

BCH of NV

HIGH SIERRA CHAPTER MINUTES

AUGUST 17, 2011

PRESIDENT:	Elaine Anagnostou	VP:	Ed Acosta
Secretary:	Sabine McCowen	Treasurer:	Jan Koval
Director:	Jim Dragoo	Director:	Jerry Williams (not present)
Director:	Don Daniel (not present)		

Meeting called to order at 7pm

Introductions – 2 new guests, friends of Jim Dragoo; joined the chapter before the end of the meeting.

Favorite Ride for September 2011? Jan might talk about Plasse's Resort if she goes. Also, Marianne Meriam would like to share information about Euer Valley.

July minutes approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Vice President - Ed Acosta – will cover under old business section of the meeting.

Secretary - Sabine McCowen: 10 family, 14 single membership, same as it has been.

Treasurer - Jan Koval: The current balance is \$2,123.52, including the deposit return from the Lemmon Valley arena rental for the pack clinic.

Librarian - Joan Edwards: Annual reports from Ed will be added to the library.

Historian - Donna Kapala: nothing new to report

Events since Last Meeting:

1. July BBQ – Harlene and Chuck Shepherd had hosted the meeting/ride/BBQ. Was a great turnout, the ride before the meeting was nearly without incident, one horse fell down just before the end of the ride but fortunately no injuries were reported. Additional members joined for the meeting/BBQ portion of the day. Wonderful food bbq-ed by Chuck and great music as well. Thanks for hosting!
2. Pack trips – Ed reported about the 5-6 trips total in which Larry and Jerry with help from Chuck, Ann and Rod packed food from Thomas Creek trailhead into the Mt. Rose Wilderness to help trail crews. The ride is 4 hours each way of steep ride, uphill on the way out, along aspens and through the woods, even managing through some snow patches.

Upcoming Events:

1. American Discovery Trail – August 27/28 AND Labor Day weekend. Donna shared details about the trip starting Aug 25, which were also emailed out recently. Larry, Jerry and Paula will be buying food for everybody, also packing kitchen, water purifiers in etc. There will be multiple river crossings. Planned meeting is at the Fernley Alamo at 1pm Thursday Aug 25, and tailgate from there. Planned return to the trailhead Sunday night with a final overnight at the trailhead before trailering back Monday. Option to trailer back Sunday for anybody who needs to return that night.

INFORMATION

1. **Remember to bring items for the December Food Drive.** Be sure the expiration date is **beyond** December 2011. Cash donations are also now being accepted in lieu of canned goods.
2. BCH Volunteer Hours – remember to track your volunteer hours, miles, etc.
3. Fearful Crossing, Lovelock to Fallon, September 14-18, 2011
4. Oktoberfest –September 24, 2011, Sabine's
5. A member of the Michigan BCH was injured severely during a horseback ride – request had been emailed to all other chapters to send prayers.
6. The Elegant Ears Mule Association is requesting monetary donations to help them establish the Sayles Canyon Trailhead, 4 miles west of Echo Summit. No other support (manpower etc) was requested. This trail head would provide access to the National Pony Express Trail, Bryant

Meadow Trail, Sayles Canyon Trail and the Pacific Crest Trail. After a brief discussion Ed moved that we support them with a \$100 donation after Jan Koval has the chance to verify their tax-ID, making sure this is a legitimate cause. Sabine seconded, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

1. National Update – Ed Acosta

Ed shared details about the national BCH meeting he had attended. The reports are attached to these minutes as separate files and made part of them.

2. Membership – Ed Acosta

Youth Membership: A Tennessee chapter had asked how other BCH chapters handle youth memberships (separate memberships or included in family memberships).

Sabine takes care of various online membership related tasks, Jim and Ed pound the pavement, post flyers at stores etc. Bet is that we can get 10 additional memberships by the end of this year. All members are encouraged to bring friends to our meetings so they can find out what we are about.

Donna has contact with a 4H group, she will get Ed connected so we can get added to one of their upcoming meetings for a presentation catering to kids.

RAFFLE – Donna – Jim is the lucky winner (again!) for half of the \$30 taken in. Congratulations!

NEW BUSINESS

1. Trail Classification Sleuth – Paula Lenz had volunteered to head a committee for this. Ed will get a list of our trails from Yvette to Paula. Ed motioned to accept Paula's offer to head this committee – all in favor. Most of the work will be done online and via phone, which works well for her since she has conflicts joining most of our monthly meetings.

2. Ed had received a brochure for the Feb. 2-3, 2012 Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation fair in Las Vegas. We will discuss and vote on a potential booth once Don Daniel is back in town.

PROGRAM: After a short break Sabine shared some information regarding Disaster Preparedness including a 1-page hand-out. She will also email out a list we had started over a year ago; anybody who wants to be part of our network can be added onto this list. If disaster strikes and members have to evacuate horses, they have a good resource on where to turn. This network list will provide information as to other members who can house horses and even people. And who can help trailering out to safe places, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm

Favorite Ride – Jan Koval shared pictures and details about their recent trip to the Spenceville Wildlife area, located west of Grass Valley. Since overnight stays are not allowed at that area, Jan and Paul overnighted at Rancho Toledano, close to that area, and trailered for a ride. Paul could not clear a low-hanging branch on a tree while riding his horse and ended up with broken ribs, so the trip was cut short.

Sabine McCowen
Secretary