

GILA CHAPTER  
BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF NEW MEXICO, INC.  
BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1 ..... This organization shall be called GILA CHAPTER of the BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF NEW MEXICO, herein after GILA CHAPTER called Chapter and BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF NEW MEXICO called BCHNM.

Section 2 ..... This Chapter is a Regional Chapter of BCHNM.

Section 3 ..... The Chapter is organized exclusively for charitable purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1 ..... The Chapter shall perpetuate the common sense and responsible use and enjoyment of horses, mules and other livestock in America’s back country and wilderness.

Section 2 ..... The Chapter shall work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational livestock use.

Section 3 ..... The Chapter shall assist various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of public lands.

Section 4.....The Chapter shall work to educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise and sustaining use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.

Section 5.....The Chapter shall foster and encourage the formation of new Back Country Horsemen organizations.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 ..... Membership in the Chapter is open to all interested persons.

Section 2 .....Application for membership shall be made to the Chapter Treasurer by presentation of application for membership to the Chapter providing name, mailing address, telephone or cell phone number, e-mail address and signed liability release for BCHNM membership records.

Section 3 .....Members in good standing of the Chapter shall also be members of BCHNM and Back Country Horsemen of America.

Section 4 ..... Dues and fees shall be assessed as deemed necessary by the membership.

Section 5.....Membership classifications shall be Individual and Family. Members under the age of eighteen (18) must be part of a family membership and must have a parent or legal guardian present at all Chapter functions.

Section 6.....Individual membership shall refer to one (1) person eighteen (18) years of age or older.

Section 7.....Family membership shall refer to one (1) or two (2) adults in the same household and all the minor children residing under the supervision of the above referred to adults or guardians.

Section 8 .....Members in good standing are those members whose current dues are paid.

#### ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 ..... Meetings shall be held on a monthly basis to conduct any business of the Chapter, hereinafter called Business Meetings.

Section 2 ..... Each member age eighteen (18) or older, is entitled to one (1) vote.

Section 3 ..... Special meetings of the membership may be scheduled by the President as needed. Notice shall be made in writing or by e-mail to the membership ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

Section 4 ..... Any reports that are to be given at a meeting, by Officer, committee, or individual, shall be brought to the attention of the President prior to the start of the meeting.

Section 5 ..... Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held from time to time, hereinafter called Board Meetings, and will be held at a time and location decided by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Action taken at Board Meetings shall be advisory in nature.

Section 6 .....Attendance at a Business Meeting by a minimum of ten (10) eligible voting members including one (1) Officer of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

#### ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1 ..... The Chapter shall elect annually the following officers of the Board of Directors: PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, and TREASURER.

Section 2 ..... The PRESIDENT shall preside at all Business Meetings, shall appoint such committees that may be necessary and appropriate, and shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 3 ..... The VICE-PRESIDENT shall assist the President as needed and is to preside at meetings when the President is absent.

Section 4 ..... The SECRETARY shall record and keep the minutes of Business, Board and Special Meetings.

Section 5 ..... The TREASURER shall keep records of income, expenses, disbursements, and any other financial records required for the operation of Chapter business. The Treasurer shall collect dues and maintain the list of members in good standing.

Section 6 .....Election of Officers shall be held at the November Business Meeting.

Section 7.....Elected Officers terms shall begin January 1 of each year following the November elections and terminate December 31 of the same year.

Section 8 .....So long as the total membership of the Chapter meets the minimum requirements of BCHNM, two (2) members of the Chapter shall be elected, at the November meeting, to serve as State Directors of BCHNM in accordance with the bylaws of BCHNM. The State Directors shall attend the quarterly BCHNM meetings and report back to the Chapter. The State Directors term of office shall be two (2) years beginning January 1 of the year following the November elections and terminating December 31 of the next year.

Section 9..... Vacancies of an office shall be filled by election at a Business Meeting.

Section 10..... Officers may be removed by a majority vote of members at a Business Meeting. Notification of action to remove an officer must be made at the Business Meeting preceding the meeting that the action is to take place. Notice shall be made in writing to the

officer in question ten (10) days prior to the meeting where action may take place.

## ARTICLE VI – HOUSEKEEPING

Section 1 ..... Fiscal year shall be from January 1 through December 31 of each year.

Section 2 ..... Robert's Rules of Order is adopted as a guideline for conducting all meetings. The President may serve as Parliamentarian, or may at his discretion appoint a Parliamentarian. The Decision of the Parliamentarian shall be final in all questions of procedure.

Section 3 ..... Wherever the masculine gender is used herein the feminine shall be deemed included. Wherever the singular form is used herein the plural shall be deemed included to aid in the interpretation to the sense intended.

Section 4 ..... When the President is absent from a Business Meeting the next highest officer in attendance as listed in ARTICLE V will preside.

Section 5.....No part of the net earnings of the Chapter shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the Chapter shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes described in section 501(c)(3).

Section 6.....No substantial part of the activities of the Chapter shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Chapter shall not participate in, or intervene in any campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Section 7.....Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Chapter shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

## ARTICLE VII – BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Section 1 ..... These Bylaws may be amended, repealed, or added to by motion of the membership at any Business Meeting, provided that all proposed changes will be made available in written form, e-mail notification shall be considered written form, to all members of the Chapter 30 days prior to the meeting during which the Amendments are to be voted

upon and that an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members present is achieved.

#### ARTICLE VIII – DISSOLUTION

Section 1.....In the event of dissolution of the Chapter, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, to BCHNM provided BCHNM is exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If BCHNM is not exempt, assets shall be distributed to Back Country Horsemen of America for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

BYLAWS APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP ON 03/12/01

BYLAWS UPDATED & APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP ON 11/14/2018

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Doug Dexter-President

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Mary Shumway-Vice President

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Cindi deCapiteau-Secretary

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Nancy Imler-Treasurer