Sunflower Chapter Meeting
Back Country Horsemen Kansas
Eisenhower State Park, Melvern Lake
October 11, 2019

Sunflower Chapter President Diana Skinner called the meeting to order at 6:40pm at the potluck dinner of the Eisenhower State Park Benefit Ride Weekend.

A review of BCHA and BCHKs was provided; Diana shared the Sunflower Chapter article that was in the recent BCHA newspaper. Updates on trail conditions throughout the state followed.

Sunflower Reports:

* Perry Lake – Diana reported that Perry is scheduling work days, and that most trails are open. The Thompsonville trails on the COE lands are now being managed by the state park office. Construction has been started on the new shelter house and bathhouse at Wild Horse Camp. The Perry benefit ride is rescheduled for October 19.
* Clinton Lake – Diana reported that the bottom trail received extensive damage during the flooding. A work day has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 16, to work on the upper blue trail. Work days are posted on the Friends of Rockhaven Facebook page.
* Pomona Lake – Diana reported that those trails were inaccessible most of the summer and are still muddy in places. Ken and Susan Johnson are starting to work on them.
* Eisenhower State Park, Melvern Lake – Cheryl Thomas reported that West Point Equestrian Campground was open all summer; Cowboy Camp was under water. Jim and park volunteers kept trails mowed where accessible. All trails are open for the benefit ride weekend.
* Pomona State Park – Cheryl reported that Pomona State Park will be adding an equestrian campground with Flint Hills Trail access.

Other Reports:

* Hillsdale Lake – Rick Medlin, BCHKs – Saddle Ridge Chapter, reported that the lower trail is not rideable. AERC members have had work days to prepare trails for endurance rides.
* Kanopolis Lake – Richard McIntire reported that Kanopolis trails remain closed due to flooding and extensive damage to Red Rock Canyon trails. A successful work day was held with 1.5 miles of trail cleared, and another work day is scheduled for Oct. 19.
* Big Hill Lake trails were reported to be in good condition.

Diana reminded everyone to be considerate of wet and muddy trail conditions and to support work days. Follow the Back Country Horsemen of America Kansas Chapter Facebook page for posting of work days. Hours from work days need to be reported to Cheryl for inclusion in the BCHKs annual report.

New officers will be needed for the Sunflower Chapter for 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 7pm.