

**San Juan Back Country Horseman – SJBCH Board of Directors Meeting**

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**Newsletter: Pony Tracks**

**Monday 10-9-2023**

**United Methodist Church – 434 Lewis St., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147**

**Start time: 6:07 p.m. End Time: 7:34 p.m.**

**Meeting called to order:** President John Nelson

**Board members in attendance:**

**President:** John Nelson

**Secretary:** Katie Betts

**Communication Lead:** Lisa Nelson

**Trails Committee co-lead:** Randy Betts

**Rodeo Committee Lead:** Jo Ann Senzig

**Membership Committee:** Janie Gray

**Volunteer Hours Coordinator:** Donna Fait

**Approval of minutes:** John Nelson

Donna Fait motioned to approve the September minutes; seconded by Jo Ann Senzig. All present in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** John Nelson

Randy Betts motioned to approve the September treasurer's reports; seconded by Katie Betts. All present in favor.

**Trails Committee Report:** John Nelson

John discussed the upcoming PATC meeting on October 24th from 5-7 pm at the PLPOA clubhouse. One focus of the meeting will be the Forest Service's willingness to contract trail work with organized crews.

**Social Committee Report:** John Nelson

Fall color ride was a success with 12 riders. Our guest speaker for the October 16th general meeting will be Stephanie with San Juan Mountain Association.

**Volunteer Committee Report:** Donna Fait

Donna is working on the report for trees cleared from trails. Forest Service report is due in October.

### **Fundraising Committee:**

Allan Netzer has been in contact with Shane Burris. Shane expects to have the proceeds figured and the check available for us next week. Allan expressed our appreciation.

### **Membership Committee:** Janie Gray

We have 3 returning/new members.

### **Old Business:**

John and Lisa Nelson and Ron Toland attended the Sept 19th meeting with the Forest Service and Pagosa Area Trails Council. The Forest Service and PATC were open to their suggestions and list of trails that need work and requested the information John and Lisa provided about location, type of work and potential costs.

### **New Business:**

2023/2024 focus on A) grooming new board members and officers, B) emphasizing trail tread work with FS, PATC, grants, contracts, etc. According to Lisa, John Nelson is expiring. We are still awaiting the disclosure of his expiration date.

Lisa and John Nelson spoke about the frequency of general meetings during winter and the possibility of restructuring the meeting schedule. Lisa Nelson motioned to cancel the November General Meeting, then meet for our December 11th Christmas party with our next General Meeting resuming January 15th, 2024 at which time we will discuss the need for a February meeting. Katie Betts 2nd the motion. All present in favor.

John Nelson spoke about the next shoe to drop with the Forest Service will be the closing of trails for public safety. We need to continue pushing for resources to keep these trails open for future stock use. IE: Rainbow Trail, Williams Creek Trail, other major trails in addition to smaller trails need maintained tread as well as clearing. The discussion continued with the need to organize additional groups to do day trip trail work, be it on horseback or hiking in.

John Nelson motioned to adjourn; Randy Betts seconded. All present in favor.

### **Next Meeting:**

General meeting, Oct. 16.

Minutes written by Katie Betts.