

BCH of NV
HIGH SIERRA CHAPTER MINUTES
February 16, 2011

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 7:01pm.

Favorite ride March meeting – no volunteer

Introduction of all present. Scott signed up as new member – welcome!

Ed Acosta motions, Jim Dragoo seconds, all in favor to approve January minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Vice President/Membership - Ed Acosta – Ed and Jim are working with A.B.E. Printing in Minden to have an event poster made. Dave Rich from the Carson chapter wants to share costs and posters (\$140 incl. set-up costs for 100 posters). Gerry Anagnostou motioned, all in favor to share the posters with Carson – they will be able to review and ok the draft with us.

Secretary Sabine – 15 family, 17 single memberships with addition of Scott. Dues are due now!

Treasurer Jan was not present but the following numbers were emailed in and received after the meeting and made part of the minutes: Current Balance is \$2,248.44. A deposit of \$546.00 was made on February 4th. \$684.00 was paid to state for our 2010 dues (14 family and 16 singles).

Librarian: Joan Edwards – not present

Historian: Donna Kapala – nothing new to report

Events since last meeting:

State Meeting – Don: The Elko Chapter has folded, their entire funds of \$2669 were given to State. Jason Murry (Murry Ranch) will make the same donation (\$.50 per bale sold to a BCH member will be donated to the chapter) available to the Carson Chapter also. We have 83 members statewide. Don mentioned “adopting” a sister chapter in California (like Redding) and collaborate on work events.

Day ride / Tack cleaning – Sabine: Donna rode Sabine's gelding, Sabine took her stallion and Joan trailered her mare. We ended up on a shorter than planned ride due to suspicious looking clouds, about 2+ hours ride, then some beverages later Jim showed up for dinner and the tack cleaning portion. The others left before we got to the latter part. Sabine's and Jim's saddles are clean!

Info:

Remember to bring non-perishable items to the meeting each month for the Dec food drive.

The Genoa Cowboy Poetry poster was passed around.

National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance Conference – March 11+12 in Las Vegas.

Trail Saver and Trail Warrior submissions to Trail Blazer Magazine are asked for each edition. Check www.trailblazermagazine.us for more details.

BCHA National Newsletter, spring edition, deadline to submit article is 3/1/11. Email articles to Peg@backcountryhorse.com

Forest Service Planning Rule – find the document under “Alerts” at www.backcountryhorse.com

Mulemanship Clinic May 27-29 at Washoe Valley, clinician Brad Cameron from Montana. www.muletrainer.com – horses also welcome. Info/registration: Lin 775-720-6282

Old Business:

Camp Kitchen Inventory – Jerry: We have a complete kitchen when it comes to pots, pans, plates, utensils etc. Bigger items like cook-stove etc were not donated. Whoever uses the camp kitchen will have to add those for their trip. Un-useable items will be taken to GoodWill by Jerry – everybody in agreement.

Lahontan – Donna: The trip will remain on the calendar for May 14+15, could not be rescheduled (will conflict with the Hank Curry Clinic). Location was moved to Scout Camp since there are trees (shade). We plan to work about 4 hours Saturday and will be allowed to camp for free Frid – Sun. No water for people, bring your own, water for horses ok in the Carson River. The ranger asked for proof of insurance. Donna will let Elaine and Sabine know the exact name of the additional insured required so we can get the certificate.

Pack Clinic – Donna: Her vet Chrysann Collatos offered to show participants how to take vitals (heart rate, respiratory etc) on a horse at the clinic. Jerry as clinic organizer will get with Chrysann to see if the timing can be worked out. From our end it would work best later in the day. There will be no cost to us. She would also draw blood for Coggins tests \$25/horse if anybody wanted that.

Fall Colors Ride – Donna: The revised date is Oct 15.

Raffle – Jim won half the pot of \$16 and donated everything. All money taken in from the monthly raffle will be applied towards the \$700 each chapter donates towards the state delegate (Ed Acosta) for the National Meeting. State donates \$300 per each chapter, combined total \$2000.

New Business:

Natural Horsemanship Association of Northern NV – Sabine: This group had emailed us via our website. They plan a group horse camping trip this summer, and since most of their members have never camped with horses they asked if somebody from our chapter would be willing to speak about how to prepare etc. Don and Jerry volunteered to speak at their March meeting.

Donation to our chapter – Sabine: Sabine works at Advanced Refining Concepts (www.clearrefining.com) . The company produces GDiesel® which is a cleaner and more efficient diesel. ARC has a program called G-Town through which they donate monthly a tank load of GDiesel® to a non-profit organization. A member from our chapter will receive a tank of diesel (buy at one of the branded gas stations and submit the receipt for reimbursement). We will write a letter to ARC telling how that diesel will help our chapter (such as hauling horses to a trail clearing event or a packing trip). Since most of our events happen during the warmer time of the year, Sabine has this donation scheduled for May this year and it can be pushed to June if need be. Most of the present members indicated they have a diesel truck. Sabine motioned and all were in favor that our chapter website adds a link to ARC's site; we also agreed that ARC adds a link to their website also.

Program:

We discussed details about the staffing of the booth at the Rocky Mountain Elk Convention booth. Ed is organizing this. Booth is 10x10. Ed will email details about coverage schedule to Sabine for distribution. Still looking for volunteers to help out. Don suggested to park to the east (Kietzke) or pay for closer parking, there will be no free parking passes available. Right now 4 passes are promised, Don will see about getting more.

Jim motioned, Gerry seconded, all in favor to adjourn at 8:31pm

Sabine McCowen
Secretary