

SEM N BCH MN

Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2019 at 1:30 PM

Present:

Dave and Nola Robson, Marilyn Messmer, David and Rachel Brown, Cyndy Perry, Russ and Terrie Mettler, Steven and Maribeth Fair-Pingree, Theresa Warren, Steve and Diane Freese, Mark and Cindy Fitting, Renee Ewing, Cindy Steege.

Meeting was called to order by Dave Robson at 1:30 PM.

Welcome and Introductions

Dave Robson introduced himself and shared the mission of the SEM N BCH MN group. All present introduced themselves and the breed of horse they ride.

Secretary reading of the November 25, 2018 meeting minutes

Minutes were accepted as read. M/S/A

Treasurer report

Premier Bank account current balance of \$315.03.

Expense of \$90; Fee for the Employer Identification Number (EIN) from the IRS.

Report accepted as read. M/S/A

President presents a brief description of the BCHA and their mission statement

BCHA has a 45-year history. A brief description of the BCHA, their mission statement and by-laws were shared.

Best time and place for membership meetings

It was decided that this group will meet monthly on a Sunday afternoon November through April, then during the riding season, May-October plan to meet at one of our supported riding locations.

Logo – tabled at last meeting, do we need or want one?

One logo example was shared, suggestions made, decision tabled until the next meeting. It was noted that Steve Freese is working with a free website to create a webpage for this group.

By-laws revision. Members were emailed the proposed change on December 11, 2018.

It was proposed to remove "notice by Facebook" within the by-laws. M/S/P

It was noted that a Facebook page is still an option for information sharing but not for official business.

Next meeting date

Next meeting will be held on Sunday, February 10 at 1:30 PM in the shelter at Forestville State Park.

Old Business

Committees for meeting with DNR people in charge at Forestville, Lake Louise, Reno, Wetbark and Hay Creek have been appointed. These two person committees are also the official spokesperson for SEMN BCH ZMN. There will be reports and discussions re this at a future meeting. They are currently working with DNR to identify what projects they would like completed. DNR does require a chain saw safety class and certification.

It was noted that dues are paid on the calendar year. This is consistent with both the Federal and State BCH organizations and this chapter's by-law.

Approximately half of the Board and Officer positions will be up for election in 2020.

New Business

As a 5013C nonprofit SEMN BCH MN does qualify to apply for Grants. Maribeth Fair-Pingree is experienced in completing grant applications and volunteered to complete a target number of 3 applications this year. Rachel Brown will assist and review the BCH National and DNR websites for a list of grants available.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cyndy Perry