

Gila Chapter

Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico | MINUTES

5/10/2023 6:00 PM | Grant County Extension Office

Meeting called by	Matt Rehani	Attendees
Type of meeting	Monthly business meeting	Joan Bacon, Sharon A. Brown, Cindi deCapiteau, Doug Dexter, Gerry Engel, Dave Imler, Jenica Laney (guest speaker), Lemon, Rawlings Lemon, Matt Rehani, Cheryl Roth, Donna Tillmann, Laurie Wlosinski
Note taker	Cindi deCapiteau	

AGENDA TOPICS

Recognize guests and new members | Presenter Matt Rehani

Welcome to tonight's guest speaker, Dr. Jenica Laney, a Grant County veterinarian.

Financial & membership report | Presenter Dave Imler

Savings \$30,415.15

Checking \$36,514.47

Expenses \$1693.56

Expenses were medical insurance, state & national dues, travel to state meeting & CDT trail days registration

Donations:

Marowitz \$500.00

Bonterra \$200.00

CDT Trail days \$34.00

Give Grandly \$209.00 including a check from Dennis Switzer

We received donations from Dennis Switzer and Jeremy/Rebecca Marowitz which I have no contact information to send them a thank you. Does anyone have their contact information?

Membership total 56

Guest Speaker | Presenter Dr. Jenica Laney

Dr. Laney, recently of Arenas Valley Animal Hospital, is launching a mobile vet service and hopes to be up and running in 2023. She is building an inventory of medications and supplies.

Grant County Search and Rescue | Presenter Laurie Wlosinski

Rescue activity is beginning on the hiking trails as the weather warms. A fatality occurred for a rafting group, one of whose members was trapped by river debris and drowned.

Public Service/Communications | Presenter Gerry Engel, Melissa Green

Trail clearing is ongoing in the Jerkey Mountains, accessed from Willow Creek northeast of Reserve. See

<https://www.gilabch.org/highlighted-trail-work> for details.

Highway Cleanup | Presenter Matt Rehani

Matt will be scheduling a highway cleanup in the coming weeks. The GBCH litter patrol works periodically on US Highway 180 west of Silver City, between mile markers 108 and 109. The most recent project procured only four bags of trash, so the job is getting easier. Stand by for further orders.

Summer Picnic in July | Presenter Matt Rehani

The Gomez Peak picnic area has plenty of availability in July. This location has accommodated GBCH picnics in the past and traditionally the July picnic stands in lieu of a normal business meeting. The event is usually pot luck, with GBCH contributing beverages and a main dish of barbeque or something like that. Doug Dexter will coordinate.

Action items

Person responsible

Coordinate July picnic at Gomez Peak pavilion

Doug Dexter

Recap of Give Grandly and Trail Days events | Presenter



The annual Continental Divide Trail Days festival celebrates Silver City's proximity to the CDT, which runs from New Mexico's international border with Mexico to Montana's international border with Canada. The event was held this year on Saturday, April 22 at Gough Park in Silver City. CDT hikers and Grant County residents dropped by the GBCH booth to earn crosscut "cookies," log slices cut by attendees and supervised by our sawyers (one of whom rides on the log being cut to stabilize the operation). The subsequent cookies get branded (Dave Imler at the fire) with our new branding iron (that bears a horseshoe logo) and propane-powered stove (shown below). At the time of this writing, GBCH had received \$49 in our tip jar, along with high praise for our work from our fans.

Grant County's Give Grandly in-person fundraiser happened at Silver City's Main Street Plaza on Saturday, May 6, 2023. Like the Trail Days festival, GBCH staffed a booth that featured cookie branding (Joan Bacon at the forge).

As of this writing, the 2023 Give Grandly effort has raised over \$2,400 for the Gila Chapter. Give Grandly donation opportunities continue online through May 22. If you or someone you know (whether or GBCH member or not) wants to express appreciation for the work done by the chapter and its volunteers, visit <https://www.givegrandly.org/organizations/gila-chapter-of-back-country-horsemen> to make a contribution.



Trail clearing & maintenance schedule | Presenter Gerry Engel

The spring 2023 trail projects are coming to a close now, except for ad hoc work performed by indomitable loggers who head out on their own (you know who you are). Projects will resume in the fall. Take a look at what the chapter accomplished so far this year at

<https://www.gilabch.org/highlighted-trail-work>.

Announcements |

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 14, 2023 (location to be announced)