

BCH of NV HIGH SIERRA CHAPTER AGENDA MARCH 17, 2010

Minutes Regular Meeting, Black Bear Diner, S.Virginia, Reno

President: Elaine Anagnostou
VP: Ed Acosta
Secretary: Sabine McCowen
Treasurer: Stephan Pate – not present
Director: Jim Dragoo
Director: Debbie Maurer – not present
Director: 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.*

Meeting called to order at 7pm.

Favorite ride Volunteer for after adjournment? Elaine will continue to bring laptop and projector. No volunteer for today.

Introduction of people present.

Guest Speaker: The scheduled guest speaker had to cancel for tonight. Tina Mudd was to talk on Weed Free Feed.

Jennifer Dawson – Washoe Lake State Park supervisor updated us about Washoe Lake State Park. She mentioned a safer road crossing was established. They are also working on setting up more pull-throughs in the camp-ground. The horse arena at Washoe Lake was not put up to code, posts only 1 foot deep in the ground, the footing was left as is. All panels are already bought, NASTR and other organizations had donated for those. They are now in need of financial donations to come up with the total \$5400 the pre-mixed footing will cost, plus need man-hours for the labors to erect the panels again.

Washoe Lake park arena rental fee per day will be \$50, pavilion rental an additional \$50. If facilities are not rented out they can be used first come first served. Plan is to have the arena ready for use this summer. They need to establish more parking spots for all the equestrians which will be located to the west from the arena, inside the arena parking will not be permitted. So far Joel and Ed offered to help out. Once the work-day is determined Jennifer will inform all the groups.

Question came up about all the dead birds at the shores of Washoe Lake. Jennifer has brought some dead birds to a vet to have them check for the cause, has not heard back. Petra had some 2nd hand info from people whose dogs got sick after running around at the lake area. Nothing further was confirmed.

Jennifer has her dog there daily with no ill side-effects.

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Approval of February meeting minutes.

Committee Reports:

VP - Ed Acosta:

The Forest Service has lots of money in the budget this year. They are putting together a 10 person crew to work in the Mount Rose Wilderness area between May and October. In early June and again early July they need our help to pack equipment to Gray's Lake. The ride is only about 2 hours each way, so we can decide to make it a day-trip or stay overnight. Ed is on the FS mailing list and will keep us updated once dates are set.

Ed also brought flyers for the pack clinic. Will meet with all volunteers to organize details for the clinic. Sabine will get the clinic listed online at various locations (Craigslist, nvequest.com, bayquest.com, calendar of the Reno Gazette Journal) and will also work on getting us an article in the RGJ.

Secretary: Sabine McCowen – 16 single and 22 family members. Out of those 12 have not paid for 2010.

Treasurer: Stephan Pate not present. Jan had brought the statement. As of Feb 28 \$2093.20 balance. Petra asked if signers have been changed. Has not been done. Petra mentioned Elaine needs to take December 2009 minutes that show the election to any Wells Fargo branch to have people removed and herself and the other names put on. This is also explained in the SOPs. Petra is still listed as signer and wants to be removed.

Membership Committee: Ed Acosta – meetings will get on the way soon, more updates to come.

Librarian: Joan Edwards – only 1 useable tape about Decker packing, Joan will put on DVD., 1 book and a few CDs/DVDs. We discussed it would be nice to continue the library. Donations (books, magazines, DVDs etc) are accepted. Please bring your items to any meeting.

Historian: Donna Kapala – nothing new to report

EVENTS SINCE LAST MEETING:

Washoe Valley Rice – Jerry Williams and Larry rode about 5 hours. Virginia range, Waterline road.

Washoe Valley Training Day – Jerry Williams – He had just taken a 2 day wilderness first aid class. Did a show+tell March 13 about 3 hours. It was decided to add this as a regular program after each monthly meeting to discuss things like what is the difference between first aid in town and in the backcountry and other valuable related information. This will NOT be a certification or formal training, just a show and tell.

Leave no Trace – Jerry Williams. He will go to the class in Missoula in May to become a master instructor. Afterwards he will be setting up classes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Unpaid dues – Motioned and approved that Sabine will send email with a final 1 week deadline to 2009 member who have not paid. Anybody who does not respond or pay by the given deadline will be removed from the email distribution.

President's Words

Elaine: We learn by our mistakes and boy! Am I ever learning! I made an apology at the last meeting. In retrospect, I should have said "the board will meet to discuss, and get back to you". The Board has met and feels the apology was not necessary because it was not a board email but was between two individuals. The board does not feel they should apologize for something they were not involved in.

As far as the web site goes, I still say Paula has done an awesome job. Hopefully she will continue to do so. I did the website for my County department for 2 years and it is an extremely thankless job. When something does not work, it is automatically the fault of the web owner regardless of what it is or who or what is really at fault, even if the server goes down. I worked on CMS which stands for Content Management Site. Translation – I was only responsible for entering the information, not in programming it to look pretty. Paula has handled both. We have a site that looks nice, is professional, and links to other sites of interest. That takes someone with more interest in it than I have, not to mention a heck of a lot more patience and I appreciate the fact that she has done so. I, for one, appreciate what she has done, whether her decision is to continue as our web master or not.

Now, I have some questions about the web site.

- Do we pay for the web site? Yes, for domain-name and hosting
- If so, how much and when? \$228.60 for 2 yrs

- Do we have any rules or guidelines for the site or do we make them up as we go along and discover something else is needed or not needed or would be a good thing to do? One reason I am asking this is that the pages say "last updated 1 Oct 2009". I know this is not true because the 2010 board is listed on there. However, none of the planned activities show up other than the regular meetings. I think everything we have on our calendar should be out there. Especially the April Pack Clinic.

HS Chapter Report - Petra – National stated to her that education hours including map training, GPS class, Rodeo booth etc should be counted, not only trail clearing work. After adding all those hours the total went up by a total of \$17,508.00 to a new total of \$47,154.00 of donated BCH HSC work. Petra went on record stating that she did not get information from the board when requesting it from the board. She had stepped up last month after Jerry temporarily resigned from the board and feels she has not received the information from board for the annual chapter report. Elaine went on record stating she had been replying to any emails/requests from Petra.

BCH NV State Annual report for national - Petra had consolidated the data and then had Darlene McGarr (BCH NV State President) review them. Petra handed the CD with the state annual report to Ed for the National Meeting and stated that if any additional modifications for the HS chapter report needed to be done, they would need to be completed by someone else.

Ann Windle asked if expenses related to work trip can be written off for tax purposes. Jerry stated USFS puts \$100 value on a work-day per person. Sabine questioned if USFS and IRS might be using different guidelines for the numbers. Donna mentioned it would be best to ask your tax person.

Camp Kitchen update – Jerry went over the list of items still needed which was emailed out recently (items such as utensils, stove, griddle). Cherie and her husband probably have stove, utensils and some other items. Everybody is asked to bring donated items to the next meeting. Also a reminder that Marian had donated \$20 her last month's winnings toward the camp kitchen.

Delta Horsecamp - Donna Kapala – will have work weekend. April 24 9am – 5pm we will be preparing the camp (raking etc) for further work. There will be water for the horses at the river, a vault toilet and a fire-ring when we work there. No cost to park there that weekend. You can arrive Friday if you wish and stay through the entire weekend. Horses are not needed. There are 3 smaller and some bigger corrals for a total of 14 horses.

American Red Cross Wilderness and Remote First Aid class update. April 10, 11, 3580 Center Drive at The Ranch, Doug & Patty Hill, CV Chapter; \$85 per person; includes CPR. 7:30 – 6:30 Saturday to incorporate the CPR class; 8:30 – 5:30 Sunday. Still has openings if anyone is interested contact Patty Hill at doug@gbis.com. \$85 for class, includes the CPR; She needs payment by March 29. Patty offers that people camp at her place if they wish.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. National Director Dave Rich is unable to attend National Meeting in April and State is looking for a replacement. Email from Charles Vickrey was forwarded to members. No response.
2. Jerry Williams moved to donate \$100 to Washoe Lake St Park for arena. Motion seconded by Gerry A and passed.

Raffle – Jim won the raffle, half of the \$40 pot was his. Congratulations!

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Sabine McCowen
Secretary