

BCH of NV

HIGH SIERRA CHAPTER AGENDA

July 21, 2010

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

President: Elaine Anagnostou
VP: Ed Acosta
Secretary: Sabine McCowen
Treasurer: Jan Koval (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 7:00pm.

Favorite ride for September – nobody volunteered.

GUEST SPEAKER: Amanda Schwantes, TRT, Trail Clearing Opportunities. Amanda took about 20min to tell us about the Tahoe Rim Trail www.tahoerimtrail.org . Glen Hampton was the Forest Service visionary who had the idea; the loop was closed in 2001. The organization has over 1800 members, over 300,000 volunteer hours have been completed. The trails sees probably about over 100,000 users each year, is 165 miles long, 24" wide single-track, it passes through 2 states, 6 counties, the Pacific Crest Trail and NV State Parks.

Introduction of people present. In addition to many of the "regulars", we had Marianne and Roger Merriam who joined during the Reno Rodeo, also guests Larry and Mary Green, who at the end of the meeting won the raffle. Marian Finnegan volunteered to handle the raffle until Donna returns.

June meeting minutes approved unanimously (Jerry W. motioned, Larry F seconded)

Committee Reports:

Vice President Ed Acosta - nothing

Secretary Sabine McCowen: 14 family, 17 single memberships

Treasurer Jan Koval (out of state July/August). Elaine: Starting balance \$2782.20, Deposit of 410.00, Debit of 166.80, Ending balance \$3025.40

Membership Ed Acosta, Alma and Sabine. Ed: Membership form is being revised and a New Member Packet is being put together. Ed asked for approval of monies to include bumper-stickers (50) that he can get at \$1 each to add to the new member packets. Zeann asked if she could give him what had been left from her Rodeo allowance. The final decision was that for accountability purposes she would turn the

balance back to the club. Don stated that the board could approve requests up to \$100 without taking it to the club. Since Ed's only requesting \$50, the board can approve it outside of the meeting.

Librarian: Joan Edwards – library content is listed on our website

Historian: Donna Kapala – not present

EVENTS SINCE LAST MEETING:

1. June 17-27 - Reno Rodeo Booth – Zeann – Lots of traffic, had new members sign up. Zeann did an awesome job setting up the booth and staffing it with help from some other members. The total volunteer time was 152 hours.
2. July 10 – Brand Inspection Clinic, Spanish Springs, Joan Edwards. 10 horses were inspected, the travel fee was waived. Only Jim attempted the obstacle course Joan had set up. It was a good day.
3. July 19 – Packing in the NV Conservation Group, Jerry Williams/Ed Acosta – Jerry, Don and Larry packed a total of 700 pounds of gear from Tahoe Meadows to where the group was working at. The group is working there a total of 8 days and might contact us to help pack out as well. 2 water crossings, elevation difference 1000ft in a one mile stretch; it was a long day.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. Wild Horse and Burro – Zeann – The booth will be inside again so you can watch the event while staffing the booth. Aug 20-22 is the event, as like last time volunteers are needed to staff, please contact Zeann at 972-7636. Hank Curry will be one of the clinicians.
2. Granite Chief – Jerry Williams – 3 of the members will ride in this Friday, one will leave Sunday, and one other person will ride in on Monday. The trip will end Thursday 7/29 when everybody will depart. Saturday work will be from horse-back with loppers to clear high enough for equestrian use. There is enough feed for the horses (less than last year, but we have a lot fewer horses this year) and still some snow banks as of 10 days ago. Forest Service cleared some down trees a day ago so pack horses can actually now trail all the way to Diamond Crossing. The goal is to clear 2 miles of the Hellhole trail and another 3 miles on a different trail.
3. Lahontan Trail Riders is organizing a moonlight ride July 24.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Vendors at the meetings – response from BBD. Elaine: Black Bear Diner is ok that vendors present items, but they request that the vendors don't sell inside the restaurant. Don volunteered to “vet” vendors, so please refer to Don any vendor who asks about presenting to the group . August meeting – BBQ at Don Daniel's – call Zeann at 972-7636 to RSVP since Don will be offline a lot. 6pm is start, a sign-up sheet went around at the meeting. Bring food to share. If anybody has tack etc to sell, bring it labeled with the asking price etc. Direct transaction buyer-seller, please donate 10% of the sale to our chapter.
2. Our web-site is up and running. Holly Lenz is doing a great job, everything is very organized, easy to read, the calendar is updated, the other 2 NV chapters are linked.

NEW BUSINESS - No new business on the agenda, none added at the meeting.

PROGRAM: **Help, My Horse and Saddle Have Been Stolen!** – Don Daniel. Be aware of your surroundings. Take color pictures of you with your horse and tack, all sides. Know your location, call 911. Post photos, offer reward, mark your saddle. The responding officer might not know about horses.

Adjourned 8:05pm

Favorite Ride: Jim Dragoo – Bridle Path Obstacle Course/Spanish Springs

Sabine McCowen
Secretary