

BCH of NV
HIGH SIERRA CHAPTER AGENDA
September 15, 2010

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

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.*

Elaine called meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Jan might do the favorite ride at the October meeting

Introduction of all present. No guests today

Gerry A motioned and all in favor to approve August minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Vice President - Ed Acosta – Mesquite,NV is working on establishing a new NV chapter with about 15 founding members. By next meeting we should have final confirmation that completed. He also discussed the Dennis Daley email that went around, Dennis is the Senior Advisor, Wilderness, Wildland Recr & Trails for the BCHA, a lobbyist working with Forest Service and other agencies.

Secretary Sabine – 14 family, 17 single memberships

Treasurer Jan – prior to today's meeting \$2909.40, after writing checks \$2395.40

Membership Ed Acosta – suggestions from members on how to increase visibility and membership numbers.

Don: bring 100 posters to next meeting, all members please think about how many you can take and where to post them. Zeann: Try to get booth beginning of the year, the 2 we are currently doing are towards the 2nd half of the year; somebody should check the Livestock Event Center website reg. their calendar. Since Don is member with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation which has an event the 1st weekend in March, he will see about organizing us a booth; many outfitters present. Paula: Let's do guided trail rides for the public, bring your own horse but we organize the event. Jim: We all should have BCH bumperstickers on our cars and trailers, wear embroidered shirts etc. Sabine: Remember to keep BCH brochures in our saddlebags to hand out on trails. Jerry: Add training days to calendar, open to the public, with BBQ and ride.

Librarian: Joan Edwards – not present

Historian: Donna Kapala – not present

EVENTS SINCE LAST MEETING:

Wild Horse & Burro Show – Zeann – had lots of help. Our map showing trail-heads drew lots of people.

Remember to fill out the favorite ride form and send to Sabine so we can add those to our website. Zeann suggested we get magnets showing our schedule on there.

Dixie Valley Trail head camp trip –cancelled.

Jerry and Ed had packed lumber for Forest Service to Church's Pond to fix a cabin. Jerry also went back to Gray's Lake to pack stuff out the same week. A volunteer had a twisted ankle, Jerry used his First aid kit and the volunteer rode out on one of Jerry's horses. Great Basin Institute had organized the work.

Granite Chief – Only Jerry, Don, Sabine and Larry packed in. We also ran into workers from the Truckee High School. The trail to Bear Pen is now cleared; the reservoir is not finished yet. It was decided with the Forest Service to have a minimum of 7 people working next year, otherwise this event will not happen.

SCHEDULED UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oktoberfest at Sabine's, Sept 25 – invitation will be emailed to everybody

Palomino Valley Day ride and BBQ – October 2 – Sabine read information Joan had emailed to her: Address for the ride is 795 Serenity Place, Reno NV 89510. Approx 8 mile ride starting at 11am. We may see some wild horses as a small band of about 8 have been seen there in the last couple of weeks, also antelope, and we can have a look at some petroglyphs and an authentic Basque bread oven. Bring lunch and water for yourself, and we will have a BBQ afterwards (sausages and burgers and 'protein' for the veggies amongst us :)). We will supply sodas and some wine and beer, otherwise BYOB.

Wolf Creek, Markleeville Trailhead Camping, October 15-17 – Since Larry will not be here, Paula Lenz volunteered to organize this. Details to follow via email. Larry mentioned the recent fire in that area does not impact the campground or riding trails.

INFORMATION:

Elaine brought a brochure about another self defense class for women.

BCH Idaho is offering a 5 day pack clinic August 2010. We briefly discussed the possibility of offering something like this locally.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review Projects/Program Calendar for rest of 2010 – Oct we will have a round table discussion about 2011 programs/projects. Larry will talk about horse camping gear at the November meeting.
2. Sabine mentioned that Jason at the Murry Ranch 848-9086 will donate to our chapter \$0.50 for each bale of hay they sell to one of our chapter members. In exchange for being our sponsor he would give us a banner to display at events and expects that members will be encouraged to buy hay from him. We discussed if we as non-profit are allowed to advertise. Ed will check with National and report back on our options.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Excess in Treasury – Jim Dragoo suggested using some of the money for t-shirts and bumper stickers. We are not sure what the limit is for having to file a tax return, \$25k or \$50k were mentioned, we are not even close to that.
Jan suggested before spending she will do a budget (dues, clinic costs, insurance etc) for 2011 by the November meeting, so we know what extra monies there will be. Paula motioned and all voted in favor that Don, who volunteered, will head a committee for procuring items. All members should forward their "wish-list" to the committee, once we know the budget the committee will prioritize that list and move forward. Items already mentioned: lumber bunks, bear paniers, public BCH HSC display, magnets etc. Other committee members are Char, Jim and Jerry.
2. Lumber racks – Ed Acosta – Ed motioned and Paula seconded that the chapter pay to get 4 sets of lumber racks so we can continue packing in lumber like we did for Church's Pond. After a discussion the motion was tabled. Meanwhile Jerry will get the diagram plans for the November meeting and find out approximate cost. John Lenz can weld, also Debbie's husband has welders.
3. Election Committee. Sabine and Paula volunteered to form the committee. If we have 1 person for each office like last year, Paula suggests to skip the ballots and just handle via a vote of confidence. Jim motioned, all board members in favor to appoint Paula and Sabine as election committee.
4. Ann recently camped at Packsaddle Campground at Plumas (Lakes Basin area). The Forest Service begged her about our chapter helping with trail maintenance on the Deer Lake Trail. Since this is not a wilderness, chain-saws should be allowed. Ann will get the ranger contact info to Ed so he can work on this. Sabine suggested we could erect signs "This trail maintained by BCH HSC" on such trails as there and Granite Chief. Jerry mentioned that in order to put up the mentioned signs, we would have to commit to an ongoing maintenance on said trail. Don suggested somebody from our chapter who is familiar with trail clearing evaluate the trail to first see if this is something we want to get involved in. Ann mentioned the horse pens should be re-arranged to not be in a big square.

Adjourned 8:20pm

Paula did an impromptu favorite ride coverage of their recent trip to Yosemite. John and Paula had used Virginia Packers to bring their stuff in. Beautiful country.

Sabine McCowen
Secretary