

BCH of NV
HIGH SIERRA CHAPTER MINUTES
Regular meeting NOVEMBER 16, 2011

PRESIDENT: Elaine Anagnostou
Secretary: Sabine McCowen
Director: Jim Dragoo
Director: Don Daniel

VP: Ed Acosta
Treasurer: Jan Koval – not present
Director: Jerry Williams – not present

Meeting called to order at 7pm.

Introductions were skipped with approval of all

Favorite Ride - Not needed for December

October minutes unanimously approved. Ed Acosta motioned, Jim Dragoo seconded, all in favor.

Committee Reports:

Vice President/Membership - Ed Acosta – nothing to report

Secretary - Sabine McCowen – 10 family, 15 single memberships, no change

Treasurer- Elaine presented number: \$1898.62 current account status

Librarian - Joan Edwards – Joel donated 2 John Lyons books, Joan also brought printed inventory lists.

Historian: - Donna Kapala – not present

Events since Last Meeting:

1. Fall Colors Ride @ White's Creek, 10/22/11 – Cari, Donna, Ann and Rod, Sabine and her friend Mary Ann got together for the ride. Since this was the last warm weekend in the forecast many mountain bikers and hikers with loose dogs were also enjoying the trail as well as a few bee clusters, which made for a good desensitizing ride and a few dismounts to get horses calmed down. Overall a great ride, beautiful fall colors.

Upcoming Events:

1. Christmas Food Drive – Don – Donna had met with the Food Bank of Northern NV to get more information, a collection barrel which is placed at the Black Bear Diner, and details on items needed. Please email Don if you will be able to attend. If you have a BCH coat or something with BCH logo, this is the time to wear it. The event is currently planned for Dec 9 at about 4pm, pending confirmation with the TV station. His preferred location is at the bottom of the ramp rather than on top in the middle of all the commotion; plus it might be slippery on the incline depending on weather conditions. We need re presentation to help handle horses, help unload food items and also to make sure that people not familiar around horses are safe. Don suggested that we contact the Carson chapter to see if they are interested in combined event for next year's food drive. He asked that either the president or Vice president contact our insurance agent to have this event covered.

Sabine read out the list of items needed so members can specifically shop for those and bring to the Christmas party. Items included canned meat/fish, peanut butter, Mac+Cheese, powdered milk, baby formula/food, canned meals like stews, ravioli, chili, soups, canned fruit, vegetable and juice, spaghetti sauce, dry cereal, rice and pasta.

A picture was taken around the donation bin that , in combination with pictures at the actual event and Christmas party , will be part of an article for the National Newsletter (Donna).

2. Hungry Valley Day Ride Nov 20 – Sabine - we meet at 11am at the end of Eagle Canyon ride out at 11:30. Due to the questionable forecast the ride might be cancelled. Sabine will email no later than Friday.

3. Christmas Party at Sabine's house – The party starts at 5pm, with a pot-luck and gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift (no white elephant type/useless items) valued at about \$15 for the exchange. Weather permitting there will be an early afternoon ride for anybody who wants to trailer out. A few pens for horses are available.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

1. **LAST CHANCE – Please remember your items or \$\$ for the December Food Drive – last donation at the Christmas party.** Be sure the expiration date is **beyond** December 2011. Cash donations are accepted in lieu of canned goods.
2. Informational updates received from other BCH groups and/or National:
 - US Forest Service has named Northern Regional Forester Leslie Weldon as USFC Deputy Chief. As Northern Reg. Forest she has overseen 15 national forests and 4 national grasslands in Montana , Idaho @ N Dakota since 2009.
 - Peg sent a recent notice that she had seen in the BCH CA San Gorgonio Pass Unit November newsletter that Dr. Ben York DVM passed away in October 2011. She went on to say that many BCH directors and members knew him. There will most likely be an article about Dr. Ben York (also known as Mr. PCT - Pacific Crest Trail) in the upcoming newsletter. They have a link on BCHA's Facebook page to his obituary.
 - Peg also sent an email to "Check out the information from North Carolina ." It was newsletter from ATC SORO (The Appalachian Trail Conservancy-Southern Region Office). If you want to check them out go to www.appalachiantrail.org

OLD BUSINESS

1. Annual Election Nominations – Don – While we are still in need for a candidate to run for Vice President, the other positions have candidates as follows: President – Chuck Shepherd, Secretary – Sabine McCowen, Treasurer – Cari Hansen, Directors – Elaine Anagnostou (automatically as outgoing President), Donna Kapala, Larry Fenkel. Paula took the opportunity to encourage members that are not very active to join our events and meetings, and also reminded present members that we should always make a good effort to make everybody feel welcome.

RAFFLE – Marian Finnegan – Cari Hansen won. She kept \$10 out of the \$39 taken in and donated the rest of her half towards the Food drive.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. State Meeting – Don – Jan 21 the state meeting will be held at the Black Bear Diner in Reno. There will be elections for the offices of president and treasurer. Any members are welcome to attend the meeting. If you have any items you want brought up at the State meeting, please forward those to the President who will then present it to the State President for the State meeting agenda.
2. Sensitivity course – Don – Suggested we consider organizing a clinic as joint effort with the Carson City chapter . Don plans to ask at the State meeting, giving them the opportunity to take it to their monthly meeting to gauge interest. Location could be Washoe State Park since they have a new arena. That location also offers the benefit of camping there before/after the event. Paula Lenz pointed out that we need to put a deposit down for our April clinic at the Lemmon Valley arena or we will lose the weekend we had reserved for us. The deposit is not all refunded if we do not use the arena on that date, so we could lose money. Ed mentioned we can also use the Bridle Path arena free of charge.
3. Elk Camp Las Vegas 2012 + 2013 – Don/Ed – BCH California asked if we are interested combining a booth with them and Arizona in 2013. As of right now there is no free booth available to us for 2012 so we do not plan to go. \$1000 is the cost to pay for a booth. We can discuss this at a later time since it's a ways out. Though we had much interest shown, we had no members join as result of the booth in Reno, although we have no way to tell if other BCH chapters benefited from members joining when those visitors returned home.

BREAK /

PROGRAM: We tabled the originally scheduled program to enjoy Don's pictures of his work in the Grand Tetons area of Summer 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm