

BCH of NV
HIGH SIERRA CHAPTER MINUTES
April 20, 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 7:00pm.

Introductions – another full house and some guests.

Favorite Ride for May – no volunteer. Don plans to talk about Wyoming in October.

Request for Approval of March minutes: Gerry Anagnostou motioned, Ed Acosta seconded, all in favor to approve minutes.

Committee Reports:

Vice President - Ed Acosta: At Elk Camp people at the booth indicated interest in joining as members. He will be following up with them. Recently he has been busy preparing for the National Meeting.

Secretary - Sabine McCowen: We have 10 family and since today with Jo Marie Moore joining we are at 14 single memberships.

Treasurer - Jan Koval: We had \$2718.44 in the account, since then she wrote checks to Ed Acosta to cover some of his expenses for the National Meeting and deposited membership check. Current balance is approximately \$1300.

Librarian - Joan Edwards: Not present

Historian - Donna Kapala – Requested to be able to sell raffle tickets after presentation.

PROGRAM: Presentation - American Discovery Trail Ride September, documentary filming.

Ted and Jill Oxborrow introduced us to the ADT including hand-outs; Ted is the NV State Coordinator for the ADT. The ADT runs from San Francisco to Delaware.

Currently one couple on 2 riding horses and 3 pack horses is riding the entire trail west to east, they are in Illinois at this time. They progress can be followed on heartsupranch.com. They are riding without shoes on their horses to promote barefoot riding. In general, long riders need to arrange for support (hay and water drops), there is not enough reliable water supply especially in the lower elevations. There are markers about every half mile. Also, maps can be purchased and trail descriptions downloaded for a fee on www.discoverytrail.org.

Paula reminded us of the planned rides our chapter is doing on the ADT. Aug 27+28 at Toiyabe. This is a 1 night pack trip. Also Labor Day weekend we start Saturday at Tahoe Meadows on Mt. Rose Highway, ride to Washoe Lake State Park or to the bottom of Hobart Rd and trailer to the park from there. Need to shuttle trailers prior to starting the daily ride. This is about a 22 mile ride fairly level terrain. Camp at Washoe Lake on Sat, then Sunday ride 6-mile Canyon and perhaps camp at Mike Tyson's ranch. Monday ride from there to Ft Churchill or Scout Camp and return from there.

We had a short break to sell raffle tickets then resumed the meeting at 7:46pm.

INFORMATION

Remember to bring items for the December Food Drive. Be sure the expiration date is **beyond** December 2011. Sabine will bring a container starting next month so we can also accept money donations in addition to canned foods. This might make it easier for the members and also for the person collecting and storing the items.

Mule Days, Bishop CA – May 24-29

Horse Expo, Sacramento, CA – June 10-12

Reno Rodeo, June 17-26

Resolution from CA BCH re: location choices of National Board Meetings of the future. Elaine read to the members the resolution from BCH California requesting future National Meetings be held in a major airport hub due to financial situation, for ease of travel.

Events since Last Meeting:

Pack Clinic – Jerry: We had 15 people (9 members, 6 non-members) go through the 5 stations. We even had Joe from the Little Antelope Valley Pack station participating which meant all of us learned some new tricks. Thank you to everybody who helped, please report your miles and time to Jerry directly.

Jan sent around some printed information regarding the Pacific North-West Trail Guide, a book sold to clubs for \$29.99.

Upcoming Events:

Spring ride/Spanish Springs June 5 – Joan (not present).

Trailhead Camp/Pack Scout Camp at Lahontan – Donna: Arrive as early as Friday May 13, stay until Sunday. Saturday we will work with the ranger from 9am until noon clearing trails around the camp area. The reservation fee is waived for the group. Per vehicle the camp fee is \$12.

Directions were handed out by Donna. To Fernley to Silver Springs, take the first left once you cross the Carson River past Ft. Churchill. People water is available in the area at Buckland Station. Jerry and Char plan to bring some packing equipment to practice what we learned at the clinic. Bring dessert for pot-luck, also work-gloves. No need to bring horses, but if you do there are a few pens available. Dry toilets available. Donna will check the area a few days prior to the trip to make sure it is not flooded (can move to higher ground but no corrals there). Please RSVP to Donna. kapalaclan@charter.net .

Coming Tuesday Cabela's is hosting a first aid seminar for equestrians, 6-8pm, free but have to register via the Tahoe Rim Trail website.

Jan told us the State of Nevada is changing the use-permit table. We can apply for a permit (cost \$25 annually) and can use all Nevada State Parks under that permit. Elaine will review this further and give us more details at the May meeting. Camping charges still apply. Paula mentioned we should do this to support the Parks systems.

Jerry suggested holding our July BBQ at the Washoe Lake Park facility since Don will be out of town for his Wyoming assignment for this summer.

Paula reminded the group about the Granite Chief pack/work-trip starting August 12. Please keep your calendars open so we have a good turn-out, the trails in that area would not be maintained without the work of our group.

Jan brought some raffle tickets to the upcoming Genoa Cowboy Poetry event. All tickets were sold quickly, \$5 for 3 tickets.

RAFFLE – Donna: Jerry wins half of \$44. He only kept part, \$28 stayed with BCH.

NEW BUSINESS

Ed suggested to add a Bridlepath ride to the June agenda.

Favorite Ride – none

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm

Sabine McCowen
Secretary