

BCHCAZ Board of Director's Meeting- March 6, 2025

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

In Attendance; Wendy Timmel, Ela Matten, Angela Davis, Sandy Gesswein, Craig Ferdig & Chip Lawrence.

Treasurer Report-Business Checking: 20k Will put 5k in the CD to receive more interest. for **Minutes Approved** for February 2025

Membership Renewal- Ela to email members who have not renewed and advise them they will be taken off the e-mail list if they do not renew. Also, Ela wants to send Sedona/Verde Valley members to Chip so he can contact them and see if there is any interest in getting involved with BCHCAZ on a more local basis. Social events may be organized in Verde Valley, which require planning.

Agenda Items: those listed in **yellow** require action.

Meeting last week at Wendys with the Board and Directors; Jacque and Cindy Rosen decided not to be directors due to other responsibilities.

- **Nature Nino's**-Mini's were very cute, and the kids loved them. It was a great outreach to the community and fostered awareness of BCH. Wendy found out that Earth Day is a great fundraiser and an awareness opportunity for BCH. There is a wait list, and we are on the list. The date is April 19th. **Angela may be able to bring Jennifer (mule) down for a packing demonstration. Lori to make donation buckets for the event.**
- **National Update**-Craig went to Wahington DC to "Hike the Hill" with BCH and other trail organizations involved in public lands. He met with Congressmen and Senators to share our vision and involvement in public lands. It was a very successful meeting. The 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.**
- **Prescott National Meeting**-Craig has rented a shuttle van for the meeting to help people get around town and find their hotels.
- **Sedona Update**-Chip to meet with the Forrest personnel next week. Patricia Petrona is starting her ride on March 9th. Chip will join her riding from Sunflower to Flagstaff. **BCHCAZ is willing to pay for her horse feed when she is in our area.**
- **Trails**-we need to write up a ride leaders' responsibilities. **Christyna to write this up for BCH.**
- **Stringfield Ranch Road Improvements**-Wendy contacted the owner of the road, and he said he will not pay for the road improvements. Wendy will ask PSC if they would like to donate. We are having a fundraiser "Desensitization Clinic" on April 6th. The cost will be \$20 Member/\$25 Non-member. Missy Lyn and Mark donated their arena for the event. We discussed selling lunch to recoup more money. We need a total of \$1800. All voted in favor of BCHCAZ paying the remaining amount deficit after the fundraiser.
- **Williamson Valley Trailhead**-we need to refill the holes that we filled last year due to erosion. We will wait to do this when the rain dies down.

- **Mascot**-Craig suggested that we use our cartoon horse mascot as the spokesman “horse” for our safety tips. Everyone agreed this was a great idea. **Angela to incorporate the cartoon horse into the safety tips.**

- **Wendy discussed having a “Horse Safety Day” at WVT picnic bench in May/June.**

We would have four stations:

1. First Aid on the trail
2. What do you do if you get separated from your horse, (Chrystina)
3. Survival kit saddlebag (Cindy Rosen)
4. Ask any random questions.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

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