

# BIG HORN RANCH NEWSLETTER

P.O. Box 924  
American Fork, Utah 84003-0924

**April 2024**

**\*\*\*Annual BBQ is Saturday, August 10, 2024**

## ANNUAL DUES

Annual dues of \$100.00, paid by check, or electronically are to be received no later than **May 15, 2024**. **Dues for members 75 years and older are reduced 50% to \$50.00 for anyone who is 75 years old or older in 2024.** If 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, workdays and any late fees are not completed/paid on time (August 15, 2024), all HUNTING RIGHTS will be revoked for the 2024 hunting season!**

## WORKDAYS

Workdays begin on May 25, 2024, and continue every Saturday in June except for June 29<sup>th</sup> which is set aside as make up day in the event we have unfavorable weather conditions on a previous weekend. Workdays begin at 8 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. **Seniors over 75 are exempt from workdays but must be present at the ranch on one of the assigned workdays to sign up and receive credit. If you're unable to attend please call a board member to be excused, i.e., illness etc.** Inclement weather could change the workday activity, please check the website for information, or call the board member in charge of the workday for updated information.

**Workday days are scheduled: May 25, June 1, June 8, June 15 and June 22, 2024.** If the shareholder's name doesn't appear on the sign-up sheet, you will not receive credit for the required two workdays per share. There will be a fee of \$100.00 per workday, plus a \$25.00 late fee per workday assessed. If you plan to complete your workdays at the BBQ, contact Beverly Peacock at 801-224-4893 or 801-361-7868 prior to June 22, 2024. All workdays shall be completed on or before August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Note: Beginning in 2025, the fee for each workday paid will increase to \$200.00 per workday per share plus any late fees.**

All workdays must be completed by **June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**, unless you are assigned to work the BBQ on August 10<sup>th</sup>. No exceptions.

The board encourages ranch members come work on the property for their workdays rather than pay for them. Your time and effort are more valuable to the ranch than your cash. There are five Saturdays available to complete your assignment by doing general ranch upkeep. Fencing, grubbing brush, opening roads and trails are our greatest needs. If you are unable to work weekends and can complete your workdays during the week, please contact one of the board members prior to June 15<sup>th</sup>.

There are other work projects available if helping with fencing and ranch maintenance is not a possibility for you. **We need your work, not your money.** If you absolutely cannot complete your workdays, then workday revenue supports basic campground repair and supplies. If more members aren't willing or are unable to assist with the work, the ranch may have to hire it out, which may result in increased dues for everyone.

If there is a particular interest to maintain a section of fence or a specific effort your family would be interested in, please let a board member know ASAP. This would be your responsibility throughout the years and count as your workdays for the year. The board needs to know what work you are planning to do and approve the assignment. **A family work sheet is now available on the web page and included with this newsletter.** Please e-mail a completed work sheet to the Big Horn Ranch e-mail at [mybighornranch@gmail.com](mailto:mybighornranch@gmail.com) prior to June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, or in person to a board member.

It was decided at the general membership meeting held in Feb, that workdays will be a family affair again. The board encourages families to share their love of the ranch and teach all members of the family to care for the property. Please use caution while working around the little ones, especially if heavy machinery is involved. The ranch will bear no responsibility for negligence by ranch members.

The board asks that in order to ensure quality of work and a full workday completed for the benefit of the ranch property, that no one working under the age of 12 be counted toward workday hours. If you're working on a fence, bring your own gloves and appropriate tools with you such as shovels, hammers, plyers, fencing, grubbing tools, and a ride to your assigned area. Repairing fences, grubbing trails, and clearing brush along roads will be a major priority again this year.

The board is planning on cutting new trails and some fencing on the newly purchased property that we will also need help with.

**Board Work Day Assignments 2024**

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

<b><u>Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Board Member in Charge</u></b>
May 25, 2024.....	Jim Winn – Kai Fitzhugh – Steve Trane
June 1, 2024.....	Victor Valdez - Brandon Bunker
June 8, 2024.....	Kerry Evans – Mark Cowley
June 15, 2024 .....	Kolton Winn – Bruce Johnson
June 22, 2024 .....	Tracy Trane – Gary Wells
August 10, 2024 (BBQ) .....	Beverly Peacock - Catherine Long

**BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE 2024-2025 SEASON**

	<b>HOME</b>	<b>CELL</b>
Kerry Evans	President	801-836-1015
Jim Winn	Vice-President	801-830-9538
Gary Wells	Treasurer	801-580-1236
Bruce Johnson	Secretary	435-840-8324
Beverly Peacock	Trustee	801-361-7868
Victor Valdez	Trustee	801-319-2708
Steve Trane	Trustee	801-319-2713
Brandon Bunker	Trustee	801-592-8431
Tracy Trane	Trustee	801-699-2916
Kai Fitzhugh	1st Alternate	801-885-7149
Kolton Winn	2nd Alternate	801-368-3483
Mark Cowley	3rd Alternate	801-550-3574

Next in line if any board member leaves are 1<sup>st</sup> Tyler Robinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vernal Shepard, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Marshall Terry.

## **NEW BOARD MEMBERS VOTED INTO OFFICE**

The following board members were voted into office beginning March 2024: Gary Wells, Bruce Johnson, Tracy Trane, Kai Fitzhugh, Kolton Winn, and Mark Cowley.

## **MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

Membership cards for the upcoming year may be picked up at the annual BBQ on Saturday, August 10th, 2024, if all dues and fees 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 17, 2024. Make sure you keep the board apprised of any change of address.

## **ASSIGNING SHARES**

If a share owner assigns his/her share to another individual, he/she is assigning all rights away, except for their voting rights. The original share owner is responsible for the assignee and any violations that may occur by the assignee. After assigning their share to another person, the share owner cannot visit the ranch or obtain the combination unless he/she 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). Assigning shares can be taken care of during the monthly board meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. Call/text a board member to get on the agenda.

## **ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER/SUMMIT CONSTRUCTION**

Summit construction will be completing their power line construction in 2024. They will install a new fence on the south property line, be pulling wire for the towers, completing work on the tower bases, and restoring roads and pad sites. If there are any questions, please ask a board member.

## **TRANSWEST POWER**

This is the third power line that will be constructed between the two existing lines. Recent updates from Transwest say they are two years from beginning their project but will be on sight at times this year for surveys. The board will keep members up to date as more information becomes available.

## **E-BIKES**

After a discussion at the general membership meeting in February regarding E-Bikes, a motion was made and seconded to ban E-bikes on BHR Association property. A vote was taken, with the majority passing, that all classes of E-bikes be banned from Big Horn Ranch property. Two or three wheeled non-motorized pedal bicycles are still allowed.

## **SHARE FOR SALE**

No shares for sale currently.

## **ROADS**

The roads will be graded as soon as the weather permits.

## EMERGENCY SERVICE

If emergency service is required, call 911 and tell dispatch there is an emergency at the Big Horn Ranch. 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 Latitude and Longitude coordinates 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, 2024.** 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 to keep your campsite in 2024, plan to occupy it with a camper, trailer, or motor home on or before July 1<sup>st</sup>. 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, Victor Valdez, J.R. Smith, and Kerry Evans have been asked by the board to head up 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, please take it out. DO NOT** shoot shotguns into the wood targets or metal pistol target backstop. Keep the ranch clean so everyone can enjoy it. There is no shooting of firearms or archery equipment within the camp circle. This includes BB and pellet guns. There is an archery 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

The board is requiring that all campsites that intend on having a fire must have the fire in an approved fire pit, and 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. Victor Valdez, Steve Trane, and Kolton Winn 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 if 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 has 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 of \$75.00 and replace the 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.

## **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. Currently, we are in negotiations with the James Seagrave family who own 20 acres on our southeast border. This would also connect us to the 520 acres the ranch purchased in 2024.

# WORKDAY FAMILY ASSIGNMENT SHEET

This form is required if you would like to have a family project to complete your workday assignment. There needs to be a shareholder listed with a phone number to oversee the workday activity. The following three statements will need to be completed with as much detail as you can. This form will then be presented at a board meeting for approval. The shareholder in charge will then be notified as to the decision of the board.

- 1- Explain what you plan to do for your workdays. (Give details, location, map, etc.....)

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- 2- Identify the shareholders participating in this activity. State all the names of those working to complete this activity.

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- 3- The shareholder needs to check in or contact a board member as to when the work is to start and then report when the work is complete.

Work Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Complete Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Shareholder in charge: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Phone Date

List of supplies you may need for this activity.

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Date Approved