

BCH of NV  
HIGH SIERRA CHAPTER MINUTES  
January 19, 2011

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

President: Elaine Anagnostou  
VP: Ed Acosta  
Secretary: Sabine McCowen  
Treasurer: Jan Koval  
Director: Jim Dragoo  
Director: Don Daniel  
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.

Favorite ride February meeting – Jerry Williams volunteered  
Introduction of all present. Great turn-out, full house, Donna brought a friend.

All in favor to approve December minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Vice President/Membership - Ed Acosta – Goals is to keep increasing membership numbers; the membership committee will be very active. The chapter will staff the Elk camp booth Thursday – Saturday March 4-6, daily 9am – 6pm. Ed will ask the Carson chapter if they can help us. National will mail us informational material to use. Zeann will bring the booth box with banner etc. We will be situated next to the US Forest Service booth, both will advertise LNT.

Secretary Sabine – 15 family, 18 single memberships. Dues are due now!

Treasurer Jan – after \$155 in dues was deposited last month and a \$350 check for Lemmon Valley Arena deposit written we now have \$2386.44 available

Librarian: Joan Edwards – brought some books that members requested to check out from the library.

Historian: Donna Kapala – brought the electronic picture frame with over 500 pictures. If anybody has pictures from any event, bring USB memory stick to the meeting so the pictures can be downloaded. The scap-book Donna put together went around for all to view – great job!

The state meeting will be held Saturday Jan 22 at the Wigwam in Fernley, 11:30am start. Darlene had emailed the board earlier this week, advising of her resignation from the State President position as well as that the Elko chapter is folding. The money from the Elko chapter was sent via check to Petra Keller. Don Daniel as VP will serve as interim President for the state chapter until the elections this Saturday. At that meeting other agenda items are fundraising and membership increase.

Election results: Sabine reviewed the results of our December 2010 elections. All officers remain the same with the exception of Debbie Maurer who had decided to take a break from serving as officer. Don Daniel was elected onto the board as director to fill in the spot. Thank you, Debbie, for your years of service!

Public Lands DVD: Elaine and Gerry had viewed it, it's quite long, split up in 45 minute segments. Jerry currently has the DVD. Ed pointed out that this is an important issue at the national meeting. Marian suggested to watch one segment at an upcoming meeting and then decide if we want to keep watching at meetings, or perhaps add to our library.

Fundraising: Don mentioned at the state meeting we will propose to raise the membership fee by \$5 and be left alone by National rather than National spending \$4800 for mailings to all members, asking for extra donations. Between High Sierra and Carson chapter we donated an additional \$1000 last year.

Don brought a decorative saw sign made by a local company in Lockwood. That sign will be raffled off at the Elk Foundation to raise funds. Signs come in different shapes and sizes; a sign 2 foot in diameter costs \$60, the saw runs \$75 and Don anticipates it will be raffled off for well over \$100. We could get one BCH display sign made that is used at our booths and public events, sell raffle tickets and the winner gets to have a customized sign made by that company. Any overage above the actual sign cost can go towards State or National.

Food Drive: Jerry presented the idea that our chapter starts collecting non-perishable foods at each meeting this year. At the holiday food drive, he and Don and whoever else can help will deliver the food on pack animals with very full packs and in front of running TV cameras do the food drive. Samantha, who works at Channel 2, mentioned that the TV makes the schedule about one month prior as to what organization brings what and when. She will help us get onto the schedule. All members are asked to bring cans etc, make sure the expiration date is past December 2011.

Elk Foundation Banquet: Since we get the booth at the convention for free rather than paying the normal \$1000 fee, at the January meeting the board had unanimously approved to donate a family membership plus admission to the pack clinic for 2 people for a raffle at their banquet.

Calendar: Sabine briefly presented the calendar that was previously emailed to all members. We have more spots to fill and are asking all members to consider organizing an event such as a clinic with a guest speaker, a day-ride or weekend trip. Anybody who is not sure on how to go about it, don't hesitate to ask any of the "old-timers".

For the August program (Disaster Preparedness) we are looking for somebody who can present the material Don has to the group after the regular meeting.

Don suggests putting the BCH events you plan to attend into your personal calendar to avoid later conflicts. If you plan to attend an event that requires a minimum attendance, once you commit please stay committed. Certain events like the Granite Chief worktrip can only yield results if we have a certain group size. Last year many who planned to go changed their plans, and the 4 people that ended up going did not get as much done as was planned, since one person has to stay in camp with the horses which leaves 3 people to clear trails. Jerry asked all members to let us know what events they would like to see on the calendar. Maybe somebody new to packing would like to learn more about hobble-training your horse; Jerry would be happy to put on such a clinic if there is interest.

Ed pointed out that the Bridle Path equestrian center in Spanish Springs can be reserved by him for club events. Ann Windle updated us about the Lakes Basin cleanup. The ranger prefers for that to happen in June (hoping the snow will be gone then) since July is very booked with events in that area which results in full campgrounds. We are still trying to figure out the best weekend to not conflict with the Reno Rodeo. June 18 weekend might be the choice. Some work will involve relocating the PCT trail away from roads open for motorized vehicles to Tamarack Trail. We will be able to use chainsaws. Nobody indicated that they are certified, so we need to look into getting certification for some members.

ADT: Paula found out that we will be able to use the DVD that will be produced at the ADT ride for our PR purposes. We might have to buy one copy, not sure. They also might make a special version for our use.

Camp Kitchen: Jerry mentioned that we have quite a few items in the chapter camp kitchen. Not all are useable for packing and other items are still missing. He will bring an inventory list to the next meeting. We can decide what to do with unusable items, such as raffle off, donate to Good Will etc. And need to decide how to complete the kitchen.

Genoa Cowboy Poetry: Jan brought some fliers; the event takes place May 5-8. On Sat 5/7 a trail ride will be organized with dinner and concert to follow. Participants can horse-camp at the Douglas County Fairgrounds (need to arrange with the fairgrounds directly). There will be a BCH booth at the festival, organized by the Carson chapter.

Reno Rodeo, Wild Horse and Burro Show: At the calendar meeting earlier in January, the chapter decided to not have a booth at the rodeo anymore. It is too hard to cover the extended time of staffing and yielded only little results. Zeann will organize the Wild Horse and Burro show booth again, and she also suggested thinking about having a booth at the Fair. She would like to have a booth at another event early in the season if someone knows of another event.

Posters: Ed showed a few samples of event and membership drive posters. He will get pricing on getting posters printed for posting at feed stores etc. We will vote on this at the February meeting. We also will need somebody to design the poster. Hopefully somebody within the chapter would like to do this. As backup Paula Lenz mentioned her daughter can do the design at no cost to the chapter.

Raffle: We sold \$42 worth of tickets. Harlene had the winning ticket, she takes home \$21, while the other \$21 will go to State. Congratulations!

Clinic:

Marian shared a flyer for free clinics Ian Lafoon is presenting at the Grand Sierra Resort. Sabine will scan and email the flyer to the members. Pizza is served at the clinics.

Adjourned at 8:05pm

After a short break, Don discussed an article in the BCH National newsletter about a couple of riders who had an accident in the backcountry. Because of them being prepared through knowledge learned as BCH members, the injured person was safely transported back to civilization. We talked about what items to pack, first aid for rider and horse, communication devices etc.

Sabine McCowen  
Secretary