

Back Country Horsemen  
**High Sierra Chapter**

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Wednesday, April 16, 2008, Black Bear Diner, Reno

Officers for 2008

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The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm and Quorum was established.

No new visitors today.

The Board approved last month's minutes unanimously.  
Jerry requests to have minutes in printed version at the meeting.

**Officer/Board Reports**

- a. VP - Volunteer hours: 48h last Sat at Ophir Creek trail work - \$2063 labor incl. Travel, mileage; horse use year to date \$5723
- b. Sec - Current active members: 11 family, 13 single members
- c. Treas - Website hosting next 2 years \$166 paid. Current balance \$1579.97

**Committee Reports**

a. Trail Clinic  
Paula L: Banners are received. Members to help (no \$10 fee for volunteers) also need to send paperwork to Paula L  
Joel: More volunteers needed.  
8am - volunteers for A M need to be there.  
40 riders max can be signed up.  
Paula will send detailed directions to the Secretary to distribute.  
Short version: Lemmon Valley exit, right at ramp, through community of L. Valley, school zone, open field on right, 1<sup>st</sup> paved street is Arkansas, turn right, at the end of street turn left to Deodar, the arena on left after a few stop signs.  
Most likely water and bathrooms will be open/available.

b. Membership - Jerry

Jerry reported about the membership committee meeting.  
Member of the member committee will greet any new member/visitor each meeting. Old member will then introduce the visitors.  
Will also try to get interviews arranged (Horsetales etc), posters (being developed).  
Working on identifying ourselves (ballcaps, shirts ..?)  
At last weekend's volunteer work outsiders inquired and asked for more information.

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**Old Business**

- a. CPR - Third Sat. each month – Jerry: Still being offered
- b. CC Chapter is offering First aid Class (horses/riders) - Jerry
- c. BBQ Ride w/ CC Chapter (May 10) – Jerry: Still working on this.
- d. Ophir Creek Trail Repair – Jerry: Successful. Several non-equestrian trail users inquired about our group. We all should plan to take our brochures on trail rides/work trips to be able to hand out to interested parties.
- e. Sequoia Kings Canyon Trip – Don: \$5 per person reg. fee
- f. Merchandise for NBM: Don will go to Elko coming Tues, will take raffle items.
- g. Recognition - Terri/Sabine - Article in Nat'l Newsletter: Terri had send the RGJ article to National – it was printed in the National Newsletter.

**New Business**

- Raffle tickets - Debbie Balsinger volunteered to sell raffle tickets at today's meeting. Thank you Debbie!
- Don briefly reviewed the forest plans revision
- Evacuation plan – we discussed to help each other as organization. Some members maybe can provide room for horses – some in an emergency situation will need room for animals, how much can you take, can you haul other horses . How many animals do I have that I need help for?  
Sabine will email all members to ask for info (see above) and add to spreadsheet.

5/17 Sat GPS training (Paula Walkins) will be a day class – no overnight.  
Paula W will email list of items needed to all, each member will have to get their own tools.  
University has cheapest topo maps. Get compass with mirror , costs about \$50  
Verdi post office will be meeting place. Paula W will take 4x4 to check it out prior to 5/17.

Last 2 days in May plus 1<sup>st</sup> day June is cross-cut saw training.

Sabine shared her favorite ride – Doyle Crossing (in Beckwourth turn right)

Meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

After a break Joel gave an introduction on hobbling.

Don discussed pack saddle fitting techniques.

Sabine McCowen  
Secretary BCHNV