

Back Country Horsemen
High Sierra Chapter

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Wednesday, June 18, 2008, Black Bear Diner, Reno

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The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm, quorum was established

May Minutes were approved unanimously.

We had no new visitors. Chris Hoffmann, a long-standing member, attended the meeting.

Officer/Board Reports

- a. VP - Volunteer hours – According to Jerry we have donated a total of \$6671.50 worth of volunteer hour/mileage/training so far this year
- b. Sec - Membership –1 application was given to the secretary at the meeting which bring the total numbers to 15 family, 20 single members.
- c. Treas - \$\$ - same as last month, the monies from the trail clinic have not been accounted for and will be deposited this week.

Old Business

- a. Crosscut saw class - Jerry/Don – Members from TRT, PCT, Forest Service and BCH attended. Very valuable information even for experienced handlers. There might be another 2-day class offered in September on a Sat/Sun.
- b. Sign Up Book for Events - Jerry – please contact Jerry if you want to sign up for any upcoming BCH events.
- c. Soda Springs Assessment ride – was cancelled last weekend. Don and Jerry will have a 1-day ride this Sat 6/21, leaving the trail head 9am, ride about 3h in. Trail head at Wolf Creek Rd. Purpose of the ride is to make final determination if additional trail clearing is still needed. Lunch at cabin, take pix. Group will go at pace of the slowest horse. Return to trail head about 6pm
- d. Weed free hay/pellets info - Don
Mario has friend who grows weed free hay, will get a ton and would sell single bales to BCH members who need it at his cost.
- e. Raffle winners/prizes from Elko - Paula L.
Paula has prizes, will bring next time. Had with her last month but was there at the wrong week.

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New Business

a. Euer Valley - Fourth of July Petra

Had some people sign up with Petra. Right now South Meadows corrals reserved.

b. Granite Chief (7/12-7/14) - Don/Paula L.

7/12-14 Sat-Mon. Back side of Squaw Valley. Deadline 7/1 to sign up with Jerry. Need at least 6 people. Sat morning start. 2h ride in, Lake Tahoe, gradual uphill climb, parking area, then gradual down-hill with pack animals. About 2h 15min back. About half a pack-horse per person.

How to secure your own horse in the backcountry (can high-line or hobble). Need hard-toed shoes for work. Bring own leather gloves especially for smaller hands. Need to wear helmets which will be passed out at the trail-head.

Don - trip leader

c. Sequoia-Kings Canyon - Don

Trip is full, about 12 signed up.

d. Definition of BCH rides

It is ok to bring non BCH people to "just rides" (fun rides). For work projects need to be member (insurance reason). Info for any horse-related ride any of our members plans, even if not BCH-planned, will be distributed. For non bch events if you want information to be distributed to BCH members - email secretary with enough advance notice to distribute information.

Voted - All in favor.

Should we do a trail clinic next year?

Should we do a pack clinic?

Ed will check about Bridle Path arena, if can be used for any BCH event.

First year trail clinic was the highest number, participant numbers declining since.

About 15 attending members showed interested in pack clinic (show of hand).

Perhaps do ongoing pack related "small clinics" during other events/camp-outs, such as hobbling, high-lining.

Most people like both and would attend the trail clinic and a pack clinic.

The August meeting will be a BBQ at Don's house with a 6pm start.

e. Other

PCT – Sabine rode the PCT on 6/14 weekend, going south on the trail from Jackson Meadows the trail had not been worked on this year, lots of down trees. Barb suggested to email PCT (find address at pct.org) regarding trail needing work or submit information via their website.

At 8:23pm the meeting was adjourned.

Favorite trail/ride - Jerry shared information about Paiute Meadows (BCH pack-trip in August)

Program - Tools for Trail Work