

# BIG HORN RANCH NEWSLETTER

P.O. Box 924

American Fork, Utah 84003-0924

**April 2023**

**\*\*\*Annual BBQ is Saturday, August 12, 2023**

## ANNUAL DUES

Annual dues of \$100.00, paid by check, are to be received no later than May 15, 2023. **Dues for members 75 years and older are reduced to 50%. Dues will be \$50.00 if you turn 75 years old in 2023.** If the dues are not received on or before that date, there will be a \$25.00 late fee. Dues can be mailed to Big Horn Ranch, P.O. Box 924, American Fork, Utah 84003. **If dues are not paid by August 15, 2023, all HUNTING RIGHTS will be revoked!**

## WORKDAYS

Workdays are scheduled for the 2023 season starting on May 27, and every Saturday in June starting at 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. **Seniors over 75 are exempt from workdays, but they must be present at the ranch on one of the assigned workdays to sign in for credit. If you're not able to attend please call a board member to be excused, i.e., illness etc.** Remember, the weather could change this so check the website for information. **Workday days are May 27, June 3, June 10, June 17 and June 24, 2023.** **If your name doesn't appear on the sign-up sheet, you will not receive credit for workdays and there will be a fee of \$100.00 per workday per share.**

**If you plan to complete your workdays by working at the BBQ, contact Beverly Peacock at 801-224-4893 or 801-361-7868 for an assignment prior to June 25, 2023.**

All workdays must be completed by June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, unless you are assigned to work the BBQ on August 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be no exceptions. If members are not able to work on the assigned workdays and want to work during the week, please contact a board member **Prior to June 25<sup>th</sup>** so the days you want to work can be scheduled.

No one under the age of 12 will be counted towards your workday. Try to leave younger children with someone during working hours so a good day's work can be completed. Bring your gloves and the appropriate tools with you such as shovels, fencing and grubbing tools. Repairing fence will be a major priority again this year.

## **Board Work Day Assignments 2023**

Start at 8:00 a.m. Finish at 2:00 p.m. (Sign-up sheet at work trailer)

### **Dates**

### **Board Member in Charge**

May 27, 2023.....	Kai Fitzhugh – Mark Cowley
June 3, 2023.....	Victor Valdez - Brandon Bunker
June 10, 2023.....	Gary Wells - Bruce Johnson
June 17, 2023 .....	J.R. Smith – Jim Winn – Kerry Evans
June 24, 2023 .....	Steve Trane – Tyler Robinson – Jim Winn
August 12, 2023 (BBQ) .....	Beverly Peacock - Catherine Long

## BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE 2023-2024 SEASON

		HOME	CELL
Kerry Evans	President		801-836-1015
Jim Winn	Vice-President	801-768-0959	801-830-9538
Gary Wells	Treasurer		801-580-1236
J. R. Smith	Secretary		801-376-3695
Beverly Peacock	Trustee	801-224-4893	801-361-7868
Bruce Johnson	Trustee		435-840-8324
Victor Valdez	Trustee		801-319-2708
Steve Trane	Trustee		801-319-2713
Brandon Bunker	Trustee		801-592-8431
Kai Fitzhugh	1st Alternate		801-885-7149
Mark Cowley	2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate		801-550-3574
Tyler Robinson	3 <sup>rd</sup> Alternate		801-772-4475

Next in line if any board member leaves are; 1<sup>st</sup> Rick Ovard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marshall Terry, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Daniel Cowley.

### NEW BOARD MEMBERS VOTED INTO OFFICE

The following board members were voted into office beginning March 2023: Steve Trane, Victor Valdez, Brandon Bunker, Kai Fitzhugh, Mark Cowley, and Tyler Robinson.

### MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Membership cards can be picked up at the annual BBQ on Saturday, August 12th, 2023, if all dues are paid in full and workdays are completed. All membership cards remaining after the BBQ that are not delinquent will be mailed to your home address the week following the BBQ. It is the member's responsibility to contact a board member or Jamie Winn (801) 404-8358 if you are unable to pick up your card and need the combination before August 15, 2023. Make sure you keep the board apprised of any change of address.

### ASSIGNING SHARES

There have been questions about assigning shares. If the owner assigns his/her only share to another, he/she is assigning all rights away to the share except for voting rights. The owner of the share is responsible as is the assignee for any violations that may occur by the assignee. When assigning that share the owner cannot come to the ranch or obtain the combination unless he comes with the assignee or another member of the ranch. The Board of Directors highly recommends that when assigning a share that it be assigned to a family member first, to a ranch member second and lastly to a member of the public (i.e., friend or neighbor).

### SHARE FOR SALE

No shares for sale at this time.

### ROADS

The roads will be graded as soon as weather permits.

## EMERGENCY SERVICE

If emergency service is required at the ranch, call 911 tell dispatch there is an emergency at the Big Horn Ranch, and report the information to them. After the report has been filed there should be someone sent to the intersection of US Highway 89 to meet the emergency personnel, and then escort them to the scene if by land. If emergency personnel are arriving by air, they know the Lat and Long coordinates and know where to land.

The address is:

Lake Canyon Road  
34750 North Highway 89  
7850 East  
Mile marker 295

## WEB PAGE

The Big Horn Ranch Web Page is ***mybighornranch.com***. Visit this site for information about the ranch. For access to membership information only, see the information on your membership card.

User name = bighorn      Password = gatekeeperXXXX (XXXX is the combination)

If you have pictures or anything you would like to post on this web page, e-mail them to [mybighornranch@gmail.com](mailto:mybighornranch@gmail.com)

## CAMPSITES

**Campsites need to be occupied by July 1, 2023.** See by-law 8.12.2, 8.12.3, 8.12.4 and 8.12.5 if there are any questions about campsites, contact a board member. Remember, there are families wanting campsites. If you intend on keeping your campsite, plan to occupy it with a camper, trailer, or motor home on or before this date. If there are problems meeting this requirement, make sure you contact a board member to work out an alternate plan. If a member needs a fire ring the Ranch will purchase the rings and re-sell them at our cost.

## RANCH SECURITY

Neil Peacock, J.R. Smith, Victor Valdez, and Kerry Evans have been asked by the board to head up the ranch security to patrol the ranch for trespassers, and make sure the equipment in your campsite is secure. If anyone has a security problem contact one of the security team, or any board member. Remember that every member needs to help with security.

## SHOOTING RANGE'S

When using the range remember to clean up your trash. **If you bring it in, you take it out.** Pick up all brass and place in the bucket provided. Please **DO NOT** shoot shotguns into the wood or metal pistol target backstop. Keep the ranch clean so everyone can enjoy it. There is no shooting of firearms or bows within the camp circle. This is for all weapons including BB and pellet guns. There is an archery shooting range east of the work trailers, enjoy. If you have any problems or questions about the ranges, contact Kerry Evans or any board members.

## **FIRE PIT VIOLATIONS**

This year the board is requiring that all campsites that intend on having a fire must have the fire in an approved fire pit, or fire ring. If your fire ring does not meet the fire pit requirements, and you have a fire, you will be fined. If you do not know what an approved fire pit or ring is **DO NOT HAVE A FIRE**. If you need to know what the requirements are, contact a board member. J.R. Smith and Tyler Robinson are over fire pits. If you have questions, please contact one of the board members. The fire ring must be buried a minimum of 24 inches with a minimum of 12 inches above the ground. The ground shall be clear of combustible fuels for 5 feet around the fire ring and a 10-foot clearance above the fire.

## **NEW FIRE PIT REGULATION – Open Fires.**

- After a discussion by the board a motion was made to allow propane fires as long as the fires are constantly attended, and
- The fire is located near the approved fire ring, and
- The fire is in a grubbed and grassless area, and
- The flames do not produce hot brands or ash, and
- The flames are no higher than 3 feet.

What this means is if during times when open fires are banned due to dry conditions you can have a fire for cooking or warmth if it is fed by propane. The propane bottle must have a regulator so it can be turned off in an emergency. Please be safe.

## **HEAVY EQUIPMENT**

The ranch bought a mini excavator and skid loader for use on ranch property. Members that need work done on their camp site can contact Brandon Bunker or any board member. An appointment will need to be made with an operator through Brandon or another board member to conduct any work. Members will need to pay an hourly fee and replace fuel used. The money will be put back into maintenance fees to keep the machinery in working condition.

### **Heavy Equipment use Rules and Storage**

1. Qualified Trained Operator – determined by the board.
2. Board Member must be present for check off.
3. Two board members can approve the project.
4. Appointments are required for the operator and the board member by the member requesting the usage.
5. Minimum of one (1) hour billed.
6. Hourly fee of \$75.00 per hour plus fuel used.
7. Machinery to be cleaned when the job is done, and fuel replaced.
8. Maintenance Check list is required to be filled out including the starting and ending hours.
9. Waiver Signed

If the machinery is damaged by the operator or has a flat tire during use, the operator will pay to make the repairs.

## **POWER COMPANIES**

Expect to see Rocky Mountain Power, Summit Construction, and Transwest Power Companies on ranch property during the next few years while they construct their respective power lines. Please contact a board member if there are questions or concerns.

## **WET WIPES**

During construction and cleaning the restroom at the pavilion, we found a tremendous number of wet wipes that are clogging the sewer system. Just a reminder that the ranch is on septic tanks and the wet wipes do not biodegrade. Do not flush wet wipes. The board recommends throwing the wet wipes in the garbage can provided in the restrooms.

## **OLSENS PROPERTY**

This is a reminder to ranch members that the Allen Olsen property is considered part of the Big Horn Ranch when it comes to hunting rights. Members cannot take a big game animal on ranch property and another on Olsen's property. Remember, only one animal of each species per member share may be harvested on Big Horn Ranch controlled property. The Forest Service and Fish and Game property are not included as part of the Big Horn Ranch.

## **PROPERTY ACQUISITION**

The Board is continually looking for property adjoining the Ranch, which is for sale that we could buy to expand our holdings, increase hunting opportunities and invest our savings. At this time, we are in negotiations with Mr. Behmer who owns 480 acres on our southeast border. This would also connect into a 60 acre parcel we already own which currently is an unattached and underutilized possession.

## **STATE OF BIG HORN RANCH FINANCES**

At the annual membership meeting held in February, a motion was made and voted upon for the Big Horn Ranch financials, accounting, reporting, and security be reviewed via an independent third party. As a result of the recent cash received from the Rocky Mountain Power easement purchase, it was determined a review of the policies and procedures should be conducted.

The policies and procedures used to track, record, and report both deposits and expenses have been reviewed by an independent corporate CPA, licensed in the state of Utah, who has confirmed that appropriate safeguards, signing rights, and oversight by the board of directors is currently in place. It was noted that the Big Horn Ranch does not have a formal written "Investment Policy" as the organization has not held sufficient cash to warrant these measures. However, upon review the investment of funds, the brokerage managing the funds, the transfer protocol, and how the balance is reported to the board of directors were seen as effective measures taken on the board and membership's behalf.

As always, if there are any questions or concerns, please reach out to a member of the board.