

# Gila Chapter

## Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico | MINUTES

---

Meeting date | time 11/12/2014 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

Susan Austin, Cindi deCapiteau, Joan Dewbre, Dixie Dexter, Doug Dexter, Gerry Engel, Judy Brown Lawson, Mickey Lemon, Rawlings Lemon, Fran Rawllins, Stan Rawllins, Stephanie Stone, Donna Tillmann, Sandy Weir, Nat Williams, Tim Wolcott

## AGENDA TOPICS

---

Agenda topic Recognize guests and new members | Presenter Doug Dexter

Doug Dexter extended a warm welcome to the chapter's newest member, Sandy Weir.

---

Agenda topic Additions or changes to agenda | Presenter Doug Dexter

Doug noted that, time permitting, the meeting would include a review of the chapter's web site.

---

Agenda topic Report and Approval of Minutes | Presenter Cindi deCapiteau

The chapter secretary always wonders about occasions when no changes or corrections are raised for the minutes. That happened to be the case for the October report. Presumably everybody reads the minutes, so the "no changes" action by the assembled members was warranted.

---

Agenda topic Financial Report | Presenter Doug Dexter

GBCH began the month with an impressive balance in excess of \$1500. The balance increased with reimbursements from the Forest Service as well as a jaw-dropping interest payment of \$0.35. The balance at month's end was more than \$5,000, but that sum was quickly whittled away by mileage reimbursements to members who participated in the soggy trail projects of summer 2014. See attached report for details.

---

Agenda topic Membership and Other Stuff | Presenter Doug Dexter

The Gila chapter can gleefully crow about our 60 members (see attached updated roster), which makes ours the largest chapter in all of New Mexico, exceeding the wimpy membership numbers of—oh never mind. Suffice it to say that

**"WE ROCK!"**

But wait! There's more! The chapter will be honored with of three or four additional new members at the Christmas party.

The long-running confusion and uncertainty persists about how much dues will be for the coming year. The matter that results in this caprice is still how much moolah the state BCH requires to fund its insurance (wouldn't you think the insurance people would be right on top of this?) The chapter's mighty and magical decision makers are examining ways that the chapter can fund the anticipated dues increase without increasing dues. Doug promised to send out an email announcement when the matter is finally resolved.

Another enduring matter continues in abeyance, that matter being the preparation of maps that show the locations of members who can equiid-sit and the locations of public places to which livestock can be evacuated, in accordance with the evacuation planning and preparation document we have been bragging about. Something will happen on this, sooner or later.

Doug reported on his attendance at a recent meeting of the Gila Wilderness Society. The society is working to map out non-wilderness territory to be assimilated into the wilderness. In addition, some of the society's members are potential pack-in candidates who might need assistance from the Gila chapter to support their work in wilderness areas. Doug is exploring synergy with this group.

---

*Agenda topic Elections and the January Meeting | Presenter Doug Dexter*

Doug soothed the angst of those worried about being collared for positions on the chapter's roster of officers and accomplishers of tasks great and small. He called for motions and votes to support filling out the roster as follows:

- Ⓜ Mr. and Mrs. Rawllins have agreed to serve for another year as the chapter's representatives to the state BCH. [Conversation]
- Ⓜ Gerry Engel will remain in command of public service and project coordination.
- Ⓜ Cindi deCapiteau will remain as secretary.
- Ⓜ Teds and Mara Miles will continue as publicity coordinators.
- Ⓜ Jean Hill will again serve as treasurer.
- Ⓜ Doug offered to continue as president.

A motion for each office was enthusiastically made, seconded, and the candidates were voted into office, slick as an icy wheelchair ramp.

Doug, exhibiting exceptional patience and grace, outlined his recurring entreaty that the chapter needs someone to coordinate the monthly education segment. He enumerated the job's duties and listed topics of interest. Cheryl Roth, a woman of extraordinary courage and cheerfulness, offered to serve. With a sigh of relief, the group accepted her offer; Cheryl will be the overseer of education in 2015.

The woebegone Doug, who has assumed the duties of the unfilled offices during 2014, mentioned that the chapter needs a vice president, whose duties seem to be limited to running the monthly meeting in the president's absence. Susan Austin offered to take on that role and was emphatically voted into office.

Doug reported that Tim Heidrick, Silver City's new fire chief, has agreed to attend January 14 meeting.

Few things in the lives of volunteer organizations are so complicated as the annual Christmas party. It takes a committee, you know, of dedicated and creative individuals who work it all out so the rest of us can have fun and eat ourselves into oblivion and not make trouble by bickering and complaining. Joan Dewbre skillfully coordinate the Gila BCH chapter's 2014 party committee. Joan provided the lowdown about her group's deliberations:

The committee met at the Red Barn in Silver City. Joan advised that, as expected, the Barn's food was "blah," and she expressed glad tidings that we're not having our party there. Committee member Mickey Lemon exercised her outstanding communication skills in negotiating with Bear Mountain Lodge a price of \$460 for use of the dining room, as well as cleanup afterward.

Mickey presented the costs of options for sustenance that would round out the event.

1. Bear Lodge can provide turkey and ham for \$8 a person (on top of the \$460 for the room). The committee expects 40 people to attend the event and on that basis, each partygoer could pay \$12.
2. A charge of \$10 per person would offset the cost of the room. The chapter would pay for the meat, which would be prepared and hauled to the event by self-selected members. Other members would provide potluck dishes. Bear Lodge would provide alcoholic beverages for a per-drink charge. This option was the approach taken for the 2013 Christmas party.

Doug requested a motion to adopt option 2. The motion was made, seconded, and approved.

Joan passed around a sign-up sheet so people could indicate the food they intended to bring. She also made a specific request for four volunteers to prepare the meat. Judy Lawson's suggestion of roast pork for one of the high-protein selections was favorably received. Most of the members present at the meeting weren't quite ready to commit themselves to the endeavor, so the sign-up sheet met with a bunch of hemming and hawing—to which Joan responded by advising she would send out an invitation announcing the party and accompanied by the sign-up sheet.

Joan reported that the committee discussed the possibility of holding a 50-50 lottery and a raffle for a free brunch offered by Bear Mountain Lodge. Rawlings Lemon offered to contribute an antique hunting knife to the raffle. The lottery and raffle would be rolled together at a cost of \$1 per ticket.

Somebody mentioned that in the past, the winner of the 50-50 lottery has immediately announced an intention to donate the winnings back to the chapter. The mentioner suggested that this emerging tradition could cause others to feel they must behave accordingly, even if they wanted to keep their winnings, and further mused that if the 50-50 winner wants to donate the winnings back to the club, he or she should do so anonymously because the potential to win is an incentive to contribute. Nat Williams agreed, saying it might increase the take if the winner doesn't have to feel guilty about keeping the loot.

The party date was set for December 14, a Sunday. Doors open at 12:30 and lunch begins at 1:30 p.m. The later-than-customary starting time was chosen so that folks could get home from church.

---

**Action items**

**Person responsible**

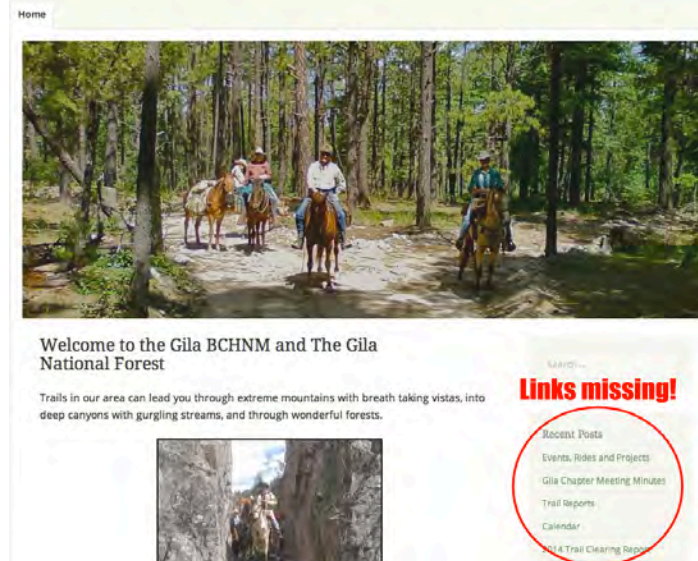
Contact Bear Mountain Lodge with head count and RSVP provisions	Joan Dewbre
Prepare invitation and food sign-up sheet and convey to Gerry Engel/Jean Hill for email distribution	Joan Dewbre

Cindi deCapiteau polled the group to assess the usage level of the chapter's website, <http://gilabchnm.com/>. She was gratified to discover that everybody in the group knows about the site and most of us have accessed it. That was the good news.

Cindi's meticulously crafted presentation was a consummate calamity that supplied to the proceedings a hefty dose of merriment, as well as sympathy from those who have also experienced technical misadventures before a live audience. In spite of a successful test (witnessed by several people) of her projector and its Internet connection to GRMCs Wi-Fi network and access to <http://gilabchnm.com/>, Cindi failed for several minutes to bring up the site, which everybody knew was waiting on a background tab on the microscopic computer Cindi uses. Whatever the problem was, it resolved itself for a reason no more apparent than its initial failure.

## Gila Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico

Discover the Gila wilderness on horseback



When the website finally appeared the home page was supposed to look like the image at left, but the links on the screen's right-hand side, which are so essential to successful navigation, were gone.

Tsk. Let's attribute this to the likelihood that the WordPress platform on which the site runs isn't optimized for the impossibility that anyone in her right mind would run a modern web site on a dinky and obsolete Gateway Windows XP-equipped computer.

While scrolling in search of the missing links, we happened across a baffling video clip. It was mostly amusing images of dogs hanging out of car windows, tongues flapping in the wind.

While preparing these minutes, Cindi discovered that apparently WordPress is boosting its income from baseline blogger fees by posting advertisements on the

sites of the cheapskates among us. The advertising might always have been present on the site, but it certainly came as a surprise to Cindi. We can get rid of the advertising by paying more to WordPress, or we can simply ignore it.

The dog clips gave everybody a good laugh and pretty much shut down the demonstration, which was admittedly a lost cause anyway.

The exercise wasn't a total loss, however, because it did produce some useful feedback. Several members commented that it's difficult to find what one is looking for on the site and suggested that a site search feature would be helpful.

## Agenda topic Announcements

Fran Rawllins announced that long-time-and-now-former chapter members, Ken and Colleen Poole, as well as Colleen's horse, Rocky, and the Poole's six cats made it safely to South Carolina. Everybody is beginning to settle in and everybody is happy.

Mickey Lemon said she and several others have been going through the possessions of the late Gail Moore (publisher of the Glenwood Gazette) in preparation for an estate sale. Mickey said the estate includes four storage sheds of furniture, personal items, paintings, and thousands of books, some of which are really great westerns and historical tomes. A professional in that field is setting the pricing for the books. Paperbacks will be priced at around 50 cents; rare and more valuable books will be reasonably priced. Proceeds will fund a journalism scholarship. The

sale will be held at the Workshops at the Carneros building, but a date had not been set as of the time of this meeting. When the date is set, Mickey will have an announcement distributed by email.

She also mentioned that the task of sorting Ms. Moore's worldly goods is daunting and Mickey could use some help. Doug commented that he could ask Aldo Leopold to provide some people to help out.

The next chapter meeting will be on January 14, 2015.

(note: last bank statement is taken to BCH meetings in case someone needs to see it.)

**Bank Balance Sept 16, 2014 \$ 1,587.15**

## Credits

10/6	\$ 1,475.80	FS payment
10/6	\$ 2,291.50	FS payment
10/15	\$ .35	interest

## Debits

10/15 #1260	\$ 38.22	reimburse state meeting mileage
10/15 #1261	\$ 100.00	gift card Poole's

**Bank Balance October 15, 2014 \$ 5,216.58**

## After Bank Balance Oct. 15, 2014:

## Debits

twelve checks	\$ 3,348.77	reimburse miles & nights for members who did trail work
---------------	-------------	--

**Balance after those 12 checks \$ 1,867.81**

---

Membership Update/Email List

There is an updated Member list here. At least 3 or 4 new people want to join for 2015, and we will take membership payments at the Christmas Party Dec 14. Membership rates are to stay the same for 2015.

We still have two non-members on email list to coordinate with other BCH chapters, Dan Key & Pat Buls, plus those wanting to join in 2015.

Our 2014 paid membership is now 60. We have 20 single and 20 family memberships. Last year's membership was 64.

GILA Chapter BCH		Members 2014 as of Nov 6, 2014					Recent updates	
Member Name	Family	Single	Mailing Address	City	ST	ZIP Code	Phone-all 575- unless noted	Email(s)-skipped space Before @
Austin, Susan		1	56 Owens Rd	Silver City	NM	88061	519-9080	silvercityaustin @aznexus.net
Alexander, Jim		2	PO Box 645	Tyrone	NM	88065	574-5203	n/a
Brewer, Linda & Rohovec, John	1		PO Box 1163	Silver City	NM	88062	538-2538	info @bearmountainlodge.com
Brown, Sharon		3	PO Box 264	Santa Clara	NM	88026	537-2686	sharona93 @q.com
Byrum, Dawn		4	1201 Mississippi	Silver City	NM	88061	644-9030	dabj @earthlink.net
Cash, Louise & Shelley, Bob	2		PO Box 335	Mimbres	NM	88049-335	519-2724 574-2147	redhatchiro @gilanet.com HEART-L @comcast.net
Chiverton, Sue		5	HC 68 Box 70B	Mimbres	NM	88045	536-3109	suechiverton @gilanet.com
Cockman, Jony		6	PO Box 657	Santa Clara	NM	88026	574.8173	jcckman @cybermesa.com
deCapiteau, Cindi		7	7 Buffalo Bar Rd.	Silver City	NM	88062	519-0848	cdecapiteau @gmail.com
Dewbre, Joan		8	PO Box 1027	Silver City	NM	88062	313-5566	jmdewbre @aol.com
Dexter, Doug & Dixie	3		PO Box 91	Silver City	NM	88062	313-6305 714-679-7578	dexterdoug @hotmail.com dixazteca @gmail.com
Dowd, Mike & Vicki	4		119 Cow Trail	Arenas Valley	NM	88022	760-533-1897 760-533-4098	vcartcat @hotmail.com
Dwyer, Tom & Michele	5		PO Box 224	Silver City	NM	88062	770-8726	tmdwyer52 @gmail.com madwyer @centurylink.net
Engel, Gerry & Jean Hill	6		4551 Eddie Ward Way	Silver City	NM	88061	590-3497 590-2829	engelhill @comcast.net jnhill @comcast.net
Meyoni Geouge		9	PO Box 250	Buckhorn	NM	88025	535-2255	meyonidevi @gmail.com
Hagel, Sally		10	20 Fawn Trail	Silver City	NM	88061	534-9566	sbhagel @yahoo.com
Hall, Bob and Flo	7		27 Emerald Drive	Silver City	NM	88061	538-5080	fharabians @zianet.com
Kinter, Terry & Gail	8		PO Box 2010	Silver City	NM	88062	388-3625	tgkinter @comcast.net
Knight, Jodie & Scott	9		PO Box 658	Silver City	NM	88062	535-4208	jknight @aznexus.net
Lawson, Judy & John	10		4200 Arrowhead	Silver City	NM	88061	654-3935, 313-0589 313-3784	j.brown.lawson @gmail.com lsilvercity @gmail.com
Lemon, Rawlings & Mickey	11		PO Box 1676	Silver City	NM	88062	388-2840	rawlings @signalpeak.net mickeylemon39 @gmail.com
Lewis, Ken & Henrieta	12		7375 Hwy 180 W	Buckhorn	NM	88025	535-2202	rafter3c00 @yahoo.com
McClish, Karen		11	18 Agave St.	Silver City	NM	88061	535-4273	recoverytimefarm @gmail.com
McGorkey, Michelle		12	44 Yucca Valley Drive	Silver City	NM	88061	313.2996	micmcgorky @yahoo.com
Miles, Mara & Ted	13		PO Box 1412	Silver City	NM	88062	574-2888	roundaboutfarm @fastmail.fm evideo @mymacmail.com
Moseley, Jene		13	10 Bar Six Drive	Silver City	NM	88061	313-7465	raffizan @aznexus.net
Murch, Kathy		14	PO Box 536	Silver City	NM	88062	313-7563	k_murch @yahoo.com
Poole, Ken & Colleen	14		PO Box 482	Mimbres	NM	88049	536-3946	n/a
Rawllins, Fran & Stan	15		PO Box 5	Faywood	NM	88034	536-2953	stanleyfran @hotmail.com
Roth, Randy & Cheryl	16		55 Elias Rd	Arenas Valley	NM	88022	605.490.7809	sturgisroths @gmail.com
Schneider, Silke & Felger, Richard	17		PO Box 1628	Silver City	NM	88062	388-1023	sschne1068 @aol.com
Snoeyenobes, Ellen		15	19 X Bar X Dr	Silver City	NM	88061	406.381.5483	bostonponies @gmail.com

<b>Stone, Stephanie</b>		16	1119 Taylor Rd.	Street	MD	21154	654-5292	svaidenstone@gmail.com
<b>Streams, Meg, Dale &amp; family</b>	18		HC 68 157P	Silver City	NM	88061	536-9629	streams@gilanet.com
<b>Thompson, Doretta</b>		17	94 N Fork Walnut Creek Rd	Silver City	NM	88061	989.307.0004	lazygbard@gmail.com
<b>Tillmann, Donna &amp; David Allen</b>	19		PO Box 1461	Bayard	NM	88023	574.7303 574-7722	djtillmann@gmail.com djallen62@gmail.com
<b>Wignall, Ilene</b>		18	14 Quartz Dr.	Silver City	NM	88061	538-9439 313-0002	jwignall@comcast.net
<b>Williams, Nathan &amp; Cathy Brett</b>	20		PO Box 5050	Silver City	NM	88062	534-4484	clb@zianet.com
<b>Wlosinski, Laurie</b>		19	358 XYZ Ranch Rd.	Silver City	NM	88061	519-9462	lwlosi@hotmail.com
<b>Wolcott, Tim</b>		20	PO Box 667	Creede	CO	81130	585.313.0578	timwolcott@hotmail.com
		<b>Total</b> 20	<b>Total</b> 20					
		<b>*2=40</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>60 total members</b>				
<b>will join in 2015</b>								
<b>Pat Buls</b>								
<b>Mary Beth Folia</b>								
<b>Teresa Smergut</b>								
<b>Redd, Mackie</b>	2015		5 Tulpia Trail	Hillsboro	NM	88042	Home: 575.895.5506	mackie@mackieredd.com