

BCH of NV
HIGH SIERRA CHAPTER MINUTES
June 15, 2011

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 Dragoo	Director:	Don Daniel (not present)
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 to order at 7:00pm.

Favorite Ride: Not planned for July (BBQ) but in August Jan Koval will share some information

May minutes approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Vice President – Ed Acosta: Will cover topics later in the meeting

Secretary - Sabine McCowen: We have 10 family and 14 single memberships.

Treasurer - Current checking balance is \$1,873.52. Deposits made May 16 and 31 totaling \$335.00

Librarian - Joan Edwards: Nothing new.

Historian - Donna Kapala – not present

Events since last meeting:

Joan Edwards: The Spanish Springs ride scheduled for Sunday June 5 had to be postponed due to downpours Saturday and thunderstorms in the forecast for June 5.

Upcoming events:

July – BBQ. Harlene and Chuck had offered to host the BBQ at their ranch in Red Rock. Meeting/BBQ date is Sat July 23. Chuck also offered that members can bring horses for a ride or even camp, there is lots of room for RV rigs. Sabine will get details from them and share with the membership.

August – Granite Chief. Jerry phoned with the ranger recently. The snowpack makes it questionable that the area will be accessible in August.

Other trips to pack items in and out for the Great Basin Institute are a possibility also. Starting 7/5 and through September trips are needed from Thomas Creek and Hunter Creek Trails and the Tahoe Rim Trail area. Mid September there are also two trips to the Castle Valley area planned, 1 day each to pack items in and out.

This coming weekend June 18/19 Sabine is going to Murdock Crossing; while this is not an official BCH event anybody is invited. The location is 1 1/2h from the Beckwourth Tavern.

American Discovery Trail rides – August 27/28 and Labor Day weekend.

Information

Remember to bring items for the December Food Drive; you can also donate money in lieu of food.

Reno Rodeo, June 17-26

BCH Volunteer Hours – Peg Greiwe emailed information – see attachment to the minutes. Elaine read to us a certificate that had been given to BCH NV from the Forest Service in 1994 in appreciation for volunteer hours donated that year. They did not specifically state the hours that year and it was the year prior to the information Peg sent. Ed found the certificate and several historical annual reports in his garage. Joan will discuss the find with Donna Kapala and they will determine whether to make these part of the historian's files or the library.

Old Business

Parks Use – cost is \$25 for 1 park for the calendar year plus the normal applicable day or camp use fee. For Washoe Valley, only difference is what we have guaranteed use of the pavillion. After a brief discussion we decided it would be no benefit to us and no money saved by doing this. It would also require additional paperwork and cost more money. Also we would lose our current sure day at the Lemmon Valley arena if we relocate the clinic even one time. Jerry Williams motioned, Sabine McCowen seconded, all in favor to not pursue this at this time.

Update about National Meeting – Elaine did not bring the overhead, so Ed will show the slides at the August meeting. Ed thanked the chapter for sending him to the National Meeting. It is very valuable to meet fellow BCH members and learn about the politics. President Obama had invited and met with BCH representatives earlier; we are one of the few horse groups invited. The BCH has various committees which he will also share more about in August.

Membership – Our goal is to double our membership by the end of the year. All members are encouraged to bring a guest to each meeting. If that guest ends up signing up, the member will receive a gift as incentive. Ed is planning for this summer to work less and do more of the fun things, like ride horses, go packing and work with and for the BCH. We will work on getting the word out by means of newspaper articles and perhaps even something on TV. Sabine will contact our member Samantha (who works at a TV station) and copy Ed to get this kick-started. Getting an article into the “Reno News and Review” was suggested by Zeann and Sean. Joan mentioned “HorseTales”, we still have some very old contact information in their listing. Need a volunteer to contact them to update the information. Elaine suggested to designate a photographer at each pack-trip, Zeann said to keep a journal during the trips will provide good material for newspapers.

Ed asked if the group thinks we should plan for a booth at the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation exhibit next year which will be held in Las Vegas. Sabine suggested to first review if we have any new members signing up as a result to the booth in Reno. Ed has contacted some of the interested parties from our area (about 15) but not heard back from anybody. He will follow up again. Ed said he would go, Zeann volunteered also. Elaine mentioned since there is no BCH chapter in Southern NV this might be a good starting point. Also we could get BCH members from Southern California chapters involved or even Arizona due to the proximity to Las Vegas. We plan to discuss this again at the August meeting.

RAFFLE – Donna was not present, so we could not hold a raffle.

After a short break Jerry Williams presented our program “First Aid items to pack for horse and human”. He also made some hand-outs available which will be emailed to the membership.

Ed Acosta motioned, Zeann seconded, all in favor to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm

Sabine McCowen
Secretary

Back Country Horsemen of America - Volunteer Hours

<u>Year</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>\$Value</u>
2010	315,442	\$11,942,130
2009	345,690	\$7,490,864
2008	286,153	\$6,613,643
2007	236,847	\$5,619,738
2006	141,175	\$3,695,000
2005	165,113	\$3,847,000
2004	204,700	\$5,450,000
2003	136,161	\$3,420,000
2002	108,919	\$1,735,600
2001	128,200	\$2,001,000
2000	154,600	\$2,834,000
1999	87,300	\$1,802,000
1998	105,370	\$2,658,000
1997	92,300	\$1,790,000
1996	74,410	\$1,456,000
1995	<u>61,424</u>	<u>\$ 896,000</u>
Total 16 years	2,643,804	\$63,250,975