

Gila Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico
MEETING MINUTES 10/9/2019

Attendees:

Bacon, Joan; Brett, Cathy; Brown, Sharon; Buls, Pat; Dexter, Dixie; Dexter, Doug; Dowd, Vicki; Hill, Jean; Imler, David; Imler, Nancy; Larson, Jane; Larson, Joel; Lemon, Mikey; Lemon, Rawlings; Perez, Charlen; Rehari, Beth; Rehari, Matt; Shumway, Becky; Whittemore, Deborah; Williams, Nat; Wlosinski, Lori

Total: 21 present

Minutes of the meeting held October 9, 2019, were approved by 1) Lori Wlosinski and 2) Nat Williams.

A) The financial report was updated for us by Nancy Imler.

B) New members were introduced: Beth & Matt Rehari... WELCOME!!

C) Search and Rescue (SAR) update by L. Wlosinski: 1) Car found parked at Steins 4-5 days and driver never found as of our meeting date; 2) Lost hiker at Gila Cliff Dwellings was found by another hiker (unidentified) and led back to civilization.

D) State BCH Events:

(1) Mickey Lemons stated the state BCH Convention will need attendees. Please see Mickey no later than October 15th.

(2) Mickey also stated that in the State BCH update that e-bikes (electric bikes) will be viewed the same as mountain bikes on national forest trails.

(3) In Washington State, the Cascade Forest requires a permit for anyone to enter and BCH America doesn't like this idea.

E) GBCH pamphlets that would be inserted into BCHA brochures, purchase of denim vests and BCHA patches will be discussed further at the Nov meeting.

F) Horse trailer parking at the trailheads: Kathy Murch found a good location for horse trailer (only) parking improvement project that will be funded by the USFS. A community meeting is planned at 3 pm on October 25 or 26 at The Buckhorn. Positive and negative comments will be taken. More details to come.

G) Highway clean-up scheduled. 9-11 people will be needed. Check with Maureen McCloud.

H) It was decided that the GBCH Holiday Party will be at The Buckhorn and it is scheduled for Dec 8, Sunday, where the membership would provide side dishes and The Buckhorn Restaurant would provide two meat main dishes. Cost will be \$8 per person; discussion ensued about whether or not we'll pay \$8 or \$10. Will vote on it in Nov meeting.

I) There was discussion about whether or not to obtain wilderness first aid training from Melissa (for pay) or to obtain the training from USFS (for free). This decision will be pushed to the Nov meeting.

J) Reminder that elections for officers will occur at the November meeting.

K) Vicki Dowd talked briefly about the April 2020 Nan Ranch NATRC scheduling an 8-mile “Leisure Ride” with four spots along the trail for judging. Also that the trails on the upcoming 2020 NATRC ride would be about the same as last year, and the planned schedule includes a one-day, a two-day and a Leisure ride.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm. Our next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, 6 pm on November 13, 2019.

Meeting notes compiled & typed by B. Shumway