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November 2010

Presidents Notes

Cooler weather is here and Christmas is just around the corner. We have finished our summer work trips and some of us Greenhorns got a little coaching from the Pecos Chapter the last couple of months. Paula and I joined them Sunday the 17th and we cleared Spruce Trail on the east side of the Manzano Mountains. Becky P and I joined them on 25 September on the 4th of July trail. And we fielded a crew of five including Paula, Becky, Jan, Michele and me on September 12 working on the Red Canyon Trail and riding back on the Spruce Trail. These experiences were highly educational and productive.

Happy Trails

CALENDAR

Sunday, Nov 14	Next Ride is a moonlight ride at Becky's Sunday. Potluck after the ride.	2:00 PM
Thur, Nov 18	November meeting Fat Sats, Dinner at 6:00 PM.	7:15 PM
Sat, Dec 18	Christmas Party at 6:00 PM. Kim and Jeremy Montoya's House	

Sep 10-11, 2011 Fresh from State Meeting: Rendezvous next year. Roger will be asked to do dinner on 10th and breakfast on 11th.

Chapter Elections

It's time for the annual election of officers, which includes President, Vice Pres, Secretary, Treasurer and five Directors. We'll have further discussion nominations at next meeting. One new nominee at this time - Paula Howe for Treasurer. If you are interested in serving as an officer, we'll have nominations at the next meeting. Elections at the Christmas Party.

Guest Speaker

Meeting began at 7:00 PM with Guest Speaker, Donna Tolbert of “Horsin Around Therapeutic Riding Center” of Belen, NM. Donna and her organization provide children and adults equine facilitated development programs. Donnas’ outreach is for volunteers to assist in many ways including assisting the riders and caring for the horses and facilities. She is also spreading the word about the availability of her facility.

October Business Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM.

Treasurers Report: There is money in the account.

Old Business

Discussed October 17, trail maintenance ride with the Pecos Chapter. Attended by Paula Howe and Rodney Woods, work effort and ride was good. We Discussed safety actions brought up by the behavior of an upset horse.

Michele and Rick were successful with their contact to MRG Conservancy about fixing the pot hole in the parking lot NE of Main Street Bridge. She will send a thank You Note from MRBCH.

Tools were accounted. Roger brought in three saws, one long crosscut and two long saws with through hand grip on one end. Roger is still searching for an axe and some wedges. Rodney will deliver the three saws at the state meeting on to Cheryl Nigg of the Pecos Chapter to deliver to the saw sharpener Jim Gore for us.

Rick brought the stash of clothing and a MRBCH sign about eight feet long from JoAnn. Shirts and other gear with MRBCH logos were issued for sale and to trail maintenance participants, one each.

Prices:

Long sleeve shirt	\$15.00.
Short sleeve shirt	\$10.00.
Hat	\$10:00.
Scarves	\$6:00.

The clothes and brochures were delivered to Donna K by Becky G. Michele suggested that we find some scabbards for some tools and Becky suggested we purchase a couple of additional tools. A tool was also discussed and laid aside for more research.

Christmas: The December meeting and Christmas Party will be held and the Montoya’s. The party begins at 6:00 PM. Pot Luck and Gift Exchange with a \$15:00 limit. Last year was great fun. BYODrink’s.

New Business:

January Meeting: Tentative invite Cheryl Nigg as guest speaker. Topic: Pack your bag.

Look for GPS in First Aid Bag.

Need to prepare an audit sheet for equipment.

Discussion of top quality Space Blanket for emergencies.

Meeting Closed 8:30 PM.

From State Meeting 23 October 2010:

Carol Edmunds is working on a BCHA kid's coloring book. Go to Refresheverything.com and vote for it from Nov 1 to Nov 30.

December issue of Horse Trader Magazine will have a big article on BCHA.

Pecos Chapter will sponsor a Backcountry 101 training course this spring. We will get a couple of spaces. You have to bring your own horse.



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