

BCHCAZ Board of Director's Meeting- Feb. 6, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Wendy Timmel

In Attendance were Wendy Timmel, Ela Matten, Jacque Gorman, Angela Davis, Sandy Gesswein, and Craig Ferdig.

Treasurer Report-Business Checking \$20,125.22, CD \$20,458.33

Membership-77 people registered and more expected to register at the Annual Meeting. Wendy sent out email "Blast" to past members to remind them of the importance of membership and addressed those who are "non riders" to rejoin. **After the meeting Ela to contact those people, who have not re-registered.**

Agenda Items: those listed in yellow require action.

- **Forest Service Meeting**-Craig and Wendy attended the Forest Service meeting regarding Groom Creek. The PSC showed an interest handling Groom Creek. They reconsidered, and decided they would leave the responsibility to BCH as we are a national organization. Jason has asked that we train and certify BCH individuals that would like to be Safety Officers. These officers can work independently of the Forrest Service and bring in a BCH crew. We need to certify people to take on these roles. **Wendy and Craig to develop a list of people interested in certification.**
- **Nature Nino's**-Sandy reported that Nature Ninos on Feb. 1st was very well attended. The children enjoy interacting with the horses and learning about horse/trail safety. It was a great outreach to the community and fostered awareness of BCH. She reported that it was a bit chaotic and that a fourth volunteer would be helpful. **Sandy to contact Dusty with the suggestion.**
- **National Update**-across the state the national directors meeting is being planned for April 13-16th. National's greatest concern now is regarding the Lake Tahoe Basin area. There are stricter requirements for a trail change in over 100+ miles of trails. To bypass the restriction e-bikers have broken out five separate trail parcels less than 100 miles each to permit e-bike usage. These five parcels account for about 415 miles of trails. This tactic may set a precedence for other states to follow suit. There may be a lawsuit pending. **Craig to keep BCH UTD on any new developments.**
- **Rooms needed-for attendees at the national meeting**-Sandy has volunteered to host trailers and horses. **Jacque to make a list of housing needs and volunteers.**
- **Annual Meeting Election**-we have had new interest in board positions for 2025. E-mail vote option was proposed, voted on and approved by the board. Judi Ulrey is the Nomination Chair. **She will compile the candidates and send out an email to the members.**
- **GMR Donation**-Jacque acquired a donation of \$1250.00 from the recently disbanded Granite Mountain Riders. Plans discussed on how to allocate the money. Stringfield road needs grading for trail access. The road is on private property. We can get an estimate for grading and offer to pay for the improvements. **Craig mentioned that we need to do a recon of the area.** We must be wise in coordinating improvements with the landowner as he can be difficult.

- Sedona Area-a BCH leader is needed to organize the Sedona community. Member involvement is essential to focus on the Sedona area trails. Plan to look for a local coordinator.
- Pony Express-ride from Phoenix to Prescott and bring the mail. Letters are available for \$5. And they will be stamped by the *Pony Express*.
- 4th of July Parade-we will participate in the parade this year scheduled for Saturday July 5th.
- Social Meeting-Wendy suggested that we have the same date scheduled for social gatherings each month. It was proposed that we have the socials on the 2nd Thursday of each month, starting March 13th. Sandy and Pam to schedule dates and put them on the calendar.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

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