

Minutes of Meeting 01/18/2024

After enjoying the potluck dinner and social time, the meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm by President Kandy Christian. Randi Slaughter is acting Secretary.

Guest Speaker: There was no guest speaker. The person Kandy had asked quit her job and left the state!

New Members: No new members were present.

October Minutes: Connie Jack moved to approve the minutes of the October meeting. MSP

Treasurer's report: Mike Blymyer moved to approve the Treasurer's report as written. Howard Sanders seconded. MSP

Linda Putney requested approval to pay the following bills: Kathi Gimmeson, newsletter printing, postage and meeting supplies \$84.75; Howard Sanders, saw sharpening \$212; Barry Reiswig, Silent Auction donation items for the state meeting \$67.66. Total bills to be paid \$364.41. Joe Childers moved that we pay the bills, Jesse Alcala seconded. MSP

Committee Reports:

Watch Dog: Nothing new. Judi Blymyer reported she had seen new fees on campgrounds, put into action as published. Mike Blymyer will check and report. He's received nothing back from his letter.

Activities: Von Ringler, nothing to report

Service: Howard Sanders reported that the Rod Burners will start on panels and hitch rails in the next couple of weeks. The cost share trails meeting with the Forest Service is scheduled for January 26. Howard has not included any trails that required packing in overnight, because they are usually hand work and the last time we did these we only had 4 people. We no longer have more than 3 or 4 loops. He read the list he had prepared to present to the Forest Service. He explained that the Forest Service usually approves his list, which he tries to keep at around 100 miles, but will go over a little if it is chainsaw work. An alternative was proposed to add West Black Water (chainsaw) and Goff Libby (mostly hand work). See how discussion goes with the Forest Service. Howard confirmed that we have no need to recertify sawyers this year.

Education: Cathy Ringler, nothing to report.

Newsletter: Kathi Gimmeson, nothing to report.

Social Media: Randi Slaughter, nothing to report

Recruitment and Retention: Connie Jack. There will be 2 new people coming to the next meeting.

Old Business:

Barry Reiswig reported on the state meeting held November 4 in Casper. A budget was passed. The Dennis Daily award nominations were : Dick Inberg, Alton Parker, Bill Hackney, Bill Brazelton, Bruce Fauskee, Bob Bessler, Rosemary Carr. The Winners are Dick Inberg and Bill Hackney. A Nominating committee for new state board positions for elections at the Spring meeting was appointed and consists of Barry and Connie Burke of Teton. Public Lands needs to have 1-2 representatives for each chapter and they can attend via Zoom. Howard and Kandy are representing our chapter. The next State Board meeting will be held on February 10 at 9:00 am and will be held over Zoom or Teams. The National Board meeting will be in Casper on March 24th - 27th. Volunteers are needed to run the store. It was voted to order bandanas in bright yellow with the BCH logo in brown so volunteers can be spotted. There will also be hat pins from the fund raiser available for \$10 each.

Barry also read a synopsis of the work done by various chapters. These are available in the minutes from the State meeting. Of particular note is the status of Cloud Peak. They have funding available to improve the Elgin Park, well, and parking pull through, but they are struggling to get new members. Also it piqued the interest of several members to learn that BLM purchased an easement to facilitate riding to Hole in the Wall. Bill Hackney (Pathfinder) is planning a 20 mile ride there on May 18.

Barry noted that the Forest Service has 2-way radios that anyone can borrow.

For SBCH, Kandy went over the fee increase for our area, cost share, trails, miles and hours, and new projects for this year. She also touched on Bald Mountain corral repair, the bridge over Jack Creek, corral repairs, and the Clarks Fork feed bunks.

Howard let everyone know that there is now an e-bike incident report form which can be found on the BCH website.

The Public Lands meeting is on zoom every month but attendance every quarter is sufficient.

New Business

Randi Slaughter gave a quick synopsis of the Board meeting held earlier to discuss the by-laws and creating a Policies and Procedures manual. Judi asked if that should be on the website. Kathi indicated that she can do that.

Mike Blymyer then noted that by-laws outline the authority of the Board of Directors, sub directors and committee chairs. The Policies and Procedures would spell out what exactly the directors are responsible for. He noted that the Service committee is probably the most active. We want to spell out some things that we know that aren't really written down. Mike moved that each committee chair, old and new, work together to create a policy and procedure for each committee, and have it available for membership review by the March 24 meeting. Howard seconded. MSP

Howard stated that the welding fees should be increased. The usual professional charge is \$150/hour. He proposed to pay welders, especially those with everything ready to go (certified welders), \$100/hour for time spent actually working. This does not include the volunteer welders who use the equipment we provide. We want to turn out quality work. Von Ringler moved to raise the pay to certified welders to \$100/hour, and to make this part of the Service Policies and Procedures. Jay York seconded. MSP

Recruiting. Kandy drafted a flier to help get more members. Cost for this is part of the budget. Linda suggested that we have a new flier every month and print maybe 20 a month. It was noted that the flier needs to be more colorful and with higher contrast to grab attention. Judi suggested we reevaluate after a couple of months to see if we are getting new members with this marketing method..

Cathy asked to keep our meeting in Powell instead of moving between Powell and Cody. There was no formal motion but the majority present expressed approval.

The nominating committee needs a member that is not on BoD. Wanda Shorb agreed to serve on the nominating committee.

Linda reminded everyone that dues are due.

Cathy noted that the Beast Feast is going to be held at the Fairgrounds on February 10. This is a gathering of people interested in outdoor activities. Cathy will send out an email with all the information. Kathi moved that Cathy represent SBCH at the Beast Feast, Howard seconded. MSP.

Budget. Linda presented the operating budget. \$4,410 for payment to the Rod Burners was added to trail work Expense. This is part of the prior year additional Forest Service funding.

Mike moved that we accept the budget as presented and amended. Jay seconded. MSP

Commissioners tags. Some designated for Bald Mountain but we still have quite a bit left. Howard noted these funds are for visible and long lasting projects, instead of cleaning up corrals or putting up rails. All uses of these funds have to be approved by the membership.

Youth and Memorial funds. Sunlight sports donated \$3000 for youth. David Rael also gave us \$2200, but did not designate that it had to be used for youth. Howard moved that we use the David Rael funds for youth, Mike seconded. MSP

Cathy moved that we spend the youth funds as designated in the budget. Seconded by Joe. MSP

Memorial for Bill Brazelton in Battlefield Park. Howard, with input from Mary, suggested something similar to what's at Eagle Creek. Not obtrusive, but noticeable.

Emails: The SBCH email goes to Linda, then she runs it past Kandy, except for emails from Howard, regarding trails which go directly out. Cathy asked if it would be better to send directly to Kandy and the response was to send to both if appropriate, but just sending to the SBCH email was fine.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.