

Northern Colorado Back Country Horsemen

Subject: Board of Directors Meeting
Place: The Ranch, McKee 4-H Building, Estes Park Room
Date: June 24, 2014

Present:

Al Ohms, President	Nancy McDonald
Dale Bratton	Neil Mutzbauer
Kate Kattnig	Rick Farasyn
Ken Dahlgren	Sandy Chapin, Chairman
Marion Dahlgren	

Guest:

L Jay McDonald

Al called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Minutes read from previous board meeting. Neil made the motion to approve as read, 2nd by Dale. Passed.

Rick gave the treasures report, \$2,774.93.

Old Business:

Re-Reviewed the By-Law changes and made a few additional changes.

Sandy talked about the **Review of Liability! Lawsuits! Insurance! Assurance?**

Fellow NC BCH members, Well I brought it up, and now I am tired of hearing about it! I thought that we should consider purchasing club liability insurance and directors and officers insurance. In the best world, we don't need it. But in the world we live in, it is often a necessity. Boards' discussions have run the full range, and this is the result:

The decision to purchase liability insurance has been tabled indefinitely due to perceived lack of need and real lack of money.

In place of insurance we are seeking **assurance** as ask members to follow accepted best practices on our trail rides, maintain required paperwork and other requirements for our partnership with the forest service, ask members to sign liability waivers upon becoming a member, writing up trail boss and work crew boss responsibilities, signing more liability waivers and signing more liability waivers.

It is Sandy's' goal to have this in place by the beginning of the year in 2015.

Discussion of the "Immunity Under the Volunteer Service Act". Go to this site for more information: <http://adph.org/volunteer/assets/VolunteerImmunity.pdf>

Marion went over what had been done to try to update the Non-Profit status. Rick offered to take this task over.

Board members had a discussion on “Best Practices” for Trail Etiquette.

Marion was asked to post information on the “Leave No Trace” used by BCH and post on the website. http://ncbch.org/Leave_No_Trace.html

Sandy is working on updating the ‘Trail Boss Guidelines’ and will publish a draft in the upcoming newsletter.

On the website change the word “Responsibility ...” to “Guidelines for the Trail Boss”. Updates made to the website: http://ncbch.org/Trail_Riding_Etiquette.html

New Business:

Al and Dale both asked that the cost for MeetUp be reimbursed to both Kate and Marion.

Discussion on paying a stipend for services/equipment used at volunteer weekends. Dan offered to follow-up with Kathy and Gary concerning the equipment they provided for the trail maintenance and if the club could reimburse them for the cost they may be out for fuel etc. Marion made the motion for Dan to follow up with Kathy and Gary. 2nd by Al. Passed.

Discussion as to whether the club should join COHOCO or not. The decision was made not to join.

Reminder that Dr Temple Grandin is doing a presentation for the club on the 9th of September. Ken asked for help in finding a facility big enough to use for this presentation. When NCBCB contacted The Ranch any available space had already been booked.

Al is going to do some checking on the cost for vest for the volunteers to use when doing trail maintenance. The club would add a NCBCB patch on each vest to help promote NCBCB.

Al will also follow-up on the cost of Port-a-pots to be available for volunteering groups and also trail riders.

Al also went over the tools that he had in his possession and was using at Jack’s Gulch.

Loppers	Shovels	Saws	Pulaski’s
Hand Trimmers		McCloud ??	

Al and Rick went over the plans for the Trail Challenge that will be held at Rocks on July 12th. They will have ground poles, 2-bridges (1 that teeters), tires, 55-gal barrels, mail box, gate and panels.

The club will need someone to take over recording and filing the reports for the volunteer hours and also the newsletter since Cynthia will be moving out of state.

Board asked Marion to add a Liability Release to the club's membership form, The members will need to submit a new form each year with signatures.

The dues will need to be increased next year to cover the increase of fees from the BCH state and the national organization.

Marion offered to get a quote for both stitched patches and also window decals for NCBCB.

Next board meeting, September 30th.

AI adjourned the meeting at 826pm. 2nd by both Dale and Kate. Passed.

Marion Dahlgren, Secretary