**Quarterly Meeting
Sunflower Chapter, Back Country Horsemen of America-Kansas
April 14, 2018, 6:30pm
Rockhaven Park Shelter House, Clinton Lake**

**Meeting brought to order at 6:30pm by Diana Skinner and held in conjunction with a Back Country Horsemen of America-Kansas benefit trail ride.**

Diana Skinner provided background on the history of Back Country Horsemen of America, which has 14,000 members throughout the country and provides a voice for equestrian trail users in Washington, DC, in support of preservation of trails on public lands. BCHA-Kansas is into its 5th year of organization, and there is a possibility of other regional chapters forming throughout the state in addition to the newly formed Sunflower Chapter. Regional chapters can bring trail volunteers together in an organized way. The Sunflower Chapter represents Clinton Lake, Eisenhower State Park (Melvern Lake), Perry Lake, Pomona Lake, and sections of the Flint Hills Nature Trail. Potential chapters are being considered at Hillsdale Lake and Big Hill Lake.

The followed slate of Sunflower Chapter officers was approved:

* President: Diana Skinner
* Vice-President: Susan Johnson
* Secretary: Cheryl Thomas
* Treasurer: Sheila Watkins

New Business:

* A work weekend is scheduled on Pomona Lake trails, April 21-22, 10 am both days. Ken and Susan Johnson will lead activities, with the main objective of re-routing a section of trail through thick growth. Work will include clearing with chainsaws and loppers, clearing downfall, hanging new trail markers. Workers will access the area by horseback and should bring loppers, hammers, and old saddlebags to carry markers. A pack mule will be available for hauling a couple of chainsaws to the work area. Meet at 189th & Berryton Road, 10 am, each day. Lunch will be provided, and courtesy camping will be available at Blackhawk Horse Camp.
* A work day will be scheduled soon to erect a new shelter house at Big Hill Lake. Dates will be posted on the BCHA-Kansas Facebook page and website.
* Diana reviewed chapter committees for future consideration.
* The Sunflower Chapter will meet each quarter at one of the lakes in the chapter’s region.

Meeting adjourned at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Thomas