

## **Fort Harrod Back Country Horsemen**

### **Board of Directors meeting minutes**

**November 3 2009**

Meeting called to order by President Emily Dennis at 6:10pm.

Board of Directors in attendance: Emily Dennis, Gregg Mason, Carla Perry, Bob Cairns, Carol Conover, and John Bates. Dennis Blackburn was also in attendance.

The October 1 special Board of Directors meeting minutes were discussed and presented for approval. Dave made a motion to approve these minutes. Bob Cairns made a motion to accept the minutes. Gregg Mason seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Eagles Nest trail projects were discussed next. Pat Warner and Carla Perry mentioned that they, along with another volunteer, had worked 6 hours clearing trails on the south section of the property. Carla Perry will start work on a status report to provide to the STEP Program Grant administrators. Dennis Blackburn reported that our last planned work day had to be canceled due to the muddy conditions. Dennis had discussed the stream crossings project with member Cory Boyd, and they agreed that large field stones should be used to harden the trails around and through the creeks. The question of whether we need to get permits to work on the stream crossings was discussed. Dennis Blackburn has consulted with his sister-in-law, a professional who specializes in watershed surveys. They feel that permits are not required, because this is a farm property, and as such there is an easement to improve the stream crossings. Michael and Carol Conover also feel there is no need to get any permits for the work to be done, considering all we are doing is hardening the trail tread. Emily mentioned that she had talked with Mary Ann Sharpe of the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) regarding this issue, and Mary Ann had recommended that we get a permit, just to be quite sure of no complications.

Michael Conover has worked 15 hours to date on the stream crossing project. Dennis reported working 30 hours to date on the project.

For the year, Michael Conover has accumulated 130 hours of work at Eagles Nest.

Carol Conover has accumulated 100 hours of work at Eagles Nest.

The NRCS has provided Carol Conover with their Farm Plan Report on the Eagles Nest property. Carol will provide Carla Perry with a copy of this report and Carla will include it in the report to the STEP Program Grant administrators.

Bob Cairns reported he is planning on firming up some of the muddy areas on the Shawnee Run trail at Shaker Village. Bob has investigated renting a Ditch Witch to help with the task. Don Pelly told Bob that he has funds in his Shaker Village trail maintenance budget to rent the equipment.

Bob Cairns also reported that Shaker Village will offer Fort Harrod BCH members a discount on the annual Shaker Village trail pass. The normal cost is \$120.00. The discounted rate will be \$100.00. The money for the annual passes must be submitted to Shaker Village by December 18. Bob suggested we mention this offer at our November General Membership meeting and collect the money at the December General Membership meeting and at the Christmas party.

Bob Cairns mentioned that our Christmas party will be Saturday December 5 at his and Paula Freeman's home. There was some discussion about other possible dates for the party, but the final decision was to hold the party on December 5. There was also a suggestion of combining our December general membership meeting with our Christmas Party. It was agreed to discuss this further at our upcoming November general membership meeting.

The final portion of our meeting was spent discussing the proposed by-laws for the Kentucky state BCH organization. This is a new organization that is currently in the formative stages. BCHA wants each state who has two or more affiliate chapters to form a state organization. FHBCH members John Bates and Dennis Blackburn have been working for the past year on the state formation committee. This committee has created a set of by-laws for this new state organization, and that is what was reviewed. There was good discussion about many points in the proposed state by-laws. After this discussion, there was one change our Board wants to be made. Specifically, the Board requested language to require that any change in state level dues be ratified by the local chapters. John and Dennis will take this proposal back to the state formation committee.

Bob Cairns made a motion to adjourn. Gregg Mason seconded the motion. The motion

carried.