



Mountain Ridge

Back Country Horsemen of Utah

NEXT MEETING:

Feb. 9 at 6-8pm
Draper City Master Plan Unveiling,
Draper City Chambers, Equestrian Support Requested, please come!

Feb. 11 at 7pm
[Cottonwood Retirement Center 1245 East Murray-Holladay Road \[4752 South\]](#)

NEXT RIDE:

Feb. 13 West Desert Five Mile, Fred Leslie leading. In the Saddle at 10am.

P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E



Bev and 'Luke' at Spider Rock in Canyon de Chelly

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Greetings everyone! Although we have determined that we should publish newsletters every other month, we have tweaked the cycle to bring you a brief newsletter in February, so you can get the news from our January planning meeting as well as our calendar of events for the year. We have a full plate of service projects and rides, and keep in mind that these might be refined or clarified as the year progresses, and also remember that 'pop up' service projects and informal rides with chapter friends can happen at any time! A few of our monthly Thursday night meetings will be held 'outside,' and for those held at Cottonwood Retirement Center, we are working on topics/guest speakers for the year, so if you have suggestions let me know as soon as possible!

Planning ahead, remember that the Horse Expo will be March 18-20, and we'll need lots of help manning the booth. I'll have a signup at our March 10 monthly meeting but please don't be shy about letting me know even before that if you can help. In recent years, Mountain Ridge has typically covered the booth on Saturday, with other chapters on Friday and Sunday, but I'll confirm the schedule for this year as soon as possible.

The days are growing longer, and before long we'll be inhaling horse hair as we groom those shedding winter coats on our horses!

Happy Trails, Beverley

JANUARY 14, 2016 – MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at about 7:05 p.m. with 12 members present plus one guest from Wasatch Front, Hal Peck. See agenda. President Beverley Heffernan welcomed everyone and we did introductions around the room. Next, we discussed positions needing volunteers. Stephanie Yeager will serve as chapter treasurer, Fred Leslie will serve as state representative, and Lisa Caddy will consider serving as Public Lands representative to monitor activities across the various agencies, if someone with experience will consider assisting her. Doris Richards has our old scrapbooks so will serve as Chapter Historian.

Next we reviewed the Financial Report and tentative budget for 2016, we have just under \$9700 cash on hand, so plenty of cash to work with. (See attached). As a nonprofit (but note, NOT 501(c)(3) so not tax deductible) we do need to budget and spend in accordance with our mission, we want a decent reserve in the bank at all times but we don't want a lot of money sitting in the bank year after year. We agreed to some expenditures including 'burger burns' and similar for service projects, refreshments for the next monthly meeting, finishing a project for a water trough in Corner Canyon that was approved last year (Lisa Caddy spearheading, Scott Richards will do necessary modifications to a trough, Monica Zoltanski is looking for the trough to use). We also determined that having bright green safety vests with the Mountain Ridge logo and something like 'work crew' or 'service volunteer' (approximately 10 vests) would be a good addition for volunteers to wear when working service projects; Lisa Caddy will investigate prices as she has recently bought a number of similar items for Corner Canyon Trail

Ambassadors. Monica will also explore some promotional items to hand out at the Horse Expo booth. For the Christmas Party, we discussed and concluded that we should hold it at the same location as this year, Perry White will reserve it for us, rental is \$120 which is less expensive than other options mentioned. (It was noted as 2nd VP Bill McEwan has responsibility to oversee party planning and execution).

Next, Doris Richards announced and presented Service Hour awards for 2015; Cindy Furse had the most hours for the chapter this year (not the first time!). In summary, in 2015 the chapter worked on 7 projects and we had a total of 1116 hours of trail maintenance, 129 education hours and 196 administrative hours, total mileage including livestock hauling was just under 7,900 miles.

Service projects for 2016 were planned next, followed by monthly rides and then meeting topics for the year. In some cases there are combined monthly rides/service projects, otherwise generally we aimed for 2nd Saturday of the month for rides, and the 3rd Saturday of the month for service projects. As always these are subject to revision/ updating as the year progresses, and it is expected that we'll have 'pop-up' opportunities throughout the year for both service projects and rides.

The following page includes the agreed-upon calendar items in chronological order (including non-BCHU activities that membership generally likes to know about or are important for us to support).

Next, the assembled group turned to new business, and Lisa Caddy informed us of the upcoming unveiling of the Draper City Open Space Master Plan, on February 9 at Draper City Hall. She and others have worked very hard on ensuring prop-

er consideration of horse use, so let's make an effort to attend the unveiling and have a healthy horse presence there!

Finally, Beverley donated a hay bag (not worth \$1.5 billion, but Tyra won \$14 in the lottery!) as a door prize for attending the meeting. Tom McEwan was the lucky winner.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Minutes generously recorded by Tyra Canary, typed up with some edits by Beverley Heffernan

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January 2016 Financial Report and Tentative Budget¹

Xmas party expenses: \$834.27
 POB Renewal: \$97.00
 Newsletters Nov and Jan: \$92.10
 Silent Auction Proceeds: \$1,795.00
 Memberships pd to date: \$1,614.00

Cash On Hand: \$9,676.67

Projected Expenses/Budget in 2016:

Newsletter every other month: \$400.00
 Calendar 200.00
 POB Renewal October: 74.00
 State Membership Dues 2,000.00
 Christmas Party: 1,000.00
Leaves available: 6,002.67

'Placeholders':
 Service Project Expenses 1,000.00
 Ride/Meeting/Clinic Expenses 1,000.00
 Administrative 500.00
Leaves Available: 3,502.67

Not counting additional dues expected, perhaps another \$2,000?

¹ Still need to reconcile and fill data gaps on 2015 financial information, so far have incomplete information

MOUNTAIN RIDGE BCHU 2016 SCHEDULE



Tuesday February 9, 6-8 p.m. Unveiling of Draper City Open Space Master Plan, Draper City Council Chambers. Draper City has worked very hard to ensure proper consideration of horse use, so let's make an effort to attend the unveiling and have a healthy horse presence there!

Thursday February 11, 7 p.m. Monthly Chapter Meeting, Cottonwood Retirement Center, 7 p.m., topic TBD

Saturday February 13, in the Saddle @10 a.m. Monthly ride, West Desert at Five Mile Pass. Park at the Faust / Pony Express turnoff. This is on the south side of the road, at mile marker 14 on highway 73 (which runs between Cedar Fort and Tooele). Plan on a 4-5 hour ride. Bring lunch and water, dress for the weather. Plan on a fun ride. In (Fred Leslie)

Thursday March 10, 7 p.m. Monthly Chapter Meeting, Cottonwood Retirement Center, 7 p.m., Veterinarian as guest speaker on horse care/horse health, Perry White coordinating.

Saturday March 12, In The Saddle @ 10 a.m. Monthly ride, West Desert, Mile Marker 10, Perry White leading
March 18-20 Horse Expo, will need help manning the booth!

Saturday April 2, 10 am Service Project, install water trough at Corner Canyon, (Doris Richards)

Saturday April 9, In The Saddle@10 a.m. Monthly Ride, Antelope Island, park at White Rocks, (Lisa Caddy)

Thursday, April 14, 7 pm Monthly Chapter Meeting, Tentative clinic at

Corner Canyon Equestrian Center in Draper in lieu of Cottonwood Retirement Center to have demonstrations of various horse tips, Beverley Heffernan working on details, possibly including pot luck or burger burn.

Thursday May 12, 7 pm Sandy Pride Day service project in lieu of 'indoor' meeting, Doris Richards coordinating, details/meeting location TBD.

Thursday May 14 Pony Express Riders swearing in at Fairfield.

Thursday May 21, In The Saddle @ 10 a.m. Monthly Ride, Lookout Pass or Black Rock, Fred Leslie leading

Saturday June 4, National Trails Day Possible poker ride for equestrians AND hikers AND bikers, (Lisa Caddy)

Thursday June 9, 7 p.m. Monthly Meeting, Cottonwood Retirement Center

Saturday June 11, In The Saddle @ 10 a.m. Monthly ride, Sheep Creek, Scott Richards leading.

Friday June 24-Sunday June 26 Joint Service Project with Wasatch Front, up Ogden Canyon, park at Bluff Springs, work in Sugar Pine/Montecristo. Camp Friday and Saturday nights if desired, pot luck dinner on Saturday, riding to work project Saturday, ride if desired on Sunday before heading out. Hal Peck coordinating for Wasatch Front.

Saturday July 9, In The Saddle @ 9 a.m. at Ballard Equestrian Center Ride and Service project, maintenance on Hoof and Boot trail in Corner Canyon, (Doris Richards)

Saturday July 14, 7 pm Monthly Chapter Meeting, Cottonwood Retirement Center, 7 p.m.

Saturday July 16 Placeholder for our half of joint service project w/Wasatch Front,

see August for current date (Fred Leslie)

Thursday August 11, 7 pm Monthly Meeting at Dimple Dell, Park at Monument Trailhead, bring your horse, we'll set up some obstacles for fun training purposes, possible pot luck or burger burn, Beverley Heffernan coordinating

Saturday August 13, In The Saddle @ 10 a.m. Strawberry Ride, Tyra Canary and Monica Zoltanski leading, option to camp overnight if desired (Friday and/or Saturday).

Saturday August 20 Joint Service Project with Wasatch Front, Meet at grocery store in Kamas, time tbd, we'll open up trail at Woodland/Little South Fork, will have 4 chainsaws and will need many others to hold/move horses and remove downed trees, chapter will provide food, including possible burger burn after, specifics will follow later, Fred Leslie coordinating (see above, might be moved to July).

Weekend of August 27 Placeholder for a pack trip if anyone is interested? Maybe North Fork?

Thursday, September 8, 7 p.m. Monthly Chapter Meeting, Cottonwood Retirement Center

Saturday, September 10, In The Saddle @ 10 a.m. Monthly ride and service project, Yellow Fork

Saturday September 24, In The Saddle @ 10 a.m. (Diana van Uitert) Fall foliage ride in Provo Canyon.

Saturday October 1 Annual ASHAU Obstacle Course at Dimple Dell, (Doris Richards)

Saturday October 8, In The Saddle @ 9:30 a.m. Monthly ride, American Fork Canyon, park at Transfer Station, (Fred Leslie)

Thursday October 13, 7 p.m. Monthly Chapter Meeting, Cottonwood Retirement Center

Thursday November 10, 7 p.m. Monthly Chapter Meeting, Cottonwood Retirement Center

Saturday November 12, In The Saddle @ 10 a.m. Monthly ride, Mile Marker 10

Thursday December 8, Christmas Party and Elections



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REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!
Add your contact info and mail it in

Liability Release: MUST BE SIGNED

Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident wherever horse/mule use is involved, which can cause injuries to horse/mules, riders, and spectators and also recognizing the fact that Back Country Horsemen of Utah, including units, officers, directors, or members cannot always know the condition of trails or the experience of riders or horses/mules taking part in trail rides or other BCHU functions, I do hereby release the above named from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children or horses/mules.

By signing this release, I/WE recognize the following Utah State Law, "UCA 78-27b- Limitations on liability for Equine and Livestock Activities." It shall be presumed that participants in equine or livestock activities are aware of and understand that there are inherent risks | associated with these activities. "Inherent risk" with regard to equine or livestock activities means those dangers or conditions, which are an integral part of equine or livestock activities. The equine activity sponsor is not liable for those inherent risks. If you are unwilling to assume these risks for yourself or for those under your supervision, you should not participate in these activities.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Make check payable to Mt. Ridge BCH, individual \$35 year, family \$45 year. New _____ Renewal _____

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