

BCH of NV  
HIGH SIERRA CHAPTER MINUTES  
March 16, 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 (not present)
Director:	Jim Drago	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.

Introductions – we had a full house.

Favorite Ride for April 2011? No volunteer

Ed Acosta motioned, Gerry Anagnostou seconded, all in favor to approve the minutes.

Some members brought non-perishable food items, only 4 were donated today. Please remember to bring an item to each meeting.

Committee Reports:

Secretary: Sabine McCowen - 14 family, 16 single members, including all the ones that will be removed from the list after today's meeting due to non-payment. We had received \$50 in cash 2 meetings ago; Jan could not match up which person paid. We will just treat it as a donation.

Treasurer: Jan Koval was not present but had emailed the balance: \$2248.44

Librarian: Joan Edwardsexplained how our virtual library works – owners of books make them available to other members to read but they keep the book until somebody asks for it.

Historian: Donna Kapala – nothing new

**Events since Last Meeting:**

Rocky Mtn Elk Convention – Ed: It was an interesting experience, great success. Booth was set up Wednesday, staffed Thursday 10-5, Friday and Saturday 9-6, and Sunday 9-4. We had at least 3 people at the booth at any time, so everybody had the chance to walk around through the exhibits. 5 members from the Carson chapter helped as well as 16 from our chapter (out of the members present at this meeting volunteers were Ed, Zeann, Jim, Larry, Joan, Jerry, Marian, Paula, Elaine, Gerry and Ann. We logged 150 hours for our chapter, 871 miles travelled. We made 156+ contacts we tracked, but various other people also stopped by and picked up literature, so Ed is guessing more like 300+ contacts. The California BCH president Dennis stopped by, along with various rangers including from Bridgeport, also Donna who replaced Steve Hale, and Bob Hoverson who wrote a great book on how to pack a Decker saddle. 15 potential new members had picked up membership packages. Ed will email their info to Sabine for further contact. Some people from Winnemucca and Hawthorne discussed starting new chapters in their locations. The booth locations was very good being close to the Forest Service booth. One unexpected experience was the \$148 power charge to run our electronic picture frame that might have used \$3 for the entire weekend. Don will address this to perhaps get it waived or paid for by the Elk Foundation. Dennis from CA suggested to have a booth at the exhibit next year in Las Vegas and have CA and NV join forces. Next meeting we will discuss if we want to do this (high costs?) and also discuss at the National Meeting. Ed bought an over-the-saddle panier set from Davis Tent Co, that was on sale for \$100 and made of extremely strong material.

The expenses Ed had for the booth included \$70 for the posters we had made (HSC half share = \$70 with CV chapter also paying \$70). These posters can be individualized for various events and will be posted for both the CV Hank Curry clinic and HSC Pack clinic. Additional expenses

included the brochures Peg sent from National \$49.95, copies of membership applications \$20 and other copies \$28.55 (Jerry paid for), total invoices \$412.75. Larry Fenkell motioned, all in favor that the chapter reimburse Ed and Jerry.

Lumber racks: We got blue prints for the log bunk to pack wood on horses. Jerry got a bid, \$80 just for the metal portion of each half of the racks, which would mean a total of \$600 for the sets we need. Sabine suggested to see if the Carson Chapter wants to share racks and costs. It was also suggested to approach the Forest Service if they can fund or build the racks – Jerry will talk to them. Paula will see if her husband might be able to make them.

Natural Horsemanship Association of Northern NV: Jerry with support from Don spoke to the 35 present members at their recent monthly meeting about horse-camping, focusing on LNT. The presentation was about 45 minutes with an additional 2 hours of Q&A. Jerry gave them hand-outs regarding LNT, trailer maintenance and tent/camp camping. That group has their introduction at the beginning of the meeting also, but they include information about their horses. Their librarian has an extensive library that is brought to each meeting on a dolly.

Book Report: Paula Lenz spoke briefly about the Linda Tellington-Jones book about T-Touch.

Member roster: Scott asked how other members can be reached for unscheduled rides. etc. Sabine will email the roster to everybody, asking to review the information for being correct.

Handicapped Riding in Wilderness: One visitor at the Elk Foundation booth had asked if we have information about handicapped persons riding in wilderness areas. Donna suggested to google for the Center for Adaptive Riding. Don mentioned another good starting point should be the respective ranger for the area somebody wants to ride in. Another question was if certain trails in Virginia City are still open. Jerry mentioned Jumbo Grade, also the trail he refers to as the V.C. water supply trail.

Membership cards: Donna asked if and how we would get new membership cards. Paula mentioned she had made those up in the past.

After a short break the group discussed the upcoming pack clinic. Various members volunteered to put posters at different locations. Sabine will post online. Jerry will email the schedule, plan is to setup at 8am, start registration, then at 9am – noon have presentation, break 1 hour for lunch, and continue until 4pm. Gerry, Elaine and Zeann volunteered to handle setup and registrations. Price is \$35 for non-members, \$25 members, and anybody new to the club is offered to join at the end of the day and receive the \$10 discount. Lots of papers are still left from the recent booth, can use those (applications etc).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Sabine McCowen  
Secretary