

FOUR CORNERS BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

BYLAWS

Article I

Name and Affiliation

- Section 1
1. The name of the organization is the FOUR CORNERS BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN herein referred to as 4CBCH.
 2. The 4CBCH is a chapter of and subject to the Bylaws of the Back Country Horsemen of Colorado.

Article II

Purpose

- Section 1
- The purpose of the 4CBCH shall be:
1. To perpetuate the commonsense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.
 2. To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
 3. To assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
 4. To educate, encourage, and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resource by horsemen and the public commensurate with our heritage.
 5. To foster and encourage the formation of new state Back Country Horsemen organizations.

Article III

Membership

- Section 1
- Membership shall be composed of any individual or family interested in promoting the purpose as stated in Article II.
- Section 2
- Associate membership may be acquired by individuals, businesses or organizations interested in supporting the purpose as stated in Article II. A multiple chapter membership may be acquired by those who are a member of another BCH chapter.
- Section 3
- Annual membership dues shall be charged. Dues shall be based on the needs of the chapter as recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership. Changes to membership dues will be approved at a regular or special meeting. 4CBCH individual and family membership dues include the dues for Back Country Horsemen of Colorado and Back Country Horsemen of America payable by the Treasurer. Membership paid after October 1st will be credited to the following year.
- Section 4
- Any person fifteen (15) years or younger, not otherwise qualifying for membership with a family group and who is interested in promoting the purpose as stated in Article II, may be accorded a junior membership for \$1.00 dollar, as long as they have a guardian or sponsor.

**Article IV
Voting**

- Section 1 An individual member sixteen (16) years of age or older and in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote on all matters voted upon during a regular or special meeting.
- Section 2 A Family membership in good standing shall be entitled to two (2) votes on all matters voted upon during a regular or special meeting.
- Section 3 Associate members have no voting rights.
- Section 4 The impartiality required of the presiding officer precludes exercising the right to make motions or debate while presiding and requires refraining from voting except when the vote is by ballot or in the case of a tie.
- Section 5 Motions and votes by the Board of Directors via email shall be considered valid.

**Article V
Meetings**

- Section 1 Regular monthly meetings shall be established and held at a time decided by a majority vote at a regular meeting. A chapter function may be held in lieu of a regular monthly meeting.
- Section 2 Regular monthly meetings shall be conducted within the membership area to a degree that is practical and acceptable by the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 Special meetings may be called by the President or upon the written request of three (3) voting members in good standing.
- Section 4 Monthly Board meetings shall be held at the convenience of a majority of the Directors. Regular members are welcome at Board meetings but shall have no vote.
- Section 5 A minimum of one week notice shall be given for all meetings.
- Section 6 For the purpose of conducting business, a quorum shall be those members with voting rights who are in attendance at any meeting announced in accordance with Article V, Section 5.

**Article VI
Officers and Directors**

- Section 1 Officers of 4CBCH shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as the voting membership may from time to time create.
- Section 2 The Board shall consist of six (6) Directors and the Immediate Past-President in addition to the Officers. The Directors and Officers are elected annually.
- Section 3 Two (2) Board members, or any voting member(s) in good standing, shall be appointed as representative Directors to Back Country Horsemen of Colorado.
- Section 4 Any vacancy by an Officer or the Board of Directors shall be filled via an election by

the Board of Directors for the balance of their term (except President which will automatically be filled by the Vice-President).

Section 5 All elected Officers and Directors must be voting members.

Section 6 The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Board of Directors as stated in section 1. The Executive Committee shall exercise all powers of the Board of Directors between meetings of the Board. All proceedings of the Executive Committee shall be presented to the Board via email or at its next meeting for inclusion in the official minutes of the Board.

Article VII Duties of Officers and Directors

Section 1 The supreme power and authority of the Four Corners Back Country Horsemen shall be lodged in their assembled meetings, and the Officers and Directors shall conform to the wishes and instructions of the 4CBCH membership. The Board of Directors shall manage and execute the affairs of the 4CBCH but subject to such control and direction by the membership. The Board of Directors shall have all needful authority to execute the purposes of the 4CBCH.

Section 2 It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the 4CBCH and of the Board of Directors; to exercise general executive control over the affairs of 4CBCH; to call special meetings of the membership and of the Board of Directors; and to perform all other duties pertaining to such office. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. He/she may also sign checks for disbursement of funds.

Section 3 The Vice-President shall assist the President when called upon to do so, and in their absence shall be vested with all the powers and duties of the President.

Section 4 The Secretary shall record and keep the minutes of all special meetings and Board meetings. He/she shall issue notices and perform other duties as pertains to such office.

Section 5 The Treasurer shall collect dues, verify the membership roster, keep and disburse all funds of the 4CBCH, keep a written account of same which shall be open for inspection by any member in good standing, and furnish a written report of the treasury monthly. All funds shall be maintained in a FDIC insured bank account. The President and Treasurer shall be check signers of record and may validate a check. If required, the Vice President shall be added as signer of record.

Section 6 The presiding Officer may poll the Board via phone or email as necessary.

Section 7 No Officer, Director, or member shall be held liable for any action of the Four Corners Back Country Horsemen.

Article VIII Elections

Section 1 All Officers and Directors shall be elected in accordance with Article V, Section 6; and during the regularly scheduled meeting held in November. The term of office shall be the calendar year next following the date of such election. There shall be no

term limits for Officers and Board Members.

Section 2 The Board shall provide a slate of suitable candidates for Officers and Directors to the membership. Nominations for Officers and Directors may also be provided by the membership from the floor prior to the election.

Article IX Removal of Officers and Directors

Section 1 Any Officer or Director may be relieved of their duties by an action served by a written document and initiated by:

1. A majority vote of the Board of Directors or
2. A majority vote of voting members at a regular meeting.

Section 2 Notification of a vote on an action to remove an Officer or Director will be published in the 4CBCH newsletter preceding the meeting that the vote on the action is to take place. The Board retains discretion to limit dissemination of the detailed reasons for removal other than a general statement about why such action is necessary.

Section 3 For the purpose of voting on an action to remove an Officer or Director, a quorum shall be those members with voting rights who are in attendance at a regular meeting announced in accordance with Article IX, Section 2.

Section 4 Any Officer or Board Member missing over three (3) consecutive Board meetings without an excused absence from the President may be replaced by action initiated by the Board.

Article X Committees & Appointments

Section 1 The Committees necessary for the function of the 4CBCH shall be designated by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 2 A committee Chairperson will be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. The Chairperson will, in turn, appoint their committee members as necessary to accomplish the committee functions.

Section 3 There will be a committee report presented by the committee Chairperson at each Board meeting and at each membership meeting.

Section 4 Appointments to tasks deemed important to 4CBCH shall be designated by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

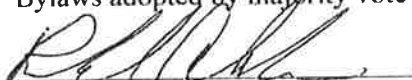
Article XI Amendments

Section 1 The Board may, at its own initiative or in response to a request by three (3) members in good standing, propose Bylaws amendment(s) at any regular or special meeting of the membership, provided that notice of such proposed amendment(s) shall have been given to the membership via email or printed notice in the 4CBCH newsletter at least 30 days preceding said regular or special meeting. Amendments to Bylaws require a simple majority vote by members in attendance.

Article XII
Dissolution of Four Corners Back Country Horsemen

- Section 1 4CBCH may be dissolved on a motion presented to the Board of Directors and approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership present at a general meeting.
- Section 2 In the event of dissolution, the assets of the 4CBCH will be distributed to Back Country Horsemen of Colorado or to another nonprofit organization determined by the Board of Directors.

Bylaws adopted by majority vote of the membership on: February 16, 2023


Rachael Mikelson, President