

BCH of NV – HIGH SIERRA CHAPTER

Minutes Regular meeting: 01/20/2010 Black Bear Diner, Reno NV

PRESIDENT: Elaine Anagnostou
VP: Ed Acosta
Secretary: Sabine McCowen
Treasurer: Stephan Pate
Director: Jim Dragoo, Debbie Maurer, Jerry Williams

The purpose of this organization shall be:

1. *To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness*
2. *To work to insure 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 general public commensurate with our heritage.*
5. *To foster and encourage the formation of new state Back Country Horsemen organizations.*

Prior to start of the meeting we have our program. Guest Speaker is Dr. Micky Doyle, equine and human Chiropractor, 30 min power point presentation.

Meeting called to order 7:30pm

Elaine mentioned Roberts Rules of Order which set a pretty strict guideline for meetings. Elaine wants to try some steps to expedite the BCH High Sierra Chapter meetings.

Several members have hearing limitations and there are others who are very soft spoken. When there are conversations going on we miss the majority of what is really under discussion. Elaine is asking that members reserve side discussions to before and after the actual meeting. That way, we can accomplish what we need to do, have time to socialize, and still be done before management closes the doors and boots us out.

Elaine asked that when someone has the floor, that person stand to be recognized and remain standing while talking.

Introduction of people present

Minutes for November & December meetings approved unanimously.

Belt Buckle Presentation: Jerry Williams presented to out-going president, Petra Keller. Jerry thanked Petra for all the things she has done for the chapter. Thanks!

Committee Reports:

Vice President, Ed Acosta – mentioned payment is due for Lemmon Valley in April. \$100 fee, total deposit \$250. Stephan/Jan as outgoing/incoming treasurer have to mail check asap prior to Jan 29 deadline.

Secretary: Sabine McCowen - 17 Family, 22 Single members. We are collecting dues for 2010.

Treasurer: Jan was not present but sent information. Account balance \$3225.20

Membership Committee: Ed explained what is needed from members helping on this committee.

Alma and Kathleen volunteered – thank you!

Librarian: Brad not present

Historian: Donna Kapala – Donna is willing to continue. Thanks Donna! Ed and Jerry are still collecting pictures for the state meeting end of January. Please include Donna on any related emails for her files.

EVENTS SINCE LAST MEETING:

Christmas Party, 2009. Had a great turnout, lots of fun, a small fire and some spills, all the ingredients to a successful party.

New Year's ride - Paula Walkins and one friend went. It will be a regular event on the BCH calendar.

MLK Weekend ride – Barb & Dave Walsh not present, not sure where/if they went camping.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elaine briefly introduced the new board

Membership application on the website. Paula Walkins – yes, it is online

2010 Pack Clinic Committee Need to get deposit check to Parks. Petra mentioned that previously the members decided on trail vs pack clinic, wondering if the board can just decide. Paula Lenz motioned to show support for the board's decision to hold a pack clinic. All in favor.

Camp Kitchen – Jerry Williams will provide an inventory at the next meeting

Bike posters – Paula Lenz is continuing communication with US Forest Service and also the TRT. FS does not like the "Halloween like font". FS wants to incorporate the poster into a bigger poster they are designing. This is still work in progress, but positive since there is a good conversation ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS:

State meeting will be held Saturday, January 30, 2010, Black Bear Diner on Virginia St., Reno, NV. Starting time is 10:00 a.m.; anyone can attend the meeting but cannot vote unless they are representing their chapter. Required to attend: Elaine Anagnostou, Ed Acosta, Petra Keller. We should have 3 votes, one for each 15 members.

Board meeting recap and Calendar – Elaine

Jerry Williams met with Sabine, Jim Dragoo, and Elaine, with Larry Fenkel sitting in. We had a very productive meeting; Elaine got some good pointers from both Jerry and Sabine regarding her position and we worked hard to get a workable calendar going.

We were able to get quite a few items in the plan throughout the year up through October (calendars were previously emailed to all members), but still leave plenty of spots for volunteers and spontaneity, and left November and December wide open. Asked for events members would like to add to the 2010 calendar and additional rides they want to host. No volunteers at this time.

Asked members for a date and location for the 2010 Christmas party/meeting. Plan to set this at an upcoming meeting.

Paula Walkins asked for a monthly updated **membership roster** from Sabine to post on our website. The one on our website is quite outdated.

Access to the internal part of our **website** was mentioned by Paula. Since minutes are posted online the login and password will not be mentioned here but emailed to all members.

Paula also asked what the rule is for the use of BCHNV@yahoo.com. Ed suggested to put this on the agenda for February to discuss, so members have time to become familiar with the site. All in favor. Elaine asked everybody to check out yahoo groups prior to next meeting. Deby who is member of the Carson chapter mentioned that she stays in touch with us and our events via that group.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 24, Tack Cleaning Sunday, 3 p.m., Sabine McCowen's. Ride at noon for anybody who wants to join.

February 17, Don Daniels guest speaker for February meeting

February 20, Washoe Ride, Jerry Williams

FAVORITE RIDE:

We need a volunteer for February.

Meeting adjourned 8:28pm

After the meeting Petra showed pictures about her "Favorite Ride" Location was TRT Tahoe City to Barker Pass.

Sabine McCowen
Secretary BCHNV