

IMBCH

Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2010

I. Call to order

Glenn Matthews called to order the regular meeting of the **IMBCH** at 7:00pm on February 12, 2010 at the Public Library, 300 East Monroe St, Wytheville, VA.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Wendy Hallgren, Glen Matthews, Terri Buckberry, Gina Hags, Diane Cherry, Linda Meyer, Chris McIntosh, Randy McIntosh,

III. Treasurer's Report

Gina reported balance in IMBCH bank account as \$941
– we owe a total of \$693 for national and state dues

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

January minutes were emailed, correction to year at top of minutes. - no new updates, minutes accepted.

V. Agenda Items

- Executive Meeting issues discussed: membership dues and review of the by-laws
- Everyone enjoyed delicious chocolates passed out by Linda in wonderful valentine heart shapes!
- Need to increase the dues amount because we were unaware that we owe the VA state organization \$10/family and \$5/individual. A mailing will be sent to all members asking them to send in the necessary increased dues amount if not yet paid. New dues will be \$27/family and \$17/individual. We are also asking those who have already paid dues to send in the additional amount to help restore our bank account. If you have already paid dues the increase is \$12/family and \$5/individual membership.
- membership form on website will be updated
- Proposed change to by laws article IV, section II – Added “Chairman may delegate the signing of checks to a member in good standing” (allows Nancy to continue in this function). Added “Chairman will be responsible for communication with national organizations “(as well as state).
- Proposed change to by laws article VII, section III – Added “Minimum dues amount will be what is required to pay the national and state dues”. Changed to indicate “Membership dues must be paid 3 weeks after January 1st”. Note: Delinquent members will be removed from the mailing list in March.
- Proposed change to by laws article VII - Changed to have secretary retain membership liability forms instead of Safety Committee.

- Motion to obtain the BCHA video/CD if we do not already have this - need to check with Nancy on previous BCHA video shown in 2009, is this same video listed in BCHA newsletter? Would like to be able to show to volunteers prior to trail work
- Requesting someone to attend the Sunday March 7th Back Country Horsemen of Virginia meeting – pot luck dinner at 2pm at Deb S’s farm in Lexington. Contact Glenn if you are willing to go, may organize a group trip.
- Requesting people to attend the Chainsaw certification class – Glenn will contact WJ about scheduling this for some time in April.
- Wendy motioned we use Rural Retreat 95.3 Radio community announcements to advertize our meetings. Linda will follow up on this.
- Motion to organize having members meet at Iron Mountain to have their horses given spring shots and draw blood for coggins test. This would be something where we expect to have a reduced rate for members. Terri will contact Sheila to see if they will allow this at Iron Mtn. Wendy will check with Tom Lavelle for cost of shots. Linda will check with Rural Retreat groups who have done this sort of event last year.
- Discussion of donation offer from Kevin Townsend, Race Director of the Iron Mountain Trail Run. Kevin wanted to specify donations be spent on trail work west of Grayson Highlands. Only member in that area appears to be Fred Overton. Decision to thank Kevin but cannot take donations and ensure they would go to those trail areas. Linda will send Kevin a thank you letter for his offer and let him know of our lack of members in that area.
- Linda Meyers mentioned that some of the other BCH clubs are listing expenses from BCH volunteer work as donations to non-profit organizations on their tax returns. Items such as hours/ mileage/ supplies (horse shoes) are itemized and listed as a donation to a non-profit. Note that IMBCH does not yet have official non-profit status.
- Notice to members on activities:
 - 1) Wilderness First Aid Course – these are being offered by the Forest Service in our area. For more information go to <http://wfa.net/>.
 - 2) Golden Horse Shoe BCH is offering Leave No Trace clinic and Learn to Pack weekend Feb 16, 27, 28. Go to their website for more information if interested.
 - 3) State BCH meeting is 2pm Sunday March 7th at Deb’s Lost Creek Farm
 - 4) Virginia Horse Council meeting is on March 13 at New Kent. Go to VHC website for more information.
- Workday Updates: No workday planned until weather improves. There may be a workday in February/March if students are available – Glenn will coordinate.

- BCH convention – will be in Branson MO on April 20-24th – cost of delegate going is approx. \$200/person –if we have enough \$ would like to offer to help cover expenses; Glenn checking on delegate status
- Meeting Day/Time and Locations – reminder March and April meetings are scheduled at Wythe Library for –Fridays March 12th and April 9th
- In April at Jubilee park will be a 4 day racking horse competition and Linda will find out more about this and we would like to set up a booth there with brochures. Gina will look at the current brochure version to see if we can have liability clause included and other changes like cost of membership.

VI. Non-Discussed Old/open issues

- a) Nancy to forward reports with volunteer hours to the members group.
- b) Summary of BCHA Policy Manual to be provided to members – (Glenn has notebook)
- c) Letter from BCHA stating real purpose of the organization to be scanned and made available to all members – (Glenn has notebook)
- d) When to view Packing video? (Nancy has video)

VII. Adjournment

Glenn Matthews adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Diane Cherry, Secretary

Minutes approved by:

GOING PROJECTS

Project Name	Members	Description / Notes
Website Maintenance	Nancy Sluys	Email address not fixed on our contact page, Nov minutes not on download page, our email address needs to be updated on state website under VA state contacts and our website still needs to be added to this site as a club reference
Trail Work Reporting	Nancy Sluys	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.