



## The Hoosier Sentinel Spring 2014 Newsletter

### The Hoosier Back Country Horsemen

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### Back Country Horsemen of

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Hi everyone, this is information from the annual **HBCH / BCHWCI General Membership Meeting, Election of officers and directors for 2014**, and Christmas party which was held at Rawhide Ranch near Brown County State Park on December 22, 2013. 2014 HBCH and BCHWCI Officers and Directors information is listed at the left of this page. For those members who do not get email, pages 2 and 3 are the minutes from the December, 2014 meeting.

Some of our 2014 officers and directors met with the U.S. Forest Service representatives at the Bedford, In. Forest Service office on February 27, 2014. Several improvements for the trails, such as new mounting blocks or hitch rails were discussed. While at the meeting, six HBCH work days were scheduled and are listed here:

March 22, 2014 - Hickory Ridge Trail System  
May 3, 2014 - Deam Wilderness Trail System  
June 7, 2014 - Deam Wilderness Trail System  
July 19, 2014 - Hickory Ridge Trail System  
August (TBA) - co-op work day with the Southern Indiana Saddle Club - probably on the German Ridge Trail System  
Sept. 27, 2014 - Young's Creek Trail System

**Bob Graves is looking for crew leaders for each of these dates.** Please let Bob know if you are available to coordinate the work day with the Hoosier National Forest Service and with HBCH. The final details for each work day will be announced closer to each work day date.

**Hoosier Horse Fair at the Indiana State Fairgrounds will be April 4-6, 2014.** The HBCH booth will be in the same general location. All booths there have been moved (flipped) to allow moving the arena closer to the horse stalls.

Also enclosed is a 2014 membership form for the Hoosier Back Country Horsemen as we have had requests for this form from members and former members.

## **Hoosier Back Country Horsemen Minutes (Draft) 12-30-2013**

**December 22, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Graves at 3:15 pm at the Rawhide Ranch in Nashville, IN.

In attendance: Bob and Ann Graves, Shaaron and Larry Revalee, Nick and Helen Schmutte, Kim and Jeff Humphries, Yvette and David Rollins, Karen and Don Dawes, Jean and Marty Monk, Brett Erwood, Gary Mundy, Carla Riggins, Bonnie and Ray Miller and Susan Miller.

Bob asked everyone to introduce themselves. Following introductions Bob gave a summary of the workdays and events over the year, meetings attended, and final results of the Saddle Creek Trail Closure appeal.

Minutes from the 8/25/2013 meeting were read by Bob Graves. Motion by Marty 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shaaron. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Gary Mundy, Treasurer. Balance as of 12/22/2013 \$2,211.31 with \$592.95 earmarked for national dues from our 2013 membership. Kim will be giving Gary a check to be included in the report for bandanas sold at MTR. Motion to approve Treasurer's report Susan Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Dawes. Motion carried.

Bob asked Susan Miller, who volunteered to record our volunteer hours, to give a report. Susan asked that everyone email her with the hours they have worked and she will get together with the Hoosier National Forest to reconcile our hours with them. Susan pointed out that hours need to be listed regardless of where they are worked. Also, skilled labor needs to be noted and whether you brought stock to use for a workday.

Discussion on the purchase of the Ditch Witch and funds that have been donated so far. The Indiana Horse Council has given the Indiana Horse Council Foundation a \$5,000 check which was deposited in a line item for the purchase of the equipment. The Hoosier Back Country Horsemen need to submit a grant for \$2,000 to the Greenways Foundation to help with the purchase and \$3,000 is in the Indiana Horse Council Foundation trails fund that was funded by a grant written by Yvette from Indiana Michigan Power that will also go towards the purchase. Yvette will also check with Ditch Witch to see what matching funding they might have.

Discussion on projects to present to the Hoosier National Forest in our February 2014 meeting. Items brought up were more mounting blocks. Marty reports that a group of ladies that camp at Hoosier Horse Camp, formerly Monk's Mule and Horse Camp, have volunteered to help fund the materials if needed. Placing a Hitch Rail and Picnic Table at 17 and a table at 22 where the mounting block and hitching rail are already there. Motion to take this request to the meeting made by Karen Dawes 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brett Erwood. Motion carried.

Request they reopen Saddle Creek. Motion by Gary Mundy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Miller, Motion carried.

Make a suggestion to use the rock piles that are laying around on the trails and to suggest hiring someone who is trail certified when contracting out work on the Hoosier.

Susan gave a report on the Hoosier Outdoor Experience; more help is needed and wanted to design a program that includes packing and how to fold a mantie, etc...

The Quiet Sports Expo will be February 14-23, 2014 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

The Hoosier Horse Fair is April 4-6<sup>th</sup>, National Trails Day, June 7<sup>th</sup>, Hoosier Outdoor Experience, September 19-21, Public Lands Day, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Karen was nominated by Yvette and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim to run the booth at the Hoosier Horse Fair. Motion carried. The HHF layout will be flip-flopped and the booth will be on the opposite side of the walkway directly across from where we have always been. The arena will be at the end where the stalls are instead of having to walk horses from one end of the annex to the other for demonstrations. We will still have the set back from the walkway in order to let people stop and talk out of the walkway.

Brett Erwood commented on the Pfizer property in Terre Haute and hopes that horse trails will be placed there, he will keep us updated.

We had a fundraiser by Gary Mundy who donated two sets of horn bags. 1<sup>st</sup> Choice winner Jeff Humphries, 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice Helen.

Elections results were read. New officers and directors will be:

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President, Bob Graves

Vice President, Jerry Fruth

Secretary, Maggie Whitlow

Treasurer, Gary Mundy

New Directors for 2014-2015: Karen Dawes, Yvette Rollins, Marty Monk, Carla Riggins, Kim Humphries

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New Directors for 2014-2015: Shaaron Revalee

National Directors: Bob Graves, Yvette Rollins

Motion to approve new officers and directors made by Susan Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brett Erwood. Motion carried.

Motion made to adjourn by Marty Monk 2<sup>nd</sup> by Yvette Rollins. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20pm with meal served by Rawhide Ranch with a tour of the facility.

## HOOSIER BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN 2014 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dues are \$20.00 per year for an individual or \$25.00 for a family membership. Please fill out the application below, make check payable to:

Hoosier Back Country Horsemen

and mail to:

Hoosier Back Country Horsemen  
c/o Gary Mundy, Treasurer  
4011 Kings Ridge Rd.  
Mitchell, Indiana 47446

Name (s)	
Address	
City	
State/Zip	
Home/Cell phone	
E-mail (if applicable)	Email Newsletter: (Y – yes, N - no) _____
Type Of Membership	Family - \$25.00 _____ Individual - \$20.00 _____

The Hoosier Sentinel Newsletter will be sent out to all members twice a year by regular mail or by email if possible. The Newsletter is usually a larger document with pictures, so if you do NOT wish to receive it by email, please mark that preference above on the membership application.

Other short documents without pictures, such as workday flyers, meeting reminders, and notices regarding important trail issues, will be sent to members by regular mail or email, as appropriate. Please bear in mind that email is much faster, and cheaper for us to use to notify members.