

Back Country Horsemen of America
State Report



Back Country Horsemen of Michigan
Pigeon River & Beyond

National Board Meeting
Asheville, North Carolina
April 7-10, 2019

Organization & Outreach

The Annual Membership meeting was held February 10, 2018 at Jay's Sporting Goods Store in Clare, Michigan.

Elk hill Campground Work-bee was held May 17-20, 2018.

- > Trails – Debris from winter weather damage cleared. Repairs to signage and confidence markers as needed.
- > Campground – General clean-up., picnic tables and vault toilets stained, kiosks refreshed with stain and new signs, fee pipe painted.
- > Dispersed Campsites – Check signage and make repairs as necessary. Install new camp board for Witness Tree dispersed site.

Annual summer meeting & camping was held June 1-3, 2018 at Yankee Springs Recreation Area.

Annual fall meeting & camping was held October 5-7, 2018 at Ionia State Recreation Area.

Accomplishments

Pavilion project at Elk Hill Group Campground. This project has been on hold for many years and has recently been approved. We applied for a Partnership Match Grant from the Department of Natural Resources and it was approved in March. Many equestrian trail groups that use this area have donated to help with construction costs.



Future Pavilion at Elk Hill

Tin Cup Springs is a new and upcoming equestrian trail camp in Lake County. BCHM PR&B led in the promotion of this campground. It's in the final stages of approval at the State level.

BCHM PR&B sponsored and promoted a Pilot Beach Ride at Muskegon State Park on September 22, 2018 in cooperation with the MI DNR. The DNR has allowed a few of these pilot rides in the past couple years with a very limited number of riders (6). This past fall, we supported a far larger group (59) under the watch of the DNR. They have been evaluating equestrian impact to the natural resources along the beach. The general public was surveyed during this event and the results were very positive.



Muskegon State Park 2018

Fundraising efforts have been implemented through Rada Internet Fundraising, Amazon Smile and Walmart Foundation's Volunteerism Always Pays Program.

Continued work of opening connector trails in the Elk Hill Equestrian State Forest.

Issues and Problems

Declining membership

Communication needs improvement

Website needs updating

Organization Details

President: Richard Kleinhardt
V-President: Joan Duncan
Treasurer: Teri Quam
Secretary: Jill Oomen
Record.Sec: Jane Croff
Director: Connie Kleinhardt
Director: Darlene Alexander
Director: Lynne Noll
Director: Kim Ross
Director: Kristie Walls

<u>Memberships:</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Family</u>
2009	95	117
2010	91	99
2011	59	80
2012	46	72
2013	67	73
2014	58	62
2015	61	52
2016	47	44
2017	45	39
2018	91	45

Cost of membership: Individual \$30 Family \$40

Volunteer Values

2018 Volunteer Value:		\$ 88, 033.40
Basic Work Hours	414	10,221.66
Skilled Work Hours	161.5	5,981.96
Recon. Work Hour	237	5,851.53
Public Meeting	233.6	5,767.58
Admin. Service	358.5	8,851.37
Travel Time	510	12,591.90
Vehicle Miles	21,100	18,990.00
Stock Hauling	4334	4,767.40
Power Equip.	107.5	2,795.00
Heavy Equip.	77	6,237.00
Stock Used	24	
Stock Days	55	5,500.00
Donations		478.00