

BCH of NV  
HIGH SIERRA CHAPTER MINUTES  
November 17, 2010

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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 (not present)  
Director: Jerry Williams (not present)

*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.

Favorite ride January meeting – no volunteer

Introduction of people present.

Guest Speaker: Jason Murry, Murry Hay 775-848-9086. For every bale bought by one of our members the club receives \$0.50 donation from Jason. He wrote a check to our chapter for \$153.00 for purchases by Sabine. Jason warned that the recent October rain destroyed hundreds of tons of hay that was stored outside and not covered, so he expects a hay shortage by spring. People from as far as Florida are buying hay from the west coast and having it hauled across the US. He delivers and can carry 300 bales in one delivery. He currently has straight meadow grass and straight alfalfa for \$11 per 120 pound bale, also various alfalfa-grass mixes and top quality 4-way grass for \$13 per bale. Delivery is typically arranged for multiple customers in the same area and charged at about \$20 including stacking. They also sell beef (1/4, 1/12 and whole). ¼ at about 100 pounds sells for about \$400-\$500 and pork (half is about 80 pounds for about \$350). They also sell lamb and local honey.

Request for Approval of October minutes – Ed Acosta made a motion, Gerry Anagnostou seconded to approve the minutes. All in favor.

Committee Reports:

Vice President Ed Acosta – is asking for members to submit pictures of events and volunteer hours so he can put together the annual report for the State meeting. Please email directly to Ed.

Secretary Sabine McCowen – 14 family, 18 single memberships

Treasurer Jan Koval – Balance \$2403.90. We recently purchased and received the Public Lands DVD and also need to renew the PO box.

Membership Ed Acosta, Alma and Sabine – nothing to report

Librarian: Joan Edwards – not present

Historian: Donna Kapala – Jerry gave Donna a memory stick with pictures, she will make a scrapbook and also has lots of pictures for Ed. Donna will bring this to the Christmas Party. Ed asked about getting a banner. Donna mentioned we have one but should get a second banner so we can set it up facing a different direction than our other one so various people can see it when walking by the booth.

EVENTS SINCE LAST MEETING:

None reported.

SCHEDULED UPCOMING EVENTS:

Christmas party with elections– Saturday December 4, 6pm at Sabine’s ranch in Spanish Springs. Directions were emailed out. Bring a potluck item and per person a wrapped gift worth about \$15 for the gift exchange. Only have a very short agenda, mainly elections

#### INFORMATION

1. Public Lands DVD – Jan - we received the DVD, might be able to view it at the Christmas party. Elaine volunteered to bring her projector for viewing the DVD and pictures of the year's events.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Lumber racks for packing 4ft lumber pieces– Jerry Williams – not present
2. Pro-Forma Budget 2011 – Jan worked up the budget and brought copies. The estimated surplus for the year is \$701.00.
3. Possible purchases – Don brought a bag filled with items, any of which are logo-ed and would make good trinkets: gym-bag, cozies, bandanas, glass guards, note books, stickers, business cards, pens, pocket knife, embossing stamp. Jim suggested to get a bumper sticker similar to the national one but with local chapter information.
4. Upcoming Election update – Sabine: All officers are running again with exception of Debbie Maurer. Don Daniel is running in her spot.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. We discussed renewal of our websites. The one we do not use is bchnv.org. After a discussion Sabine made a motion to let the .org site lapse, Gerry Anagnostou seconded. Most in favor, one opposed, motion carries.
2. Samantha Szesciorka had some interesting news:
  - a. She has been asked to be the equestrian representative for the Nevada portion of the American Discovery Trail. The ADT is a national trail that runs from coast-to-coast, California to Delaware. The Nevada portion is 466 miles long and runs from Lake Tahoe to Baker. It's pretty rural and once you get past Fallon you won't see anyone till you get to Baker! The trail is non-motorized - it's only accessible to mountain bikes, hikers, and equestrians. Anyway, in September 2011 a film crew will be here to make a documentary about the Nevada portion. She has been asked to ride the trail or a portion of it for the film. The crew prefers a group of riders though -- and who better to appreciate it than the BCHNV! Samantha invited any members of the group that may be interested in taking part. The logistics of the ride would be taken care -- a road crew would provide hay and water at every stop. The film crew would travel with us as well and overhead for portions in a helicopter. Again, the option is there to ride the length of the trail, or we could just do a portion of it. The ADT state director funds the support crew, but help with hay costs etc would be appreciated. Other than that there is no fee to participate. Samantha is meeting with the state coordinator and Senators Reid and Heller this Friday to discuss the role of this trail. Only once has the entire NV trail been ridden through on horseback; this happened with barefoot horses, the couple had 2 riding horses, 2 pack horses and a mule. It took them 11 days. In central Nevada the trails goes over many mountain ranges.
  - b. Samantha has several riders interested in taking part in her Reno to Vegas ride in 2012. They will actually have a road crew ahead for this as well -- they'll have our food/hay/water and supplies. So it just makes the whole trip a lot safer for everyone involved. Samantha invited any BCHNV members to come along on that as well.
3. Round table discussion of 2011 projects & events  
Since the state meeting will be in January, the board needs to meet prior to that meeting and draft our calendar. Jim suggested a booth at the air-races. He and Ed will look into the logistics. We should look at 4H events at the Livestock Event Center. Don will see about getting us a booth at the March Elk Foundation event at the Convention Center; since most traffic happens on Saturday he suggested rather than trying to staff the booth Thursday – Sunday that we concentrate on Saturday only. Ed offered to head this off. Don presented Jerry’s event ideas: Pack clinic in April, a follow-up pack/camp weekend to practice the learned skills. Leave No Trace training: Depending on if enough people are interested to be trained as trainers, Don and/or Jerry could organize the 16 hour class or if most people want to learn it for their own benefit, organize a camp weekend with training part of that.

Granite Chief: July/August timeframe. Minimum 7 people are needed, this year we were so few people that not much got done. Truckee Forest Service needs help packing stuff to the Pacific Crest Trail. GBI (Carson Forest Service) needs help packing. Before all these pack-trips we could plan some conditioning rides at Washoe Lake. Let's plan some pleasure camps (Paiute Meadows, Susanville, Ruby Mountains, Arc Dome etc.). Don's ideas: Lassen National Park organizes weekend trail clearing events. Since we have experience we could contact their volunteer coordinator and organize a BCH trail clearing event. We could see if one of the closer California BCH chapters would be interested in adopting each other and help each other out at events. Donna would like to organize another Lahontan work weekend in May. Sabine mentioned Ann and Jerry are looking at the trail work needed in the Lakes Basin area. Also could look at another first aid class during the winter months. How about riding in the Nevada Day Parade?

Elaine asked if we would do the same as we did last year and email Sabine with suggestions or ideas for events. Sabine will put these in spreadsheet format and we can combine with last year's list to create a new events wish list to work from for 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm

Sabine McCowen  
Secretary