following year. Board members, officers and chapter leaders are not eligible for the incentive program.

Motion to approve Incentive Program for 2020. Seconded, Passed, Unanimously.

5. Standing Committees:

- A. Publications, Paula Hull. Written report submitted. Attached.
P&P#7 revisions are needed to sections 4.A and 4.C. The original newsletter name “Trail Country News” is now “Back Country Horsemen of Missouri”.

Action item: Sue Maynard to revise P&P #7

Motion to approve Publication policy changes. Seconded, Passed, Unanimously.

- B. Service, Robin Vaughan. Written report submitted. Attached.
Total value \$334,703.55
- C. Education, Marsha Copeland. Written report submitted. Attached.
- D. Public Lands, Sherry Copeland. Written report submitted. Attached.
- E. BCHA - Sherry Copeland.
 1. US Forest Service lawsuit regarding electric bicycles on non-motorized trails in the Tahoe National Forest – settlement offer was made that would internally retract the policy change, but the retraction would not be made public. BCHA rejected the settlement offer and the suit is moving forward.
 2. Changing the method of tracking hours is currently under review. The BCHA Board may decide to provide only service hours and remove their dollar value.

Motion to approve standing committee reports. Seconded, Passed, Unanimously.

6. 2020 Working Budget Review and Approval (Jane, John & Ray)

- A. The budget as submitted shows a \$3,273 loss. After discussion it was agreed that we need a fundraiser. Instead of proceeds going to TMIs it would go to the general fund. Becki Krueger stated that the owner of J&L Tack wants to help by possibly donating an item that could be raffled.

Action Item: Becki Krueger will work with J&L owner to determine how he wants to proceed.

- B. Sherry Copeland is expecting the BCHMO is expecting to receive a minimum of \$3,000 from the auction to be held during the BCHA National Board of Directors meeting. This income will be added to the working budget. After much discussion many other changes were made to the working budget resulting in a \$230 net income.

Action item: Jane Dosal will send out revised 2020 working budget to Board, Officers & committee heads.

Motion to approve the revised budget from a \$3,273 loss to a \$230 net income. Seconded, Passed, Unanimously.

- C. The Budget committee will investigate adding the option of on-line merchandise sales using a payment method such as PayPal. This payment option would also be used for membership dues and making donations. Ray Maynard expects any necessary software would be less than \$200.
- D. Jane Doskal asked for guidance on how to pay bills when the amount submitted exceeds the budgeted amount. Under current policy only the budgeted amount of the bill would be paid. The chairman and the board must approve any excess.

Action item: Maury Mertz, Becki Krueger and Jane Doskal will meet and discuss any policy changes to over budget expenses.

7. Chapter reports: (Becki)

- A. At the time of the meeting all chapters except Heartland had submitted a chapter report. Heartland provided their report during the meeting. A quick overview showed most chapters had very little new information since the November reports were given at the Annual Membership meeting. There was some discussion on whether January chapter reports were needed in the future.

Chapter reports submitted and attached.

MOTION to approve Chapter reports. Seconded, Passed, Unanimously.

8. Old Business:

- A. Strategic plan – Becki (tabled until April meeting)
- B. 2020 BCHA Meeting @ Kansas City (Sherry & Marsha)
Work continues with preparations for the April meeting. Everyone was reminded that auction proceeds go entirely to BCHMO and therefore we should all be working on gathering quality items. This is an excellent opportunity to raise funds - several years ago the auction held at the 2010 BCHA National Board Meeting in Branson brought in close to \$10K.

BCHMO website has been updated with hotel info as well as nearby RV campgrounds.

Volunteers are asked to sign a form containing contact info as well as which days they are committing to be available. The volunteer form is also available on the BCHMO website.

Action item: John & Ray to update website with hotel room info. Block of rooms will be allocated by the end of January.

9. New Business:

- A. 2020 Annual Meeting location – Becki Krueger reviewed the spreadsheet that was emailed to directors and officers. She identified several campgrounds that may meet our requirements: Panther Creek, Golden Hills, Von Holten Ranch, Slabtown, Pinecrest, Big Creek and Brushy Creek. The group also discussed the possibility of 4-J Big Piney (no designated trails) and Cross Country Trail Rides (stalls too small). Slabtown and Pinecrest were removed from consideration due to the limited number of campsites. Von Holten Ranch was removed due to no designated trails and only 25 miles of available trails. After discussion there was no obvious choice.

Action item: Becki and Darrel to gather more information for the April meeting including Flying R.

- B. 2020 TMI Program Review (Marsha) - 6 chapters submitted requests for TMIs. The committee reviewed the requests and listed them in order of their recommendation. With

the original intent of TMIs in mind (given to newer chapters to provide for an introduction to their land manager and engage in joint improvement projects) discussion ensued. Total TMI funds available - \$5426.87.

#1 Tornado Ridge – Requesting \$548. Land manager is MDC. MDC has approved the installation of a Memorial Hitching rail.

#2 Indian Trails – Requesting \$655 to build culverts for drainage. Per Jane Doskal, the saddle auction proceeds for their chapter may fund the project. Maury reminded her that the saddle proceeds were for BCHMO.

#3 River Springs – Requesting \$1000. Land Manager is US Forest Service. This project would improve a loop in a trail head which would give access to a wilderness area.

Amount needed for the top 3 TMIs - \$2203.

Motion to approve Tornado Ridge, Indian Trails and River Springs TMIs, Seconded, Passed, Unanimously.

#4 Brownfield – Requesting \$998. Project is to purchase and install fire rings, picnic tables, and gravel.

Motion to approve Brownfield TMI. Seconded, Passed, Unanimously.

Total TMIs (1-4) approved \$3201

#5 Nemo – Requesting \$1000. Monies would help fund the COE in furnishing new maps at trail heads (5 new designated trails need to be added).

Motion to approved Nemo TMI. Seconded, Failed Unanimously.

#6 Heartland – Requesting \$1000. Committee was unable to make a recommendation due to incomplete information. Heartland was advised to resubmit for next year.

TMI funds remaining - \$2225.87

10. Announcements and Kudos

- A. Upper Current River Clean-Up Ride scheduled for Saturday March 21, 2020
- B. Larry Dishman advised Paul Johnson, MDC Land Manager, asks for electronic distribution of the quarterly newsletter.
- C. Paula Hull was thanked for representing BCHMO at Larry Johnson's (ONSR) retirement luncheon.

11. Next meeting and adjournment

- A. Next meeting will be April 2, 2020 at Denny's in Rolla at 10:00 AM.

MOTION to Adjourn. Seconded, Passed, Unanimously at 2:30 PM