



Newsletter #171, January, 2010

Time to pay your dues: \$15 for individuals; \$25 for family. Send to Linda Bettner.

The officers and directors are as follows (A-appointed; E-elected):

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Judy Mitchell, Director...865-475-6475...Jefferson City (E-12/12)

Check out our website! www.blueridgetrailriders.com. Harriette Spiegel has done a fabulous job of updating the website! It looks crisp and new and includes the current slate of officers and the current ride schedule. If you missed a newsletter, they are on the web! Also you will find there our mission, charter, bylaws, and the duties of each officer. And soon we should be able to add pictures. Many, many thanks, Harriette! IF YOU FEEL THE NEWSLETTER IS SLOW GETTING TO YOUR DOOR, CHECK THE WEBSITE; IT WILL BE THERE! (Harriette is fast too!)

We plan to have five more meetings this year They will be on Tues April 6, Tues Jun 1, Tues Aug 3, Sat Oct 9, and Fri Dec 3. Make a note of it!

We will meet at St John's Cathedral in downtown Knoxville. The address is on Cumberland Avenue but the parking lot is on Church Street (This will confuse your GPS!). Directions: Take US 441 (N or S – Henley St) into Knoxville. Turn at the light onto Church Street. Go through two traffic lights. (Pass Lawson-McGhee Library). The Parking Lot for St John's is on your right in the middle of the next block; parking is free after 5 pm. Enter through the glass doors at the back of the church and go straight ahead into the Great Hall where we will meet. Please bring friends, visitors, and potential new members! Snacks and soda are always welcome and a great addition to the meeting.

Last Meeting : The meeting on January 5, 2010, was convened by our new president Betsy Blackstock. There were 16 members present. Everyone introduced themselves as there were several new members. November's and December's minutes were read because we did not read the minutes at the Christmas Party. December's minutes were corrected since Horse Haven has 16 instead of 15 horses rescued from Cannon County. The Directors' terms of office were clarified. Appointed Directors serve a one year term and elected Directors serve two years. Mary Sonner was appointed to a Directorship. Terri Carnes was elected to a two year term. Linda Bettner gave the treasurer's report stating that we had \$8,372.89 in assets and our expenses for 2009 were \$766.25. Fundraising was briefly discussed since our expenses were larger than our income. It was decided that we would give any new member a bumper sticker until the supply was exhausted. Two were given out at the meeting. The state of the current insurance policy was discussed and it was voted that Marilyn Spoon would check into Wells Fargo Equine Insurance. It was suggested that the current application be filled out and sent into Equisure. It was decided that the list of members and their information be deleted from the website. Also a motion carried that information such as the directions to St. John's, meeting time, club rides, new directors and terms, and any other new information should be updated on the website and the brochure. Sandy Malone will reserve the present meeting dates at St. John's and the December date will be changed to either December 10th or 4th, as the 3rd is the Christmas Parade in Knoxville. It was decided to cancel the January ride due to weather. The final part of the meeting was used to decide the locations and contacts for the monthly rides. A list follows this report.

Dates to remember: Rides and Meetings of BRTR! *CUT OUT AND SAVE! Stick it on your frig!*

February 13 – Norris

Contact: Betsy Blackstock (865) 382-7951

March 13 – Chicamauga Battlefield

Contact: Janice Butt (423) 884-2760

April 6 – BRTR Meeting St. John's Cathedral, Knoxville

April 10 – Bear Creek

Contact: Judy Mitchell (865) 475-6475

May 8 – Abram's Creek

Contact: Betsy Blackstock (865) 382-7951

June 1 - BRTR Meeting St. John's Cathedral, Knoxville

June 12 – Long Branch Lakes, Spencer, TN

Contact: Mary Sonner (865)573-1544

July 10 – Wolf Creek

Contact: Marilyn Spoon (423)587-5924

August 3 - BRTR Meeting St. John's Cathedral, Knoxville

August 14 – Lone Mountain

Contact: Joanne Mitchell (865)337-6194

September 11 – Citico, Cherokee NF

Contact: Janice Butt (423)884-2760

October 7 -10 - Big South Fork Weekend

Bandy Creek Group Camp

October 9 – BRTR Meeting BSF

November 13 – Hartford

Contact: Judy Mitchell (865)475-6475 or Marilyn Spoon (423)587-5924

December 11 – Wilderness Road VA SP

Contact: Judy Mitchell (865)475-6475 or Marilyn Spoon (423)587-5924

January 8, 2011- Phipps Bend

Contact: Larry Schiffer (423) 733-9872

January's Trail Ride was supposed to be at Norris, but the forecast was for subfreezing temperatures and ice and Lucy Scanlon and the rest of the members present at the meeting decided to cancel it.

Next Trail Ride will be at Norris on the second Saturday, February 13. Betsy Blackstock (865-382-7951) will be the contact person for this ride. If the weather is questionable, please call by 10 pm Friday to check on the status of the ride. We plan to be ready to ride by 10:00am and will do about a 12-mile loop to the Lakeside Loop; shorter loops are possible and our route back can be somewhat longer if the weather makes it possible. These trails are wide and safe with a cherty gravel tread which sheds water pretty well. There is some single-track which may get slick in wet weather; many single-track trails are closed to horses and are so posted. (Any signpost with red lettering is not for horses).

Directions: from Knoxville:

Take I-75N (signs say Lexington, KY) to Exit 122, Norris-Clinton. Turn right on Hwy 61N and go about 1.7 miles. Just beyond the Museum of Appalachia, turn LEFT on US441N (one block before the stoplight) and drive about 3 miles to the parking lot on the left, across the street from the TVA Fisheries Lab. You will have just passed the Lenoir Museum and Grist Mill; the parking lots on the left across from the Museum are used by fishermen. Parking will be tight as this is a popular winter riding area, so please consolidate trailers if you can. For maps go to Anderson County Welcome Center at Exit 122. Lucy Scanlon gave some out at the Christmas party.

Update on Lucy Scanlon: Lucy is doing well and came through her surgery with flying colors. As of the printing of this newsletter, she is due to go home Monday, January 18.

FMI on long-distance riding go to: www.aerc.org or www.natrc.org.

News? Please send to Janice Butt at address below – or call 423-884-2760-or email: janicefb@cox.net Try to get it to me by the 15th of the month. We accept free horse-related classifieds from members.

Dues: \$15 per year. Make checks payable to BRTR or Blue Ridge Trail Riders and send to the TREASURER: Linda Bettner, 1165 West Hwy 11E, New Market, TN 37820. If you need to check on your status, call Linda at the office, 865-475-4300.