**Sunflower BCHA-Ks Board Meeting**

**September 17, 2018**

**Four Corners Restaurant**

Attendance: Diana & Delbert Skinner, Susan & Ken Johnson, Cheryl & Jim Thomas, Dewayne Burgess, Sheila Watkins

Chapter President Diana reported on the state board meeting at Kanopolis and discussion on how much dues local chapters should send to state. Currently, the Sunflower Chapter dues for an individual breakdown is $15 local/$15 state/$15 national. Sunflower board members continue to support this dues policy feeling that membership is derived from those preferring that dues be used locally to fund trail maintenance and improvements. Local chapters are also hosting fundraising events to build their treasuries making them less reliant on state financial support. Diana encouraged board members to continue to think of fundraising ideas.

Discussion at the state board meeting also included a proposal from Denise Farris, Saddle Ridge BCHA-Ks to upgrade and improve the state website. She had a bid for $900 that would create an interactive page with links to national and local state chapters. Proposal was tabled. Susan Johnson suggested a couple of web creation sites that would make it easy for the Sunflower Chapter to build a webpage. Diana would like to reach out to Sunflower membership for someone who would volunteer to set one up.

Diana suggested doing a fundraiser to support adding a cowboy shower to Blackhawk Horse Camp. A fun day using the Blackhawk obstacle course was one idea. Ken and Susan were going to think about a location and a plan that would work for setting up a shower.

Cheryl will check on the promotional postcards to see if they include the BCHA-KS web address and Facebook page.

Diana reminded board members that officers will be elected at the January meeting. Current officers are eligible to remain in their positions for one more year.

There was discussion on how to provide incentives to encourage campground users to cleanup horse pens, or if there was fundraising potential in charging deposits or paying BCHA to clean up pens. Board members felt it would be difficult to get the state or corps to agree to charging a deposit or pen cleaning fee, and that it would be difficult to find volunteers to be readily available to check on pens and clean them after each use.

Sheila wrote a check for $800 to Friends of Perry Lake Horse Trails for panels that were purchased from Ernie Rodina’s Dream Ride. Some of the panels will be used for replacing damaged panels at Clinton, and others will be made available for portable pens at Sunflower lake events.

The next meeting of the Sunflower Chapter will be at the Eisenhower State Park Benefit Ride, October 12, 6:30, at the West Point Shelter House.

The next meeting of BCHA-Ks will be at the Tri-Trail Event, Salt Creek Ranch, October 20.