

BCH of NV

HIGH SIERRA CHAPTER AGENDA

June 16, 2010

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

President: Elaine Anagnostou
VP: Ed Acosta
Secretary: Sabine McCowen
Treasurer: Jan Koval
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 7:02pm.

Favorite ride for July - nobody

Introduction of people present

May meeting minutes approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

VP Ed Acosta – nothing to report, Nationals update to follow
Secretary Sabine McCowen – 13 family, 16 single members.
Treasurer Jan reports \$2832.20 in our account as of June 16, 2010.
Membership Ed Acosta – The membership committee (Alma, Sabine, Ed) met directly before tonight's meeting. Plan is to draft an information flyer/poster we can distribute at tack-stores, feed-stores etc. Business cards as well, we are also thinking about a bumper sticker. Guests coming to the meeting need to be paid more attention to and made feel welcome. The goal for the chapter is that each member bring on board one new member within the next year. Debbie mentioned she still has reams of colored paper we can use for flyers, especially needed for the rodeo booth this and next week.
Librarian: Joan Edwards – Will email the updated list to Sabine so it can be posted via Holly on our website
Historian: Donna Kapala – nothing new

EVENTS SINCE LAST MEETING:

Elko Trail-clearing trip 6/5 – From our chapter Jan and Jerry went. Everybody had a good time. By the end of the day, a fast moving stream (Soldier Creek) had to be crossed that was crossed earlier via ATV. On the return trip the stream was moving too fast for the ATV to cross so the five remaining workers had to walk the stream with aid of a line through very cold water. About 2 miles of trail was cleared and an ATV-proof gate put up.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Reno Rodeo Booth 6/17-27 – Zeann reported the booth was moved indoors, to the s/w corner of the south hall, booth # 510. If possible booth needs to be staffed starting at 11am on weekends. Booth is larger than last year, about 10x12. There is room for an addition folding table. Zeann has 4 badges

available. We need more photos of current events and invitations to join our events. Alma and Donna volunteered for some booth staffing Jan will help on Monday.

Brand Inspection Clinic, Spanish Springs July 10 – Joan's place. Begin is at 10am, Jean Jorgenson is the brand inspector. If we get a minimum of 10 horses the mileage fee will be waived. As of today 7 horses are signed up. Joan will set up an obstacle course people can use while waiting for their turn.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Camp Kitchen update – Jerry will build a wooden panier to store and transport the camp kitchen in. All items are complete, thanks to everybody who donated!
2. Nationals Update – Ed Acosta – Suggested to all members to try to attend a National meeting at least once; participants will get a very good feeling for the BCH. He learned that the BCH is very politically involved, the BCH president was invited and has met with President Obama. The BCH is also in close contact with other major groups like hiking groups. The national meeting went Tues – Sat, each day 8am – 5pm. He brought a policy manual which will be part of our library. The meeting next year will be held in Butte, Montana. Ed mentioned that we might discuss and think about hosting a meeting in Reno. Don and Jerry advised we need to think about this carefully before we volunteer, there is major work involved, including providing entertainment, tours for spouses, welcome packages. Typically there are 200 – 250 participants, currently about 40 states are represented with the South-East growing the fastest. There were high-profile guests present, amongst them Chris Brown, US Forest Service (FS) director, and Mary Hanson, the Outdoor Recreation Director for the National Park Service.
3. Web update – Jan: Holly Lenz has about 90% of the site completed, still need to fix the email link. The members-only area (password protected) seems a challenge. After a discussion we decided rather than spending Holly's time on that we will just not post the member list online. Any member needing the list can just ask Sabine for it since she maintains it anyway. That way only 1 person needs to maintain and most people keep forgetting the password anyway. Holly is willing to set up the other 2 NV chapters also. Web hosting for 2 years costs \$166.80. Jan paid to get things going. Motioned and all in favor to reimburse Jan for this expense. Note: the domain name was paid for by Jan, she is "donating" the name to the chapter. Thank you!
4. August meeting – The BBQ will be at Don's house in Spanish Springs starting at 6pm August 18. Directions will be emailed to the members. We will also invite previous members. BYOB and a side dish to share, Paula L motioned and Jerry amended the motion that we have somebody buy the meat/protein and the chapter will reimburse. All in favor. Don also suggested that we all bring some tack for a swap meet. A percentage of sales will go to the chapter on an honor system. Bring a folding chair and your significant other or - even better – a horse friend or neighbor who might want to join. A sign-up sheet will be available at the July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vendors – The Carson chapter contacted us via email recently, asking if a certain vendor can present her product at a meeting. We discussed various prerequisites, including that vendor having a valid business license, the Black Bear Diner has to agree. Jerry suggested that the vendor can make a brief presentation about the product, then hand out business cards and members can contact the vendor outside the meeting. Perhaps the presentation can happen from 6pm – 6:15pm. Don volunteered to screen potential vendors to make sure the product offered is applicable for us. One member opposed, everybody else in favor to try this.

Arena refund – we received a full refund for the pack clinic day at the arena in Lemmon Valley. Good job cleaning up after the event!

Granite Chief – Jerry – FS confirmed that the event is still on. FS will pay for the food again (last year we used a lot less than the budget allowed for). Bob Holland will be joining us for half of the time. Event dates are 7/24 – 8/2, but Jerry will start packing in on 7/23. A sign-up sheet went around, members going for part of the time will be accommodated with pack trips as needed. This is a members only event. Jerry will hold LNT training.

Short break

Presentation – Dangers of the Backcountry

Don Daniel grouped the dangers into 3 groups: natural, man-made and horse.

Natural: fire (make sure you know an alternate road out of the backcountry), bear, mountain lion, rattle snake (carry 2" piece of small garden hose to inset into horse's nostril if bit in the face, to keep air passage open), hantavirus, West Nile virus, lightning, drowning, flashflood, heat, cold, dangerous terrain, fallen/falling trees, slides, medical problems.

Manmade: Wire, blowing trash, explosive mixtures, food poisoning

Horse: wreck, lose horse. How much effort / putting self in danger do you do when you try to find a rider. If horse breaks leg etc, best way to put it out of it's misery is via gun-shot to head, cross lines from base of ear to corner of eye and aim for the center.

Meeting adjourned 9:10pm

Afterwards, Jerry shared some great information and pictures about Secret pass-Lamoille at the favorite ride presentation. Included was one of a 'problem area' that was way too narrow for horse and rider. He included several stunning views from along the trail.

Sabine McCowen
Secretary