



The Hoosier Sentinel
January 6, 2013 General Membership Meeting and
Election of Officers – Alert
Note! Your Election Ballot Is Here!

The Hoosier Back Country Horsemen

Officers

2012

Connie Tarplee, President 60ghostrider@gmail.com	317-402-3945
Jerry Fruth, Vice President trailmaster1@sit-co.net	812-985-2151
Maggie Whitlow, Secretary phil.maggie@gmail.com	812-876-7102
Susan Miller, Treasurer susanmill@att.net	317-861-6209

Directors

2011-2012

Bob Graves	817-937-8917
Gary Mundy	812-388-6967
Sara Earles	317-878-4792

2012-2013

Karen Dawes	317-831-4042
Ray Miller	765-468-6716
Marty Monk	812-995-8046
Shaaron Revalee	812-448-3341
Yvette Rollins	812-797-4540

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West Central Indiana Back Country

Horsemen

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Hi everyone, this is information for the annual **General Membership Meeting and Election of officers and directors for 2013**. This annual meeting will be held at the Indianapolis Southside MCL Cafeteria at 1:00 PM until 4 PM on Sunday, January 6, 2013. The Southside MCL is located at 3630 S. East Street (U.S. 31). Directions: from Interstate 465 on the south side of Indianapolis, exit and go north on US 31 (S. East St.). Continue north on US 31, going past the intersections of US 31 and Hanna Avenue and then US 31 and National Avenue. Just past National Avenue is a shopping center on the left (west) side of US 31. The MCL Cafeteria is located in the north end of this shopping center. If you miss it and reach Sumner Avenue, you have gone too far north. Members who wish to eat lunch at MCL should arrive earlier to do so. **Please call Connie Tarplee at 1-317-402-3945 to let her know how many members to expect so we can have the room set up.** A board of directors meeting will be held immediately after the membership / election meeting.

2013 HBCH and BCHWCI Officers and Directors candidates information is included on separate pages enclosed with this notice. Please mark your election ballots with your selections of candidates or write-in names for officers and 2013 – 2014 directors. **Please return your ballot before January 4, 2013 to:** Shaaron Revalee
4746 W. U.S. Highway 40
Brazil, IN 47834

Or, bring your election ballot to the January 6, 2013 HBCH general membership meeting at the Southside MCL of Indianapolis, In.

Also enclosed is a 2013 membership form for the Hoosier Back Country Horsemen as we have had requests for this form from members and former members.

**HOOSIER BACK COUNTRY & BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WEST CENTRAL INDIANA – 2013
ELECTION CANDIDATE INFORMATION AND BALLOTS**

ELECTION INFORMATION: Biographies for members running for HBCH officer for 2013 or HBCH director positions for 2013 – 2014 follow.

For President – the candidate is Bob Graves. I have been riding since I was a little kid. I have never had a lesson and never shown in a show. But I love to trail ride and camp. Most of my riding in the last few years has been in the National Forest System and BCHA has been the driving force behind a majority of these campgrounds. I have camped and ridden in every state west of the Mississippi since retiring in 2006. As a state director for Indiana and national director for BCHA I am familiar with the policies and procedures of the organization. Hoosier Back Country Horsemen has been involved in many projects in the past and I envision this continuing in the future.

For Vice-President – the candidate is Jerry Fruth. Founding board member of the Indiana Trail Riders Assn. and Life Member of ITRA, Life Member of the Indiana Horse Council. Did my first endurance ride in 1975 which led to a life time of involvement in trail preservation. Past VP of the American Endurance Riders Assn. Past Chairman of the AERC Trails committee. Past member of the American Horse Council Recreation and Land Use Committee. Put in place the AERC Trail Master training program, the AERC Trails Grants program, served on the AERC Finance Committee, and in 1999 I won the 50 mile Heavyweight National Championship and the AERC 100 mile Heavyweight National Championship in 2000. Currently lead a trail crew on trail maintenance at the Harmony State Park. We have completed 3 reroutes at unsustainable ravines, have set in place new trail signage, and created drainage at multiple grade dips. Our crew has worked at keeping the trails clear of down fall and any trash to be removed. Am currently working to have the National Forest Service to put back in place trail #11 and the rest area that was obliterated at Golden Pond – Land Between The Lakes, Kentucky.

For Secretary – the candidate is Connie Tarplee. I would like your support for the position of Secretary for the upcoming year of 2013. I have been the President of the Hoosier Back Country Horsemen for the past 3 years; and it has been an amazing journey. I have enjoyed being President of the Hoosier Back Country horsemen and working with our members. We have a great deal to be proud of what we have accomplished over the years. We have a great relationship with the Forest Service; as they depend on us each year for our help and expertise in trail maintenance and construction. The past 2 years we have had the Horse Camp at the Hoosier Horse Fair with great success. The Leave no Trace Master Educators worked together to help educate the Equine community of the Leave No Trace principles. We had a great trail crew this year and some great projects that we completed for the Forest Service. I have enjoyed watching our organization work together and provide some great events: such as the Rendezvous that we held at Little Trails Horse Camp in August. Our members have a strong dedication to preserving our trail system here in Indiana. We are getting the word out about what we do as an organization. I am proud to be part of the Hoosier Back Country Horsemen. I greatly appreciate your support in the past 3 years and ask that you support me as Secretary for the next year. Thank you, Connie.

For Treasurer – the candidate is Gary Mundy. Gary Mundy running for Treasurer, HBCH. Member of Shirley Creek Trail Riders for many years holding various offices. Member HBCH since 2009, served as Director and Chairman of the Board currently I am mostly retired from NSW, Crane, where my job title was “Contracting Officer”. Owner / Operator of Gary’s Leather Shop, LLC, since 1995. HBCH is the only Club or organization I currently belong to and I will devote sufficient time and energy to the office of Treasurer to ensure accounts meet all requirements in a responsible and timely manner.

For HBCH Director 2013 – 2014 candidates are:

Maggie Whitlow – I would appreciate being considered as a director for the HBCH. I have been involved with this organization in some way since it began as the Hoosier Horsemen when we were working on trails for Midwest Trail Rides to access the forest service trails. I also remember when the big tornado hit the Hoosier many years ago and we worked to re-open that. The gully coming into the old Church from the Hickory Ridge campground was level with huge trees. It was amazing what we got done that day. I do spend the winter in Arizona and can be reached via email or phone. I feel I can fulfill a director’s duties that way, even tho it did not work out so well as secretary. I am very dedicated to this group and hope to continue to serve you.

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For HBCH Director 2013 – 2014 candidates continued are:

Sue Keith – My name is Sue Keith, and I live in Floyds Knobs, Indiana. I have been riding the trails in O-‘Bannion Woods, Clark State Park, Brown County, and Deam Lake as well as many parks across the US for some 50 years. I’ve always believed that organizations like the National BCHA, State BCH and other trail preservation organizations are the best way to educate riders about the importance of maintaining trails, building sustainable trails for the future, and building workable relationships with property managers. I currently serve on the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) Board of Directors and serve as the Indiana Trails Advocate on the Trails and Land Management Committee. I’m proud to say that AERC’s Trails Committee has contributed \$50,000 toward building and maintaining trails across the country, as well as training property managers and trail preservationists through the Trail Masters Courses. With state budgets barely meeting the needs of their states, there will always be cuts to the budget. State politicians need to be reminded that riders are bringing money into the state when they camp and ride the trails in the parks. Organizations like HBCH will need resources, dedicated workers, and good working relationships with property managers to help keep our trails open for riders to enjoy in the future. I would like to do my part and be one of your HBCH directors.

Susan Miller – Running for director for 2013 – 2014.

ELECTION INFORMATION: Biographies for members running for BCHWCI (Back Country Horsemen of West Central Indiana) officer for 2013 or BCHWCI director positions for 2013 – 2014 follow.

For President – the candidate is Yvette Rollins. It has been a pleasure serving as the President of BCH of West Central Indiana for the past year. We completed 3 workdays, two at Fairbanks Landing and one at Southwestway Park. I have served as past president, secretary, director, treasurer and currently serve as your national director for the Hoosier Back Country Horsemen. I truly enjoy working on trails and riding those trails that we have worked together to preserve. I have served as the National Treasurer and currently serve as the National Vice Chair of the Back Country Horsemen of America. Working on a national level has been a truly rewarding experience.

For Vice President – the candidate is Bonnie Miller.

For Secretary – the candidate is Connie Tarplee. Currently director of BCHWCI, running for secretary.

For Treasurer – the candidate is Gary Mundy. Gary Mundy running for Treasurer, BCHWCI. Member of Shirley Creek Trail Riders for many years holding various offices. Member HBCH since 2009, served as Director and Chairman of the Board currently I am mostly retired from NSWC, Crane, where my job title was “Contracting Officer”. Owner / Operator of Gary’s Leather Shop, LLC, since 1995. HBCH is the only Club or organization I currently belong to and I will devote sufficient time and energy to the office of Treasurer to ensure accounts meet all requirements in a responsible and timely manner.

For Director – 2013 – 2014 (no candidates).

HOOSIER BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN 2013 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

It is time to renew your annual membership to The Hoosier Back Country Horsemen. Dues are \$20.00 per year for an individual or \$25.00 for a family membership. Please fill out the application below, make check payable to:

Hoosier Back Country Horsemen

and mail to:

Hoosier Back Country Horsemen
 c/o Gary Mundy, Treasurer
 4011 Kings Ridge Rd.
 Mitchell, Indiana 47446

Name (s)	
Address	
City	
State/Zip	
Home/Cell phone	
E-mail (if applicable)	Email Newsletter: (Y – yes, N - no) _____
Type Of Membership	Family - \$25.00 _____ Individual - \$20.00 _____

The Hoosier Sentinel Newsletter will be sent out to all members twice a year by regular mail or by email if possible. The Newsletter is usually a larger document with pictures, so if you do NOT wish to receive it by email, please mark that preference above on the membership application.

Other short documents without pictures, such as workday flyers, meeting reminders, and notices regarding important trail issues, will be sent to members by regular mail or email, as appropriate. Please bear in mind that email is much faster, and cheaper for us to use to notify members.