

Gila Chapter

Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 3/12/2014 6:00 PM | Meeting location Gila Regional Medical Center

Meeting called by Doug Dexter

Type of meeting Monthly business meeting

Note taker Cindi deCapiteau

Attendees

Kathy Brett, Victoria Chick, Cindi deCapiteau, Dixie Dexter, Doug Dexter, Mike Dowd, Gerry Engel, Mickey Lemon, Rawlings Lemon, Michelle McGorky, Mara Miles, Ted Miles, Coleen Poole, Ken Poole, Cheryl Roth, Randy Roth, Doretta Thompson, Donna Tillmann, Nathan Williams, Laurie Wlosinski, Somebody whose signature I can't read

AGENDA TOPICS

Agenda topic *Miscellany* | Presenter *Doug Dexter*

No guests or new members present. No additions or changes to agenda. Minutes unanimously approved without changes.

Agenda topic *Financial Report* | Presenter *Doug Dexter*

The chapter ended up with more money than we started with in February. See attached Treasurer/Member Report. Membership total as of March 11 is 58.

Agenda topic *Publicity* | Presenter *Ted Miles*

Ted Miles reported that Silver City has a new radio station that broadcasts calendar announcements and suggested that the Gila BCH chapter could take advantage of the service. In addition to the date and time of the chapter's meeting, Ted proposed that the announcement could also include a short description of the club, an invitation to join, and the meeting's education topic. However, Ted admonished, he needs to have information about the meeting's education segment two weeks before the end of the month prior to the meeting—information he doesn't now receive (see action item below).

Ted announced that he has identified corrections needed for the Gila chapter's information on the state BCH website and will therefore submit corrections to the state webmaster.

The email address for Doug Dexter will remain there "as is" (see it on the state page at <http://www.bchnm.org/gila-chapter.html>). The email addresses for Ted and Mara Miles, as well as that for Jean Hill, have been removed. In addition, information will be added for the chapter's state delegates, Fran Rawllins and Stan Rawllins.

Apparently as a placeholder while the state site is under development, the site has a membership application that goes to some other club and therefore needs to be corrected.

Meyoni Geouge has unvolunteered as education coordinator, so Doug will handle education topics until some other fearless soul steps up to take Meyoni's place.

Lucy Whitmarsh, president of the Piños Altos Volunteer Fire Department, wants to know if BCH wants to be involved in various community activities. This could be a good opportunity to do some BCH-promotional workshops.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Education segment education information delivered to Ted Miles	Doug Dexter	April 19, 2014 and two weeks prior to the end of the month before all subsequent meetings
Follow up with Lucy Whitmarsh about chapter participation in PA VFD community activities	Ted Miles	

Agenda topic *Old Business* | **Presenter** *Doug Dexter*

Evacuation planning document. The chapter's evacuation treatise, which Doug has distributed to various individuals and agencies, was well received at the recent Grant County emergency planning symposium and elsewhere.

In connection with the evacuation matter, Doug reported the results of his follow up to identify locations for staging and boarding. He said the Horseman's Park (rodeo grounds) on U.S. 180 east, 1.15 miles past the 32nd Street Bypass is available to us in an emergency. He advised that those who evacuate to this location need to bring water and facilities to water (presumably this means hoses, buckets, and troughs). He has a call in to the Tyrone property owners association and is awaiting a return call. (Tyrone has corrals and an arena that could provide shelter for evacuated horses.) Calling Tyrone property owners association for use of corrals and arena.

Doug has distributed a proposal for the emergency call tree (a system of communication among the BCH community and possibly their neighbors to spread information about a situation requiring evacuation). Several viewpoints have been expressed, some of which require further discussion and decisionmaking about the design of the system. Doug said he is clear that the tree should be organized by geographical location. However, since people in the evacuation zone are certain to be preoccupied with bugging out, they don't need to take on the task of making phone calls. Organizing the call tree to address this is one of the sticky wickets still to be worked out. Doug clarified that the purpose of this notification system is to report that an incident exists, where it is located, and the location of the nearest safe harbor, including the names and locations of chapter members who can take in horses for evacuating folks, as well as the number of horses they can accommodate. Members of the call tree will not be expected to provide any other information.

Doug also noted that all chapter members need to register for Silver City's reverse 911 system. A reverse 911 system is an emergency notification method through which emergency officials can advise registered individuals about emergencies, missing persons, etc. Notifications are tied to the physical address of a registered person so that only people who live in the pertinent geographical area receive the notification. The registration process lets you establish the methods of communication most appropriate for you (e.g., notification by text message, email, voice call). Anyone who is not already registered should visit the Silver City web site (http://www.townofsilvercity.org/r/town_of_silver_city_NM.php?r=21,xp6aq) for more information).

Doug noted that to avoid introducing excessive complexity to the call tree, when a chapter member is going out of town, it's crucial to leave contact information and an evacuation plan with neighbors.

Ted Miles added that he attended a recent seminar that featured a lot of talk about mapping. Marc Levesque, grand poobah and all-around fine fellow with the Grant County Search and Rescue organization, has agreed to work with the chapter to develop maps that show the locations where we keep our horses and especially locations where evacuees can shelter their own animals. The mapping software, called Arcview, can run on a smart phone. Ted noted that Marc already has maps that contain plenty of detail that is essential in emergency situations. Marc needs physical addresses to make this happen, to which Doug replied that he has all but four or five.

Laurie Wlosinski commented that the call tree database could help hook up evacuees with other people who can help them get out—folks with trailers, people able to walk equines out. This adds complexity to the call. It requires the initiator of a call to inquire about the evacuee’s needs, then be willing and able to follow up to get those needs met, and finally to notify the evacuee of the nature of the assistance available and how to access it.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Mapping: follow up with Marc Levesque to generate maps pinpointing locations where chapter members keep their horses and locations of members who can harbor evacuated animals	Ted Miles	

Agenda topic *Public Service* | **Presenter** *Gerry Engel*

Gerry Engel advises that the chapter’s trail projects will start around the 1st of April and outlined some of the work that needs to be done. The Continental Divide Trail (CDT) from NM Highway 90 to Jacks Peak needs brushing. That will be the first project and will take one day; more information to come about the project. Gerry will develop the rest of the work plan and release it shortly.

Gerry reported that sawyer training has fallen into place for chainsaw and crosscut saw. The Forest Service sets specific training requirements; sawyers must receive current first aid training before they can participate in training with the saws. First aid training is being provided by a Forest Service employee (J. R. Calkins) the day following today’s BCH meeting. Sawyer training will take place on March 26 and 26 for the first aid training participants.

Gerry noted the effect of efforts to “starve the beast” by high political muckety-mucks on the continuing deterioration of government services. The Gila BCH chapter will need to raise funds for food on campouts because Forest Services funds for this purpose are not available right now. Gerry plans to put together a funding proposal, but it’s not clear when the money will come through.

The Forest Service has released new job hazard analysis guidelines and Gerry has obtained them. (A job hazard analysis must be provided to all participants at the beginning of a trail project.)

Finally, Gerry noted that he has a list of the current Forest Service two-way radio frequencies and will enter them into his Forest Service radio. (This radio lets a chapter work crew communicate with the Forest Service in emergency situations.)

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Distribute 2014 trail work plan	Gerry Engel	

Agenda topic *Warrior Hike* | **Presenter** *Doug Dexter*

The Warrior Hike is a nationwide activity (see <http://warriorhike.com/>) intended to honor and support combat veterans who are transitioning from military service. The idea is for them to “walk off the war” by thru-hiking America’s National Scenic Trails. A hike is planned for the Continental Divide Trail and will be coming through Silver City in April 2014. For the Silver City segment of the hike, the route will begin in Hachita and proceed north to Red Rock, from which hikers will be shuttled to Silver City. See the CDT Coalition’s web site (<http://www.continentaldividetrail.org/?s=warrior+hike&x=0&y=0>) for details.

For a map of the Continental Divide Trail, visit <http://warriorhike.com/trails/continental-divide-trail/>

Organization is proceeding for the event. Western New Mexico University will offer housing for hikers. In addition, a potluck dinner and celebration will be held at the Silver City visitors’ center (intersection of Broadway and Hudson). Doug suggests that if the chapter can get to it, we can do some work on the trail before the hikers arrive.

It would also be a very cool thing to ride along with the hikers and escort them out of town, but Doug needs to find out the location from which they'll be leaving Silver City.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Organize work detail on Continental Divide Trail	Gerry Engle	
Find out location of departure from Silver City	Doug Dexter	

Agenda topic *CDT Gateway Community* | **Presenter** *Doug Dexter*

Doug has circulated (by email) a letter stating that the Gila BCH chapter supports the concept of establishing Silver City as a gateway community for the Continental Divide Trail. Folks who contact the CDT Coalition can learn where support—lodging, food, laundry, medical care, for example—is available to support CDT hikers. The Silver City town council will issue a policy statement at its next meeting to activate the gateway community concept. Read about it at http://www.scsun-news.com/silver_city-news/ci_25378451

Agenda topic *BCH Membership Questionnaire* | **Presenter** *Doug Dexter*

Doug circulated a brief questionnaire among those present at this meeting in which he sought information about the reasons people become members of the Back Country Horsemen.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Report results of questionnaire	Doug Dexter	

Agenda topic *GCMSAR* | **Presenter** *Doug Dexter*

The Gila chapter has several members who have joined up with Grant County Search and Rescue (SAR) to form an auxiliary unit of horse-mounted SAR participants. He reported on recent training activities for the mounted unit and advised that Marc Levesque, president of the Grant County Search and Rescue, is requesting chapter members to staff incident command when SAR is called out. See Doug for details about what incident command staffing might entail.

Agenda topic *BCH Third-Party Liability Insurance* | **Presenter** *Doug Dexter*

In May/June, the Gila chapter will send in payment to the state BCH office for our share of the third-party liability insurance. The insurance covers participants in state BCH activities whose horses cause trouble resulting in injury or property damage to others.

Agenda topic *Training segment* | **Presenter** *Mike Head, USFS*

Animal “land set” traps, placed along the Continental Divide Trail and other trails, have been in the news lately because dogs and horses have blundered into them, causing noise, chaos, fear and loathing for hikers and horsemen alike. It’s legal for trappers to operate in the Gila forests and wilderness areas, so long as trappers comply with regulations (search for them online, if you dare). Although trap placement is required to be 25 yards or more from any USFS or BLM system trail, some trappers don’t comply.

For this reason, it’s important for BCH members to understand how traps work, especially how to release an animal. It’s not easy, as Mike Head demonstrated. A couple of members present at the meeting experimented with

standing on the release mechanisms of a couple of traps, but didn't have much luck opening them. Mr. Head said the best way to open a trap is to use C-clamps. Some members shared war stories about extricating dogs from traps.

Gila Chapter BCHA

Mar 12, 2014 Treasurer/Member Report

FINAL

Bank Balance 1/15/14 \$ 3,091.74

Credits

2/17/14	+\$.44	interest paid
1/17/14	+\$	30.00	D Thompson membership
1/17/14	+\$	30.00	Meyoni membership
1/24/14	+\$	40.00	Streams membership
1/24/14	+\$	30.00	S Brown membership
2/3/14	+\$	30.00	donation, JM
2/14/14	+\$	30.00	J Dewbre membership
total credits		\$ 190.44	

Debits

#1250	2/13/14-	\$ 65.79	reimb DD mileage state meeting
total debits		\$ 65.79	

Bank Balance 2/17/14 \$ 3,216.39

Transactions After February 17, 2014:

deposit 2/25/14	\$40.00	Cash/Shelley membership
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deposit 3/10/14	\$40.00	Kinter membership

Today's Balance \$ 3,326.39

Membership Update/Email List

Our 2014 membership is now 58. Last year's membership was 64. We have 18 single and 20 family memberships on March 11. We have two non-members on email list to coordinate with other BCH chapters, Dan Key & Pat Buls.

Dues payable to State are \$5. for single memberships and \$10 for family memberships.

Dues payable to National are \$15 for singles, and \$18 for families.

At this point, we will pay \$720 to state for state & national dues at end of March.

We still do not know how much we owe to state for liability insurance, but they will be letting us know soon and that will also have to be paid. It was voted and approved at February meeting to pay this from existing funds in account. A guess at that amount is previous \$11/person would be \$638.

Based on bank balance on 3/11/14, with those two amounts paid to state/national, we would have a balance of \$1,968.39 left.

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	40	18	58 total members					