



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

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If you have comments or suggestions for this "mini-newsletter" send them directly to Ken Olson, BCH-MN Secretary at oakridgefarm244@gmail.com.

BCH-MN Summer Rendezvous - Although the weather was hot and wet, a few members had a short ride Saturday afternoon from the Zumbro Bottoms West Assembly camp before the pot luck and membership meeting. At the meeting 20 members present were updated with chapter and area reports and information from the National Directors. The main item of business was to review the proposed new by-laws. Members had a couple of questions with no suggestions for changes. The proposed by-laws will now be voted on by members at the 2020 annual meeting for final adoption.

Nominations for 2020 BCH-MN Officers - Barb Kvittem and Mark Fitting are appointed as the nomination committee for the election of officers at the 2020 BCH-MN Annual Meeting. Anyone interested in nominating themselves or another member for an office should contact Barb or Mark. Their contact information is at the end of this newsletter.

Recent Work Projects and Activities -

Zumbro Bottoms Chapter Trail Work Days - Aug 10 & 11



Trail clearing and erosion control projects. 18 volunteers put in 157 work hours. The Golden Eagles Motorcycle club mowed some trails. ZB Chapter has a proposal to DNR for more high ties.

Horse Camping 101 - McCarthy Beach State Park - Side Lake, MN August 18



Coordinated by Eileen Menefee and Linda Vukich. 40 to 50 people attended. 10 volunteers (7 BCH-MN members) provided horse drawn wagon rides, Dutch Oven cooking demonstration, demonstrated horse camping techniques, and provided horse camping info. Thanks goes to Dawn Ryan, State Park Manager

South East Chapter - Hay Creek Trail Work Day - Red Wing, MN - September 7 -



Trail clearing & picnic table cleaning. 8 volunteers - 40 hours of work followed by evening meal and campfire at Hay Creek Saloon campground.

Calendar of Future Events/Activities -

2020 BCH-MN Annual Meeting - Saturday, Jan 11, 2020 - 11 am to 2 pm - Pizza Ranch - 16995 Kenyon Ave Lakeville, MN (across I 35 from Fleet Farm) Mark your calendar! More details later

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