

Gila Chapter Back Country Horsemen

Minutes for October 19, 2022

Attendees on site and via Zoom: Doug Dexter, Dixie Dexter, Mickey Lemon, Rawlings Lemon, Donna Tillman, Laurie Wlosinski, Carol Jean Auffrey, Cheryl Roth, Gerry Engel, Matt Rehani, George Shultz, Charlen Perez, Vicki Chick, Dave and Nancy Imler, Joan Bacon, Russ Imler, Andrea Imler.

Call to order: 6:04 PM

Recognize guests and new Members: Carol Jane Augray returns after a couple of years, Welcome!!!

There were no changes or additions offered to the Agenda

Financial report: Dave Imler

Chapter Income: \$18,956. Expenses: \$28,348. October balance: \$74,755.

Dave advised that of this, \$30,000 is invested at 3% in a Mutual Fund.

Having this resource eliminates the need for the monthly 50/50 raffle as a source of funds.

Publicity: an article about our Mickey Lemon is still pending and Victoria is working it.

Public Service: Melissa advised that trail work was completed on Little Dry Creek, Upper Mogollon.

Discussion is underway regarding Legacy Trails application to improve watershed. There was also discussion regarding American Trails grants. There is also continued conversation about reaching out to the Siskiyou Oregon chapter to see how they handle grant monies and their projects.

Melissa reported on work completed on Little Dry Creek, Upper end of Mogollon and Little Creek.

Old business:

Search and Rescue: Lori gave full description of the work that was done in support of a rescue operation on the Gila. A group of 25 plus scouts and parents from Las Cruces were trapped by the heavy rain and rising river for several days and ultimately had to be air lifted, with special permission from the USFS as this is a Wilderness location. Russ discussed the need for some help recovering the pack stuff left behind after the air evac of the scouts and their supervisors.

Finding a location for our GBCH Xmas Party remains an issue. Doug will go back to the Buchhorn to see what might be arranged.

New Business:

November meeting has been moved out a week to accommodate Doug and Dixie's out of town travel.

The November meeting will include officer elections.

December will be the month to renew memberships. Dave will be sending the bills.

Next Meeting:

There will be no December meeting, as usual. The January meeting will be on: