

Gila Chapter

Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico | MINUTES

Meeting date | time **4/11/2018 6:00 PM** | Meeting location *WNMU Watts Hall at 180 & Swan*

Meeting called by Doug Dexter

Type of meeting Monthly business meeting

Note taker Mary Beth Folia

Attendees

Doug Dexter, Pat Wolph, Donna Cinti, Rachel White, Mary Beth Folia, Mike Head, Ted Miles, Gerry Engel, Melinda Wood, Randolph Wood, Sharon Norris, Mickey Lemon, Rawlings Lemon, Nancy Imler, Dave Imler, Cindi deCapiteau, Charlen Perez, Vicki Dowd, Cheryl Roth, Meyoni Geouge, Joan Bacon, Dawn Byrum

AGENDA TOPICS

Agenda topic *Call to order* | Presenter *Doug Dexter*

Discussion Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.

Agenda topic *Recognize guests and new members* | Presenter *Doug Dexter*

Welcome new members Melissa Green and Mike Head. Mary Beth Folia was voted in as Secretary.

Agenda topic *Accept or amend minutes* | Presenter *Doug Dexter*

Minutes from March, 2018 were accepted.

Agenda topic *Additions or changes to agenda* | Presenter *Doug Dexter*

Agenda was accepted.

Agenda topic *Financial report* | Presenter *Nancy Imler*

Income from the 50/50 Raffle and the NATRC ride brought in \$9,393 in March. The Gila Chapter paid \$1,242 to the State Chapter, bringing the balance to about \$8,000. Nancy noted that the Gila chapter is one of the largest chapters in New Mexico (go, us!)

Agenda topic *Publicity* | Presenter *Ted Miles*

Ted reported “nothing extraordinary”; the state website looks good. Ted or Cindi de Capiteau can get articles onto the websites, and there has been good NATRC publicity.

Agenda topic *Public Service/Communications* | Presenter *Gerry Engel*

Gerry has been talking with the Tribe and the Forest Service about writing letters to Heather Wilson re the F-16 flyovers (also, see below). Also, a draft of the Forest Plan (by Matt Schulz) is out, and Matt is looking for responses by April 23. Gerry is not

happy with some of the plan's proposed trail use. He noted that the West Fork is VERY dry, with no water in it in several places, unusual for this early in the year.

Doug proposed that Gerry do a ½ hour segment on the Forest Plan, which can be found on the Gila National Forest website, on a sidebar.

There's about \$10,000 left in grant money.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Educational presentation to GBCH members	Gerry Engle	May meeting
½ hour on the current draft of the Forest Plan		

Agenda topic *50/50 Raffle* |

Vicki Dowd won \$19.50!

Agenda topic *SAR Update* |

There have been a lot of trainings and mock searches, focused on looking for an Alzheimer's patient.

Agenda topic *State BCH (NMBCH) | Presenter Mickey Lemon*

Mickey and Rawlings Lemon are GBCH's representatives. Two National representatives will attend the National meeting on 4/20. The regional reps will break up and discuss issues. The State chapter agreed to do a raffle. The State needs a new State Lands Chair (apparently the previous chair quit in disgust), as well as a new Volunteer Hours Coordinator.

Rendezvous: The Rendezvous is very iffy at this point because of fire danger. If it does take place it will be held at Risumidero in the Santa Fe National Forest during the last weekend of July. People planning this year's Rendezvous asked Mickey for advice because our Rendezvous two years ago was so successful.

Mickey and Rawlings would like to get two alternate reps in place, in case they are unable to make the State BCH meeting.

NMBCH Raffle: Mickey is selling raffle tickets as a fundraiser for the State chapter.. The prize is a stay at a very nice condominium, pictured on the NMBCH website. The drawing will be at the Rendezvous in July.

Agenda topic *Training flights of F-16s over the Gila Wilderness* | Presenter Pat Wolph

Pat brought this topic up to the State BCH president, and also suggested we take a stand on this issue as a chapter. Russ Imler wrote a good letter to Derek. The next State meeting is in June, and it is suggested we need a strongly worded letter stating that the proposed flyovers will impact all outfitters and dude ranches, as well as tourism in Grant County (economic costs). Other negative impacts include serious fire danger, damage to wildlife populations, severe stress on residents and visitors, and increased dangers for anyone using livestock near the flight paths.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Letter to the State BCH President	Under discussion	Before June 2 State meeting

Agenda topic *One Million Bones* | **Presenter** *Gerry Engel*

Gerry remarked that there are still 999,999 bones left to move at Bear Mountain Lodge. Actually, packers have moved more than half of the ceramic bones, weighing about 20,000 pounds, a distance of .6 miles. Linda at Bear Mountain Lodge is very appreciative. The dedication will be 4/14/18.

Agenda topic *Heli-vac Insurance* | **Presenter** *Doug Dexter*

GBCH has secured a volume discount with Air Methods Advantage to provide insurance for the cost of possible helicopter evacuation. The cost is \$70 per family or \$30 per individual, per year. Gerry/Doug sent out a pdf of the 1-page application; please include the phrase Gila Back Country Horsemen on the application and make checks out to Air Methods Advantage.

Agenda topic *NATRC Ride at NAN Ranch* | **Presenter** *Cindi de Capiteau*

Finances: NATRC complained that the entry fee was too expensive (in 2016 it was \$135), so organizers dropped it to \$100. To cover the rising cost of camping at NAN (\$25/night), we need more than 13 riders. However, rider response has been good, so we anticipate making \$2,300 based on 20 riders. Cindi handed out a revised budget. There was discussion of how much, if anything, to charge volunteers for meals. Volunteers can stay free in the Lodge or camp out for \$25/night.

Water: Doug has a 200 gallon tank for campers. Cindi, Dawn Byrum and the NAN ranch also have water tanks.

Horse/Stock Trailer for ambulance: Gerry will provide

Barbecue: Saturday at 6 PM.

Communications: There is some cell service. Some people have InReach satellite phones and walkie talkies.

Safety riders: Nat and Cathy will be one safety team and a second 2-person safety team is coming from CO.

P & R teams: There will be two Pulse and Respiration stops each day for each ride.

Check in: starts at 2 PM Friday.

7 AM Saturday: Open riders will start, followed by novice riders.

7 AM Sunday: Shorter ride

Awards: Cheryl and Vicki have some cool stuff, including a fancy headstall from JD's, 3 sacks of treats, 4 rolls of purple vet-rap. Riders will receive ribbons, a monogrammed NAN ranch cooler, a monogrammed NAN ranch blanket, and water bottles.

Agenda topic *Continental Divide Trail Days* | **Presenter** *Doug Dexter*

Please send Doug a note to dexterdoug@hotmail.com if you'd like to participate. We will again be doing crosscut saw demos and branding the "biscuits" (log pieces) with branding irons. This year there will be two charcoal barbecues to heat the branding irons.

Adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.