

GILA BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN  
MEETING MINUTES - AUGUST 9, 2023

Attendees: Matt Rehani, Dixie Dexter, Gerry Engel, Sheryl Roth, Joan Bacon, Rawlings Lemon, Sharon Brown, Melilla Green Carol Clark, Doug Dexter.

New Member Carol Clark joined the meeting and spoke a little about her interest in learning packing and participating in trail work.

Guest Speaker: Heike Sexton-Ogas, Grant County Extension Office, Grant County Humane Society.

Heidi gave an in-depth review of the Humane Society and its mission, what it does and what it cannot do, as it relates to dogs and cats, their only animal intake. They have contracts with the Town, County and Catron County for their services. The cost of adoption, pet food distributions, emergency rescues, cremations and all other issues related to our pets. Rattlesnake vaccinations are \$22 . The clinic has trade out agreements with T or C, Deming and Lordsburg. The Shelter is closed Mondays.

Reports:

Membership: Currently 57 paid active members. Matt advised that we have 802 Facebook members.

Finance:

New Money -- \$2,777

Credit Card Payments: \$325

Checking Balance: \$28,228

Savings Balance: \$15,584

Reports:

There was no Search and Rescue Report

Public Service:

- a. The Fall Project Schedule is forthcoming. No food preparation is needed as there is a freezer full from Spring.
- b. Planning is well underway for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of founding of the Gila Wilderness. There will be functions all year leading up to the June 1, 2024 celebration to be held in Gough Park

State Meeting: The focus was on the upcoming New Mexico BCH Rendezvous.

Sept 14 – 17 to be held at Fort Stanton, NM. \$40 registration fee. Senior discount ½ off.

Saturday potluck, Want \$25 raffle item, there will be a tour of Ft. Stanton

Contact Cheryl or Joan if interested in attending. No horse required.

Highway Cleanup:

Matt reported on the most recent Highway Cleanup. Successful, tho with only 5 folks.

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