

Back Country Horsemen of Florida



Yearly Report of the Back Country Horsemen of Florida for 2023

1. Introduction and Current Status: The recent time has been a busy one for BCHFL. In the past year the BCHFH has undergone significant reorganization and consolidation. We are expanding to a new chapter, Back Country Horsemen of North Florida centered in the Tallahassee area. This group is a spinoff of the Southern Trail Riders which is a long time active saddle club in the area. BCHFA affiliation offered benefits that otherwise was not available to them. Concurrently our First Coast and Suwannee Valley in North Florida were suffering from lack of people willing to take leadership.

We reorganized the First Coast and Suwannee Valley as part of BCHNF creating one large chapter to work with land managers in North Florida. This gives us four larger chapters centered on the main riding areas in Central and North Florida.

In May, Nancy Stevens was elected the president of BCHFL. Nancy was the organizer of BCHNF. Nancy is a semi-retired lobbyist in Tallahassee and her contacts within the state government are paying benefits. For example she is working with the DEP and legislature in the establishment of the Florida Equestrian Heritage Trail.

2. Membership and Volunteer Hours: The current membership of BCHFL is 76 family members and 76 individual members. The volunteer hours report is included in this package. The cash value was \$212,812.30.