



Keeping Trails Open and Maintained - "we are the workers"

Minnesota Back Country *News and Notes*

This is the second edition of BCH-MN's *News and Notes* 'mini-newsletter'. The purpose of these short emailed newsletters is to highlight activities of the state organization to let all MN members know what's happening. Chapter members receive the newsletter from the chapter secretaries and at-large members receive it directly from the state secretary. If you have comments or suggestions, please send them directly to me at oakridgefarm244@gmail.com. Ken Olson BCH-MN Secretary.

National Directors Attend BCHA National Conference - Marv Breitzkreutz and Diane Freese attended the BCHA National Conference April 7 - 10 in Ashville, NC. They will be sharing their information with the State Board and members throughout the year. Thanks Marv and Diane for attending.

BCH-MN at MN Horse Expo - Your organization will have an information booth in the Miracle of Birth Building at the MN Horse Expo April 26 - 28. We will also be doing a short presentation about BCH-MN at Bob Eversole's Trail Meister seminars in the DNR Building throughout the event. Be sure to stop by the display booth and sign up for the prize drawings for current and new members. Prizes include pruner holders and a saw and scabbard donated by Stussy Leather from Zumbrot.

BCH-MN By-law Improvements - The BCH-MN Board of Directors is near the completion of a full rewrite of the organization's by-laws. As we grow, there is a need to update the organization's basic rules and structure. The by-law committee has worked many hours on this. The plan is for the new by-laws to be made available to members this summer with final ratification by members by the next Annual Meeting.

Member and Chapter Expansion - Growing membership is important. If you are an at-large member who would be interested in forming a chapter in your area, be sure to contact one of the State Board members for information and assistance. If you have friends who are interested in "Keeping Trails Open and Maintained" please tell them about BCH-MN and invite them to join. After all - "we are the workers".

Summer Ride and Meeting - BCH-MN is planning a general membership ride and meeting for the weekend of Aug 23 - 25. Location and details are being worked out. Watch your email for more information in coming weeks.

Togo Horse Camp - The MN DNR is proposing to allow OHV (ATV's, etc.) camp and unload and ride their vehicle from the Togo Horse camp to OHV trails. The Togo horse camp was built with horse organization

funds and there is concern over camp capacity and the safety of mixing OHV's and horses in the camp. Comments in this regard can be emailed to guy.lunz@state.mn.us on or before May 3. Eileen Menefee has more information.

Calendar of Events/Activities -

- April 26 - 28 - BCH-MN - MN Horse Expo display - (contact Barb Partington)
- May 3 & 4 - BCH-MN - Trail and campground work day at Cut Foot Sioux Horse Camp - Chippewa National Forest (contact - Eileen Menefee)
- May 9 - Zumbro Bottoms Chapter Meeting - JJ Tailgators - Elgin (contact Bruce Kvitem)
- May 14 - BCH-MN Board of Directors Conference call
- May ? - SE Chapter - Tree transplanting at Lake Louise & Forestville State Park work projects - to be scheduled as favorable weather allows (contact - Dave Robson)
- June 1 - Southeast MN Chapter Trail Work Day - Wet Bark trails - (contact Dave Robson)
- June 1 & 2 - Zumbro Bottoms Chapter Work Days (contact Bruce Kvitem)
- August 18 - Stoneybrooke/McCarthy Beach "Diversity Day" - McCarthy Beach State Park Picnic Shelter designed for persons with disabilities - hayrides/horse camping demos (contact - Eileen Menefee)
- August 23 - 25 - BCH-MN membership Ride and Meeting - details to follow

BCH-MN Board of Directors -

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