

SJBCH BOD Meeting Minutes

Date: 2-10-2025 Time: 6:00 PM Place: United Methodist Church

Board Members in Attendance: Ron Toland, John Nelson, Lisa Nelson, Gabe Candelaria, Autumn Anderson, Katie Betts, Allan Netzer, Larry Smith, Lisa McClure, Justin Frie

Meeting Called to Order: Ron Toland at 6:04 PM

Secretary Report: Lisa Nelson- meeting minutes motioned to approve by Gabe. All present in favor.

Treasurer Report: Allan Netzer- John Nelson motioned to approve the treasurer's report; seconded by Gabe. All present in favor.

Financial analysis: Allan- \$29k+ in the bank after expenditures roughly \$28,500–\$18k in liability. \$900 in membership renewals. 2025 Budget planning, tool to measure our progress against for 2025. This is to give us a budget base, so we can make informed decisions throughout the year with us remaining cash flow neutral or a little bit positive for the year. Estimated a little lower income in 2025 because we don't have a fundraising person and no rodeo ticket sales. Expenses allocated to pay funds to BCHA, trail work, sign painting, etc. This is what Allan is going to base our progress on moving forward. Gabe is hoping to add another line for special projects to include the treasure falls project. In addition to adding a Go Fund Me line. If we end up with a budget shortfall, that's ok as long as bank balance can cover shortfall. Go Fund Me goal of \$10,000. Allan is going to update and send to the board.

Last Month's Activities:

February 6th Treasure Falls meeting with Forest Service. For National Trails Day we will work on Treasure Falls Trail. We will begin a Go Fund Me campaign that John Nelson has drafted, our goal will be to fundraise \$10,000 for this project for 2025. We plan to rent a mini excavator, bring gravel in and resurface the trail from the bottom up, we will delay installing the chain barrier until the trail is all complete. Forest Service has approved this plan. Dust 2 is really interested in helping sponsor this project. Lisa Nelson suggests reaching out to the county commissioners, tourism board, etc. to share the go fund me. All members should share the go fund me on their socials so we can get enough traction. We're hoping we can use this as a blueprint for future fund raising.

Donna Fait, Annie Pack, Tonya Lambert and Janie Gray are going to head up some social rides.

Burro Park Trail carsonite signs are in and ready to be installed.

New Business:

March 17th will be our next General Meeting held at Boss Hogs. This will be a less formal meeting to discuss what members are interested in and what they would like to accomplish within the membership. We will be talking about the schedule dates so far, the trails we plan to work on etc.

John Nelson has started working on volunteer agreements.

Plans for the Amish, last year they were successful on Fish Creek Trail. Lisa McClure suggested Archuleta Creek Trail for one idea. Wilderness trails are the ones that we should focus on. Lisa will get a hold of Tim Graber to see if they would like to clear Archuleta Creek trail. Lisa used to pay for food and transportation. SJBCH board agrees we should do the same.

Anderson trail is another adopted trail for SJBCH, unfortunately, we haven't been able to hit it very hard the last couple of years. Justin Frie and his crew cleared 250+ trees last year in the wilderness and would like to clear the Anderson trail with his crew this year. 30 Mile trail is another one that his crew would be open to doing. Justin has 4 guys. John Nelson mentioned it would take FS crew 3 to 4 days to clear Anderson. Justin's crew can chainsaw to the wilderness boundary, leave the saws then crosscut from there. June 15th or July 1st, the sooner the better for Justin depending on snow amounts. Justin would love to shoot for June. 4 Mile trail is Mike Ray's area as far as permits. They will need to be members of BCH, Justin is going to pay for his crew to be members.

Discussion Topics:

Larry Smith, PARC update, meeting on Thursday but no real update. Autumn Anderson noted that CPW was reviewing projects last Friday, and should know more by mid March.

Sign restoration— a couple of the folks have been working on a few signs over the winter and are hoping to pick it up in spring as well. John Nelson is going to make a push to find 2 to 4 people in the membership to see if they wouldn't mind forming a sign team. John would also like to push FS to consider letting us use their shop 1 day a week or so with controlled presence for people with signed volunteer agreements to work on the signs. The biggest challenge is finding a place where they can work on signs. Autumn can talk to Paul and Josh about the job core work center. SJBCH will ensure it's a controlled environment. Paul voiced his appreciation of the job that has been done so far on the signs. This outreach seems to be binding groups to work together.

District needs help at Chimney Rock. They are asking for people to drive the bus up and down the hill and perform maintenance. Adrian Brooks reached out to John for more information.

Fundraising currently will primarily be the Go Fund Me campaign for Treasure Falls. Joann Senzig, will not contribute the rodeo ticket booth sales to SJBCH for 2025. We're hoping the liquor sales will continue.

Chris Boyd has a schedule for CPR and First Aid. Chris will also reach out to Chelsey Jensen with EMS to do another class for us. Cross cut training Lisa will be doing the last weekend in May. Sid may do a chainsaw class but figuring out funding. Lisa and Sid will probably volunteer their time to SJBCH. Gabe motioned to cover gas for Lisa and Sid to come over to help out, Lisa Nelson seconded, all present in favor.

Fish Lake stabilization, may be dependent on the CPW grant.

Ron talked to Meg about La Garitas, they offered up their cabin which is a short ride from the trail head. Then we can work the way up to Wheeler.

30 Mile– trying to tackle that one again this year. Will schedule as soon as we find out when some people will be available. Probably the end of July so that it isn't so muddy because of the water being let out for farming.

Membership and participation, social rides might help draw and maintain memberships. Trying a more social general meeting at Boss Hogs for March. Several people from the South Fork side of the pass have joined membership. Keep ideas coming for membership and participation.

Everyone was supposed to reup by the end of January, a lot of people haven't renewed yet. Ron will send a letter out to the membership regarding renewal. Discussion on how quickly we want to purge the membership list. It was decided to let it ride for a while to see if more people renew their memberships before purging the list.

Facebook- Gabe shares things with John for FB that may be helpful for our SJBCH page. In December a Facebook page was created for Forest Service retired and active stock users. The page has picked up 80 members already, they need support in public land stock use. Trinity pack mules group is pushing BCH to articulate the issues so it's not just coming from the FS.

Newsletter- Lisa Nelson, please give her anything you want to include in the newsletter that will come out after our next general meeting. They're always looking for filler in the newsletter

Website- Allan was able to solve all the problems that arose this month. It's up and running.

Volunteer hours- send over to Donna when you do something for SJBCH.

National meeting in Prescott in April, Ron would like to attend. Gabe mentioned if we want to push National to do things we should be present and attend. Lisa Nelson motioned to cover Ron's expenses not to exceed \$200, Gabe seconded, all present in favor.

Lisa Nelson- In regards to First Aid/CPR certifications, someone made a suggestion that the chapter should pay for these classes. Ron believes this establishes a precedent, thinks people should be on their own for that. SJBCH tried it before and members took advantage of it but didn't clear the trails. Lisa McClure said she pushed the FS to let the BCH and other groups that needed certs to sit in on their training for free. John pushed for it but the FS wasn't interested. CPR and First Aid are useful to have in life. Justin Frie can not have anyone on staff that is not certified with CPR, First Aid and crosscut. It was decided that we are not going to pay for membership certifications.

7:21 Meeting Adjourned