**Sunflower BCHKS Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Green Acres Restaurant, Vassar
1:30 pm, August 15, 2021**

The quarterly meeting of the Sunflower Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Kansas was called to order by President Rosie Sweeten at 1:30 pm at Green Acres Restaurant, Vassar.

Attendees: Rosie Sweeten, Sheila Watkins, Tyler Gestl, Ed & Sue Jarvis, Georgia Hollis, Dewayne Burgess, Jo Turner, Ada Eldridge & Gary, Georgia Hollis, Bonnie Warner, Jim & Cheryl Thomas.

A motion passed to dispense with the reading of the April 23 minutes.

Treasurer’s Report shows a current balance of $3,754.05.

**Trail Reports:**

* Perry – Jo mentioned the annual Perry benefit ride coming up Sept. 4. Ride fliers were distributed. Donated auction items are needed. Dewayne reported that they are close to opening the new day use area on Rock Creek Road near Andy’s Overlook. Michelle has plans to add four overflow pens to the Wild Horse Campground. They are considering hosting a Best of America by Horseback ride at Perry next year.
* Pomona – The Annual Meals on Wheels Ride is October 2 at Cedar Park at Pomona Lake. Rosie will contact Ken & Susan Johnson to see if they need assistance with trail work.
* Eisenhower State Park (Melvern Lake) – Jim shared information on the benefit ride October 8-10. Plans are being made to haul in cement this fall for a low water bridge at the first water crossing that washes out every spring. Two overflow pens will be added this fall to the West Point Campground. Jim and Cheryl have been out trimming and clearing some downed trees and are continuing to remove steel fence post markers wherever possible and put up new trail markers. New screenings have been added to the pens.
* Landon Trail – Sunflower BCHKS donated $100 to the fund that will be used to improve the parking lot on 53rd Street on the Landon Trail. Plans are to make those parking lot improvements this fall. The first BCHKS Steve Lindsey Grant was awarded to Cheryl Thomas in the amount of $250, and that also went toward the parking lot improvement fund.

**Old Business:**

The 200th Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail ride on the Flint Hills Trail on September 18 was discussed. There has been an overwhelming response, and there is need for volunteers in a variety of areas. Thank you to both Dewayne Burgess and Georgia Hollis, who volunteered to be shuttle drivers that morning.

**New Business:**

As an incentive to get 2022 BCHKS dues paid, new members will receive a mini LED flashlight.

A new BCHKS chapter has been formed at Tuttle Creek, which will oversee trails at Randolph State Park, and eventually Carnahan. Pattie Stalder is chapter president.

As fall work days are scheduled, dates will be shared on social media.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10pm.