

# **IMBCH**

## **Meeting Minutes**

March 12, 2010

### **I. Call to order**

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

### **II. Roll call**

The following persons were present: Becky & John Pearman, Wendy Hallgren, Glen Matthews, Terri Buckberry, Diane Cherry, Linda Meyer, Nancy & Bill Sluys, Gina Hagis

### **III. Treasurer's Report**

We paid national and state dues – estimated \$200+ remaining

### **IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

February minutes were emailed, no corrections, minutes accepted.

### **V. Agenda Items**

- Report on Virginia BCH meeting events and/or decisions:
  - State will be sending 2 representatives to National meeting
  - Chapter delegates should be attending the State meetings (2 per year)
  - Liability issues: as long as people are signing roster forms on work days that are sent to forest service they should be covered by the forest service
  - some state committees were formed: media, public land, non-profit status;
    - want 1 person from each chapter to be in state's public land committee
    - when state has non-profit status people will be able to donate money to state and indicate that it is for IMBCH and it will all come here and can be tax write off
  - fall state meeting hoping to have camp out ride/meeting in November
  - state also had ideas for fund raising activities with trail rides, something like ACTHA events
  - one person in each chapter needs to take the leave no trace course, state will pay for this one person who is then able to teach others in chapter
- By-Laws: review and approval of changes:
  - 1- Proposed change to by laws article V, section II – Added “ or may delegate this to a member in good standing” for Chairman signing of checks (allows Nancy to continue in this function). Added “and national” for Chairman responsible for communication with state and national organizations APPROVED
  - 2- Propose change to by laws article V, section III – Delete “The Vice Chairman shall serve as the web coordinator with the state/national organization” APPROVED
  - 3- Proposed change to by laws article VII, section III – Added “but minimum amount shall cover the national and state dues” to ensure yearly dues voted by membership covers this cost. Changed to indicate three “weeks” instead of “months” for when membership dues must be paid after January 1<sup>st</sup>. APPROVED

Note: Delinquent members will be moved to extended mailing list in March and information news will be emailed to all members and extended mailing list but minutes only to members.

4- Proposed change to by laws article XII - Changed to have secretary retain membership liability forms instead of Safety Committee. APPROVED

5- Proposed change to by laws article IV section I - change to staggered terms for officers and change length of office to two years. REJECTED – changed to delete “Officers shall serve no more than two consecutive terms. Delegates may serve multiple terms” APPROVED

6- Additional changes to article III, section III – remove “or national” reference to delegates; section IV – remove “, once formed”. Changes are because we now have a state VBCH who selects the national delegates from within the state’s group of chapter delegates who attend state meetings.

7- Additional change to approval signature title line for “President” changed to “Chairman” because that is correct office title.

- Update on the Chainsaw class (April 10-11)- We have 4 openings in this class – currently Tom, Gina, Bruce, & Wendy or Tory will attend; Linda and Glenn are other alternates
- Update – Wendy has arranged a Spring Shots Clinic at Jubilee Park in Ivanhoe with veterinarian Tom Lavelle who will give shots and draw blood for coggins test, if time permits he may also float teeth. Expecting to have some reduced cost (no farm call cost). Date set for April 17<sup>th</sup> at Jubilee Park, time to be determined but probably something like 9am-12pm
- Trail work discussions-
  - any time you or your friends are scouting trail conditions please let us know where/when/how long – these hours can all be sent to national and logged as trail assessment work hours
  - Nancy raised question on who should track the trail hours, she will continue since it does not have to be in Excel format, so call or email your hours to Nancy, see project list table below for her contact information
  - Nancy will be doing some week day trail cleaning and will send emails to let people know in case they can come along
- Lots of trail work to do this year, the work on trail near 602 will be continued but Glenn thinks we need to have many smaller groups out working on the trails since they have excessive need of clean up after this winter; Nancy wants to talk to WJ about fixing the 602 trail area problem using donated money for proper bedding rather than breaking rocks and bringing them in, other ideas for bridge work discussed
- Nancy raised idea of having tack sale at August Endurance ride (sell tack and accept donations of tack or \$\$ for the club)

- Plan National Trails Day (Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>) event and register this per 2/16 email from AHS – Nancy will check with WJ if there is forest service work we can do
- Southern States in Wytheville is having Equine Seminar on Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm – we will have a booth set up there and several members are planning to attend
- In April at Jubilee park will be a 4 day racking horse competition and Linda still trying to find out more about this and we would like to set up a booth there with brochures. Nancy will update brochure version.
- Meeting Day/Time and Locations – will schedule meetings at library thru July for 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 ~8:46 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Diane Cherry, Secretary

Minutes approved by:

### GOING PROJECTS

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Description / Notes</b>
Website Maintenance	Nancy Sluys	Send any trail work pictures and/or stories you have for adding to our website.
Trail Work Reporting	Nancy Sluys <a href="mailto:minglewood@surry.net">minglewood@surry.net</a> 336-351-4753	Submit to Nancy by 10 <sup>th</sup> 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  <b>If you are interested in attending a chain saw class please contact Nancy or Gina or Glenn</b>

### COMMITTEES

<b>Committee Name</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Description / Notes</b>
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.  <b>Please watch for any downed trees or other trail problems and report them to Nancy for trail work planning.</b>