



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

### Minnesota Back Country *News and Notes* - Third Edition - June 2019

If you have comments or suggestions for this "mini-newsletter" send them directly to Ken Olson, BCH-MN Secretary at oakridgefarm244@gmail.com. (*News and Notes* - follows the monthly Board meeting)

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**Current BCH-MN Membership - 42 families, 35 Individuals and 1 Associate - total of 119 people!**

**National Directors report from the BCHA National Conference April 7 - 10 Ashville NC** - Marv Breitreutz and Diane Freese, our National Directors, have placed a summary of the National Conference on our website at [www.bchmn.org](http://www.bchmn.org). Take a look at the report - it's interesting to see what's happening.

**BCH-MN at MN Horse Expo** - Barb Partington, Barb Kvittem and Diane Freese Co-Chairs -Nine volunteers worked a total of 132 hours in the display in the Miracle of Birth Center. The team of volunteers had fun signing up 10 new family, individual or associate members and renewing 3 previous members. The traffic thru the display area and the BCHA promotion by Bob Eversol, Trailmeister, in his seminars provided good exposure to provide attendees with information about BCH-MN. The display drawing prizes were a pruner holder and a saw and scabbard donated by Stussy Leather from Zumbrota.

**BCH-MN web site** - Steve Freese web manager - a photo section has been added to our website. Now we need photos! Be sure to visit the BCH-MN website at [www.bchmn.org](http://www.bchmn.org)

**BCH-MN By-law Improvements** - All current BCH-MN members should have received a copy of the proposed new by-laws via email from your chapter or the state officers. The "first reading" of the proposed new by-laws will be at the brief general membership meeting Saturday, July 20th at the Summer Rendezvous at Zumbro Bottoms West Assembly - see details in the Calendar of Events below.

**Improving Camps and Trails** - contributions come as time/talents/travel/equipment & dollars

**Volunteer Hours Report** (From Vice President - Diane Freese) Year to date we have recorded -

- 692 hours of basic and skilled labor      - 2,110 travel miles      - 12 stock days

Worth a total dollar value of \$26,040\*      (\*Value based on BCHA agreement with USFS)

**Monetary Contributions** - Total - \$ 1578.23 BCH-MN - \$ 893.23 & Southeast MN Chapter - \$ 675

A special thanks to everyone who has supported BCH MN and our chapters with time, talent, equipment and \$\$'s. This is what gives us clout with land managers and legislators. Let's keep up the good work!

**Work Project Examples - 6 benches/mounting blocks & 13 water bars at Forestville State Park**



The SEMN Chapter is looking at having a work day at Hay Creek to clear trails and repair a tie rail.

**Calendar of Events/Activities -**

**July 19 - 21 - BCH-MN Summer Rendezvous - Zumbro Bottoms West Assembly.**

- Friday - July 19 - 6:30 Ride & campfire
- Saturday - July 20 - 9:00 Packing demonstration 10:00 Ride  
5:00 Dutch Oven Cooking Demonstration 6:00 Potluck  
7:00 Short member meeting, Silent Auction, Campfire
- Sunday - July 21 - 8:30 Cowboy Church 10:00 Ride (Contact - Barb Partington)

**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)**

**BCH-MN Board of Directors -**

- President - Marvin Breitreutz - mphorses43@gmail.com (National Director)
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