

CLOUD PEAK BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
MARCH 24, 2009

Meeting: Meeting called to order by President Marty Casey at 7:05pm

Present: 16 members were present

Visitors: 1 visitor was present

Minutes: Minutes from February 24 meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: \$2414.32

Program: Lynne Whittington – Tread Lightly Host Trail training

Old Business:

Gary gave an update on the Cross Creek project. The pipe will be here soon. Gary has the deals to weld on to the pipe. John Sweem talked to some people from Spear-O and they want to know when we will be there (Mike Darnell has the names of the people.) Ms. Jones said we would need to check the boneyard to see what we need from there.

St. Jude's Ride: John Sweem distributed calendar with schedule for possibilities for the ride. Open to suggestions of where to ride: 1. Area of 2008 ride. 2. Moncreiffe Ridge between Big Horn and Story. John will pursue getting permission for this area. Recommend having ride May 30. Gary Benson has not given the materials to John Sweem at this time. Marty is going to call the people from the radio station to see if they want to do something with us.

Volunteer hours have been submitted to the State. Our club donated \$25,000 worth of time and materials.

Sarah Schreiber sent Marty an updated slide show on her presentation and it will be posted on the website.

Kent asked if our By-Laws had been sent to the State. They have not been sent but Marty will get them from Rosemary. Rosemary will email them to the State.

New Business:

Marty read information about a bill to allow a slaughter house for horses in Montana and will forward information to the group regarding HB 418 in Montana. Marty will send the information to the group.

Marty read about Stimulus money that will be available for projects and a request to form committees from each group to prepare requests. Brian Boden said the money is primarily for shovel-ready projects and construction projects will have priority. He will be surprised if we (locally) see much of the funds. Trails maintenance looks pretty good now, he said that if we knew of anything that is of concern to the group. Brian suggested

that the group could apply for grants for money for projects. Larry Durante is designated as the representative.

Rosemary reported on a message from Steve Didlier saying that BCH does not put in for grants for Trails. There is an issue with horsemen not contributing to the support of State Trails. State Trails has been moved into a State group. To apply for a grant, the amount has to be \$2000 minimum and the grant will match. Can use labor, fuel and other expenses. There is also red tape in accounting for all funds. The deadline for applying is October 1. The decision for awarding the grants is done in December. Rosemary will bring the information to the next meeting.

Brian asked if there was still interest in a pack school for this summer. If there is interest he will need to try to get it scheduled, probably in August.

Kent said the equipment trailer is going to the high school on Monday for painting.

Program: Lynne Whittington – Tread Lightly training in Casper. She is now a Master Tread Lightly Trainer. She will do a training sometime during the year to train others for the program.

Next Meeting:

April 28, 2009 in Sheridan

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Mills
Secretary