

# SJBCH BOD Meeting Minutes

Date: 9-9-2024 Time: 6:00 PM Place: United Methodist Church

**Board Members in Attendance:** John Nelson, Lisa Nelson, Ron Toland, Katie Betts, Jenavieve Betts, Annie Pack, JoAnne Senzig, Chris Boyd, Janie Gray.

**Meeting Called to Order:** John Nelson at 6:04 PM

**Secretary Report:** Katie Betts- July 8th, 2024 meeting minutes motion to approve by JoAnn Senzig, seconded by Allan Netzer. All present in favor.

**Treasurer Report:** Allan Netzer- Ron Toland motioned to approve the July and August treasurer's report; seconded by Lisa Nelson. All present in favor.

**Trails Committee Report: Ron Toland** 30 mile stock unloading wasn't able to get completed yet. We're going to purchase **carsonite signs to mark trail**.

Wilderness Stewardship workshop in Keystone, Ron believes it would be good for SJBCH to have a face there and he wants to go to the meeting. Chris motioned to pay up to \$250 to send Ron to the workshop. Seconded by JoAnn, all present in favor.

South San Juan Wilderness Trip, cleared over 400 trees on that loop over **3** years, project is complete.

Black Creek Bridge is a foot bridge trail, people are getting their horses and mules on that trail. John would like to propose for the bridge to be repaired. Ron will bring it to **Tanner's** attention that there needs to be a sign installed to deter the bridge for livestock use.

Ron will **reinstall the Turkey Creek** wilderness sign, ~~Tyler asked us to.~~

Annie Pack suggested looking at the Piedra river trail that is rocky and so slick. John proposes that being one of our goals to improve that area of trail.

**Social Committee: Annie** is still planning the fall color ride for October 12th. Ron has a speaker for the October meeting, he is the **silviculturist** with the forest service to discuss beetle kill in the forest.

October meeting, pot luck, we will Zoom the meeting, Annie will send out the emails, chili pot luck.

Possible November meeting with author to speak, **potential** book signing for **"Stories of the Blanco Basin"**.

~~Volunteer Committee: Donna Fait~~ **Fund Raising Committee:** Allan will start making phone calls to Shane Burris to see when the funds will be submitted for the rodeo liquor sales.

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**Communication Report: Lisa Nelson** Next newsletter will be September/October issue to include the fall color ride. Website was updated. ~~which is now pointed to~~ **John will post meeting info on** Facebook for meeting times and scheduling.

**Membership Committee: Janie Gray** James Freeman is a new member that likes to do **trail** work. Elizabeth Tucker also joined, lives in Carbondale.

Memberships for next year beginning in the last quarter of the year may be paying twice to the chapter due to beginning membership from Sept to December. ~~Ron Toland may move to change the bylaws over winter, to state membership will be changed to a calendar year membership.~~ Allan to research the cost ~~being paid~~ to the chapter when this happens and we'll discuss at another time

**Safety: Chris Boyd** Wanted to add that he backed the **idea** of the Black Creek Bridge deck being addressed. Lisa mentioned that one of our members, Dan **Ward**, came across a sow and 2 cubs as well as a moose. May be a topic of conversation for the group, how to handle that situation. Chris to write up his most recent experience of a run in with a bear. Maybe we should create a list of identified hazardous areas for the membership.

**Old Business:** Election meeting October 21st.

PATC Larry **Smith** is back on the PATC board. PATC received the \$125k grant for community planning, there is going to be a facilitator out of Grand Junction that is going to be doing it. This is a good opportunity for ideas to be put out there, for the purpose of the town and county as well as the Forest Service. **It's an important** process for the community

**New Business:** East Fork planning project, ~~planning~~ process to start in October or November aimed at controlling dispersed camping in the area, the FS contacted **John** to see if we wanted a pre-meeting before the project meeting. After that conversation, we had heard about this project about a year ago, but the outfitters that are operating out there were not aware of the project. John got together with a couple of those outfitters and people. Why BCH needs to be involved with outfitters and why we need to be involved in FS planning. Outfitters group is not real organized, not everyone is included/invited. We need to forge better partnerships with these groups so we are a lot more effective with the FS.

Pagosa Ranger District Trail Crew recognition, gift cards, per PATC request, board approved by email vote to supply \$225 as recognition.

John has a draft proposal put together for National Trails Day next year for Treasure Falls. Idea being to see if maybe we can get a small grant for CPW or CDOT to hire a contractor to fix that area and trail up. John will send to Annie to review and then they'll present to the board. Paul Blackman said 2 years ago that the bathroom is in planning but it'll be across the road.

Lisa Nelson stated this is the 60th anniversary of the wilderness act, may be a good **thing** to play off of it. Ron says we need to find a project to spend this money on before **raising** more funds.

**Next Meeting:** October 7th, 2024

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn at 7:11 by Allan Netzer, second by Ron Toland.

9/11/24– Addition of majority vote via email to increase dues to \$45/\$50 **for individual/family**.