

IMBCH

Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2010

I. Call to order

Glenn Matthews called to order the regular meeting of the **IMBCH** at 7:04pm on April 9, 2010 at the Public Library, 300 East Monroe St, Wytheville, VA.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Becky & John Pearman, Wendy & Bruce Hallgren, Glen Matthews, Diane Cherry, Linda Meyer, Gina Hags, WJ Cober, Ferg Powell

III. Treasurer's Report

We paid national and state dues – current balance \$480

Gina gave forms for Glenn and Wendy to fill out to be able to sign for checks

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

March minutes were emailed, no corrections, minutes accepted.

V. Agenda Items

- Update on Virginia BCH meeting events and/or decisions:
 - Chapter delegates attending the National meeting will not have voting rights because the voting rights will be for State representatives
 - Gina has taken the leave no trace course, will look into having Chris Cox give a course in our location, he is a good speaker and has given course previously
- By-Laws: approved and signed.
- Update on the Chainsaw class (April 10-11)- starts at 8am – need to have eye and head protection – helmet with visor or sunglasses and helmet (riding helmets are not acceptable☺)
- Update – Spring Shots Clinic at Ivanhoe Horse Show Grounds / Jubilee Park in Ivanhoe VA- veterinarian Tom Lavelle will give shots and draw blood for coggins test, if time permits he may also float teeth. No farm call costs. Date: April 17th
Time: 9am-12pm – Wendy and Chris are organizing – email or call for any additional information – Wendy will ask Ivanhoe Fire Dept to put information on their road sign, announcements made on radio and in Wytheville paper - We would like to set up a booth there with brochures and membership forms. Wendy will contact Nancy for updated brochure version
- Trail work discussions-
 - Reminder to count your hours scouting trail conditions, report where/when/how long to Nancy Sluys - see project list table below for her contact information
 - Highlands trail work on muddy stream crossing area near 602 was discussed with WJ Cober from the forest service – he indicated using South Fork method of

big rocks in this area would not work due to different climate, he recommended use of geocells (like plastic honeycombs) – if we could provide funds to get this material WJ says he could approve our doing this trail project work – WJ will send information to Gina and Nancy about this geocell method, would also require rocks to fill on top

Note: WJ said a bridge approach would require big engineering project, he could not approve to put in culverts without having a hydrologist looking into this first and to get hydrologist we would need to submit a request and get on list, WJ can submit this request for us if we do not go with geocells approach

- Glenn asked WJ if there were other specific projects for us – he mentioned that trail work for Endurance Ride would be good – this raised discussion about the bad spot on the trail near Mike's Gap which runs right down the fault line and is in bad shape – Gina asked if we could have it re-routed and WJ said no plans for that now – the forest service has lost two people this year and he recommends that we go for grants to get these kinds of trail projects done and gave us grant

information: DCR contact Cynthia Waymack and Transportation Enhancement contact Eddie Stamper, WJ will give sample grants to Gina and she and Linda will follow up on this – schedule of proposed actions is listed on the website and is where we would need to add places that require a re-routing to have the location checked by NEPA

- Glenn asked WJ about having more markers on Highlands Horse trail for distance indications and trail crossing – WJ says they do try to mark the designated trails but signs are taken down and the none-marked trail crossings are because of user created trails

- Glenn asked WJ about the big map we had marked up in Jan 2009 – WJ has it and says the information needs to be combined with other information to show designated trails and user trails and marking it up so they are all showing and it can indicate where to route new trails – he has been working on this and is close to being able to create this combined map – recommends the next step is to have study for the area to plan the new trails, while this make take up to 5 years overall to complete planning, it would mean that all new trails would be developed within a short period after the plans were approved rather than trying to get each new trail approved individually and slowly implemented

- National Trails Day (Saturday June 5th) event – we hope to be working on the Highlands Trail muddy area near Rt 602

- Update on Southern States – Linda reported we have \$263.50 on account as of April 10, 2010
- Discussed chapter joining VAFW and decided not to do so at this time
- Postponed working on the News letter Survey from National due to length of meeting, will complete at May meeting. Please send in any of your thoughts so we can send in a survey representing the whole chapter.

- Event updates:
 - In April at Ivanhoe Horse Show Grounds /Jubilee park will be a 4 day racking horse competition and Linda still trying to get dates so we can set up a booth there
 - Glade Mountain Saddle Club (Rural Retreat area) - 5:00 Wednesday April work day – mow grass, fix boards
 - Washington County tack sale – week later, bull riding at Abington fair grounds
 - May 1st Poker Ride at Ivanhoe Horse Show Grounds /Jubilee park – email on ride will be forwarded to all
- Linda mentioned email on predators where you can get free sample – Glenn says they are using predators in Collins Cove and works well – email will be forwarded to all
- Meeting Day/Time and Locations – meetings will be at library thru July for 2nd Friday of the month

VI. Non-Discussed Old/open issues

- a) Summary of BCHA Policy Manual to be provided to members – (Glenn has notebook)
- b) Letter from BCHA stating real purpose of the organization to be scanned and made available to all members – (Glenn has notebook)
- c) When to view BCHA and Packing videos and other CDs from national? (Linda currently has these items)

VII. Adjournment

Glenn Matthews adjourned the meeting at ~8:22 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Diane Cherry, Secretary

Minutes approved by:

GOING PROJECTS

Project Name	Members	Description / Notes
Website Maintenance	Nancy Sluys	Send any trail work pictures and/or stories you have for adding to our website.
Trail Work Reporting	Nancy Sluys minglewood@surry.net 336-351-4753	Submit to Nancy by 10 th of the month, she will submit reports to Forest Service and to National
Mapping Trails	Chris McIntosh Glen Matthews Annie Malone	Gina to get another large map from WJ with designated trails so we can mark up
Posters	Linda Meyers Becky Pearman	Leave no trace signs from forest service? Adopt a trail signs?
Letterhead / Logo	Nancy Sluys Randy McIntosh	Logo is process of being developed
T-Shirts	Nancy Sluys	Sample will be created with new logo
Marketing	Linda Meyers	News articles
Fund Raising	Linda Meyers	SS POP coupons
Tack Sale	Gina Hags Becky Pearman	Combine with membership drive?
Grant Writing	Gina Hags Linda Meyers	Wythe Bland Community Foundation Friends of Mt Rogers LL Bean website
Chain Saw Class	Gina Hags Nancy Sluys	Contact WJ about next chain saw class, last year was scheduled in March If you are interested in attending a chain saw class please contact Nancy or Gina or Glenn

COMMITTEES

Committee Name	Members	Description / Notes
Public Lands	Annie Malone Gina Hags Bruce Hallgren	Serves as liaison between the Chapter and the land management agencies or other groups.
Safety	Donnie Horton	Reviews the Liability Release Form.
Sunshine	Chris McIntosh	Sends sunshine to members who are in need of it, for whatever reason☺
Trail Work Planning	Nancy Sluys	Serves as liaison with the Forest Service to co-ordinate trail work planning. Please watch for any downed trees or other trail problems and report them to Nancy for trail work planning.