



**Bonita Valley Horsemen
General Membership Meeting
May 6, 2009
Minutes**

Members present:

Amalfitano, Barbara	Goyette, Andrea
Carter, Diane	Kukuchek, Mark
Carter, Keith	Pennington, Sherry
Cruger, Doug	Sathrum, Jenny
Fiedler, Judy	Severn, Dwayne
Gonzales, Sandy	Shaffer, Sandy

President's report:

- Spring Valley Sewer Rework Project in the river bottom will be accomplished from end of bird nesting season in September finishing before the rainy season starts. It consists of pipe relining with above ground bypass line during work outage. The bypass line will be 24" plastic pipe that will be buried during construction with a ramp over it to allow unrestricted trail use. It begins at Kaiser and goes almost all the way to Beckett's. The project data is available in hard copy with Mark or can be found online at the BVH website. Mark has written a letter concerning issues that have been posted on the BVH website.
- Sweetwater Trail Project; Part III—The details of this project are available on the website at www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dpw/environment/envrnsvcs.html. The project includes building a trail from the Western Staging area to the Willow Street bridge. The county will be constructing a multi-use path made out of native materials along the current trail alignment. Mark has written a letter concerning issues that that has been posted to the BVH website. If anyone has any comment, they need to get them in by May 11, 2009 which is the end of the public comment period. Please make comments!
- The trail alongside the SDG&E property at the end of San Miguel Road is now open as the gate has been relocated and a trail gate is in place. Thanks to Maryanne Vancio, County Trail Coordinator, for pushing the issue and getting this accomplished. Make sure that you try this new trail.
- The new bridge at the Sunnyside Stock Farm is still getting trail easements in place and will hopefully start construction in the next month. Construction is still planning to be complete within 3 months. The golf course has requested some help in cleaning up the trails after the bridge construction around the area and the BVH will provide the volunteer labor and the golf course will sponsor the materials.
- Greg Cox, First District Supervisor, mentioned that a program exists to give grants for approximately \$100,000, non-profit organizations' trail maintenance and improvements. Mark will follow up and get some more information to share with the club. Sandy S. and Judy have offered to help Mark with the grant writing and tracking.
- The Community Trail Plan presentation to the Board of Supervisors is planned for June 24th. This would mean acceptance of existing trails and clearance of rejected easements and I.O.D.s (irrevocable offer of dedication).
- Cindy Halterman was on a Grand Canyon Mule tour yesterday, May 5th and the mule tripped and fell on her. She was badly hurt and has broken her neck, shoulder, 2 ribs and leg. She is in the Intensive Care Unit at Flagstaff Medical Center; 1200 Beaver St.; Flagstaff, Arizona; 86001. Please feel free to send cards, etc. The nurse's station telephone number is 928-779-3366 x73120. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Cindy.

Treasurer's report:

- Balance as of 5/6/09 is \$3,624.67.

Trail Maintenance:

- There are few more places that need to be cleaned up which Doug will take care of. Doug requested a hedge clipper that would cost BVH approximately \$500. A motion was made and seconded to allow this to occur. Doug will go out and get prices and bring it back to the Board before purchasing the item. It would be stored with BVH's other tools at Mark's house. BVH has two weed-wackers and a number of hand tools.
- There was an accident on the trail this past Sunday where a woman fell and broke her knee. A large rock stands in the way and needs to be removed from the trail.

Membership report:

- Member Appreciation Night, June 3rd at 6:30 p.m. The Museum is available. Diane and Sandy S. will be calling all the members.
 - Various members will post and handout flyers at neighboring barns, feed Stores and other locations. Please note that there will be a guest speaker by Dr. CATT on Rattlesnake 101. What to do if you get bit on the trail.
 - Food: hot dogs (no bbq), condiments, buns, chili, cake and drinks, etc. (Sandy G. will order and pick up cake). Judy will bring crock pot; Diane will bring chili and table cloths. Barb will take care of food.
 - Raffle for fly masks and feedbags
 - 50/50 drawing.
 - Dwayne and Mark will bring tables. Mark will bring chairs. Others need to bring a chair or two if they have some.

New Business:

- Microchips have still not been registered with AVID. D.J. is working on finding out why and straightening it out.
- Newsletter: it was brought up about the need for a newsletter. Mark indicated that Jenny would need people to help by submitting articles if this was to be handled.
- Upcoming trail rides:
 - ❖ June 6 - National Trials Day - Rancho Peñasquitos
 - ❖ July 4 - Fourth of July Night Ride to Cactus Hill for Fireworks
 - ❖ August 22 - Poker Ride Fundraiser (Summit Campground) – a very few camp sites will be reserved. People must call ASAP to the campground if they want to stay up there over the weekend. Camp sites sell out fast. The Gazebo has already been reserved. We are looking at starting the ride at 12:00 and supplying a light dinner (sandwiches, etc.); music, 50/50, campfire, with a continental breakfast on the 23rd before the beach ride. Diane is looking in to a commemorative item to be given out with registration (bandana, etc.). Jenny will have a flyer made up in the next couple of weeks. More details regarding cost, etc. to follow.
 - ❖ September 5 - Rice Canyon Full Moon Ride
 - ❖ October 17 - Bonita Highlands Ride
 - ❖ November 14 - Rancho Peñasquitos Ride
 - ❖ December 12 - Christmas Ride

Check the calendar on the website for the most up-to-date activities as the locations may change.

May 9th Escondido Ride
Leave at 9:00 a.m.; BITS at 10:00 a.m.
Parking is behind the two gas stations near the North County Fair Mall

Next BVH meeting:
Member Appreciation Night – Free Food
Wednesday, June 3, 2009
at the Bonita Museum
6:30 p.m.