

BCH of NV  
HIGH SIERRA CHAPTER AGENDA  
May 19, 2010

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

President: Elaine Anagnostou  
VP: Ed Acosta – not present  
Secretary: Sabine McCowen  
Treasurer: Stephan Pate – not present  
Director: Jim Dragoo  
Director: Debbie Maurer  
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 for June – Jerry Williams volunteered.

Introduction of people present:

March meeting minutes approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Secretary Sabine McCowen – 13 family, 16 single members.  
Treasurer May 8, 2010 the board unanimously accepted Elaine's appointment of Jan Koval as the new/returning treasurer, since the elected official has been unable to perform the duties of the office due to personal reasons. Jan reports \$2782.20 in our account as of end of April.  
Membership and VP Ed Acosta – is still out of town for National Meeting  
Librarian: Joan Edwards – Joan compiled a list of about 40 books available through the library. List was sent to all members. Anybody wanting to check out an item from the library can email Joan prior to a meeting and she will bring the items to the meeting. Great job!  
Historian: Donna Kapala – not present

Elaine mentioned her email account has changed to clearwire, the old one is still active for now.

EVENTS SINCE LAST MEETING:

Lahontan Trailhead Clean up – Sabine McCowen – A total of 16 volunteers between the HSC and CVC chapters worked a total of 56 hours, we totally blew Ranger Bob's mind when were done with everything after about 3 ½ hours of solid work. Some people had brought horses and rode the remainder of the weekend – we even saw a bald eagle!

Hoof Clinic, May 8, 2010 – Jim Dragoo – We had a good and interesting presentation about the inner functions of a hoof. Jim then trimmed Larry's horse, although after the front 2 feet he did not want to stand still any longer. Afterwards some participants went riding; Sabine took them by some abandoned mines in the area. We also had a new member sign up at the event.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Leave No Trace train the trainer 5/22+23– Jerry found out during his recent class that the training requires two 8 hour days including an overnight stay. Therefore Jerry and Don will reschedule this event and let the members know.

Elko Trail-clearing trip 6/5 – Elaine read some information out from Darlene's email regarding this upcoming event. As of right now only Jerry indicated he will go. Jerry mentioned that Lamoille is still covered with snow. But he thinks it is unlikely the event will be rescheduled because many different people are coming. Sabine will forward Darlene's email to the members, that way whoever plans to go can contact Darlene directly.

Self Defense class for women – Elaine passed around flyers for a self defense class for women, happening Tuesday June 15. Location: Crosswinds Assembly of God church, 21—El Rancho Dr. in Sparks 6-8pm \$20. Mr. Hibbitts 530-251-3993 is the contact.

Reno Rodeo Booth 6/17-27 – Zeann reported the booth will be located at the same place in the "wind tunnel", unless another vendor does not occupy their assigned indoor booth by the end of the first day. Sabine will scan and email out the information and sign-up sheets, many volunteers are needed (noon – 7pm weekends, 4pm – 7pm weekdays), no matter how much time you can contribute to staff the booth it will help. Jerry will email Zeann a 50 word description about the BCH which the Rodeo association requested. Zeann thinks if we can arrange for some demos on the Saturdays (without horses), perhaps knot tying or pack saddle stuff, that would be awesome. We should have a calendar or flyer for upcoming events at the booth, LNT papers etc. Maybe a complimentary gift for anybody signing up there? Gerry A. motioned to allow a dollar amount for this purpose. Jan motioned to allow \$200 maximum so Zeann can buy BCH items (bandanas, coffee mugs or other small items) that can be used as swag at the Reno Rodeo and the Expo. All in favor. Jan will get a proof of insurance to Zeann for this event.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Camp Kitchen update – Jerry Williams shared that with all the generous donations the camp kitchen is pretty much complete, only a coffee pot is needed. He will build a wooden panier to store and transport the camp kitchen in.
2. Nationals Update – Ed Acosta is still out of town
3. Web update/vote – Sabine McCowen – at the last meeting we had asked for a volunteer who can continue maintenance on our website. Since nobody came forward, Holly Lenz (Paula's daughter), who is member at BCH in Portland and experienced in website maintenance, volunteered 12 hours per year to keep our website updated. Only hours spend beyond this would be charged and we would vote on any charge in advance. All voted in favor to nominate Holly Lenz as our webmaster.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. August meeting – Program? We decided to have a BBQ either at Don's house or Jerry's house, this will be the regular meeting day August 18.
2. Christmas Party 2010 – Sabine volunteered her house for the party again, everybody was very much in favor. We scheduled this for the first Sat, December 4.
3. Jan mentioned that Deby O'Gorman is encouraging BCH members to help with work at the Faye-Luther trail in Carson Valley since this is a popular equestrian trail.
4. Jerry mentioned the Ruby Mountain Trail Association ([www.rubymountaintrails.blogspot.com](http://www.rubymountaintrails.blogspot.com)) is building new trails, they are looking for groups to commit to work certain dates. Trails will run from Lamoille to Secret Pass. Jerry will meet with them over Memorial Day weekend. Jan mentioned there are some good horse motels in the Elko area.
5. Elaine mentioned the Trailblazer Magazine is looking for emailed articles for their trailsaver news.

Meeting adjourned 7:53pm, followed by a short break and Jerry's LNT presentation.

Sabine McCowen  
Secretary