

BCH of NV

Minutes State Meeting January 28, 2012

Chairman - Don Daniel National Delegates: Ed Acosta (not present), Dave Rich
Vice Chairman - Marilee Brodie (not present) Chuck Vickrey (alternate)
Secretary - Jan Koval (not present) Treasurer - Vicki Rinehart

Also present Harlene Shepherd, Chuck Shepherd, Sabine McCowen (acting State Secretary), Larry Fenkell, Elaine Anagnostou, Gerry Anagnostou (arrived later), Darryl Huff, Phil Sullivan, Jack Reid, Mike Arkell

Meeting called to order at 10:05am

Due to miscalculation too much money was given to State for 2011 dues. Motion by Dave Rich to reimburse the Carson chapter for the \$144 that had been overpaid. Chuck Vickrey seconded, all in favor.

Minutes - motion by Chuck Vickrey to approve the minutes as amended from the 2011 state meeting, Jack Reid seconded, all in favor.

Chapter Reports - Elaine Anagnostou presented the HSC report which is attached and made part of the minutes. CVC did not bring a copy of their report but emailed it later that day to Sabine; this is also made part of the minutes as attachment.

Old Business

Belt Buckle for Darlene Garr is still on the way, it will be mailed to her once it arrives.

Exchange of chapter minutes, event info between chapters: Chuck Vickrey is contact for CVC, Sabine McCowen for HSC.

Vicki presented the state treasurer's report which is attached and made part of the minutes.

She requested that both chapters handle reimbursement for the delegates attending the National Meeting the same. This has already been discussed at the 2011 state meeting. It had been decided that going forward the state treasurer sends \$300 to each chapter to help with the expenses.

New Business

Insurance:

Darryl Huff gave an overview over what our insurance covers. He suggested each chapter has somebody in charge for handling insurance needs. Elaine Anagnostou volunteered to be the HSC contact.

State costs are about \$1000/year and cover 7 public events per year. It protects us from liability claims, gives us legal defense coverage, claims payments, covers medical injuries and property damage. Club members are not protected from each other. Darryl highly suggested that each club member get their own umbrella coverage. The food drive is considered an in-house event since only club members handle the horses. Elaine will review the risk management forms Darryl gave to her. We need to have the liability release form signed by all non-members attending any of our events. Also we need to make sure to bring the accident reporting form to all public events. The insurance year goes from April 26, 2012 to April 26, 2013. He also suggested we always post the warning signs Elaine now has at each public event.

Sabine McCowen asked if a non-member attends an event, has a minor injury that day that seems no big deal, then signs up to become a member that evening, and later on the injury turns into something bigger, is that person covered since s/he was not a member? Does coverage end the moment somebody signs up, at midnight that evening or ...? Darryl did not know the answer.

Harlene Shepherd asked if officer's insurance is included in our current policy. It is not, and if we were to have that included cost would probably double from what we are paying today.

If any public event date is change after it has been scheduled, always need to inform Darryl so he can update the insurance company. He had a form that all elected state officers had to sign at the end of the meeting.

National Meetings:

Dave Rich represents the committee to look at possibly hosting a future National Meeting in the greater Reno area. National is developing a policy to have locations that are easily accessible via plane with competitive room prices. Each state can send 2 voting delegates regardless of the size of the state or membership numbers.

We discussed the pros and cons of organizing the meeting in Nevada. The Carson Inn offered to help us and work with us. Sabine suggested to contact National for a check-list for potential hosts and then review with our chapters to see if we can do this. We will need sufficient man-power, runners behind the scenes and lots more.

As soon as Chuck Vickrey has that check list we will discuss at chapter level – do we want to do this and what year. Darryl suggested to ask Darlene in Elko how the meeting went that they hosted there a few years ago.

Membership Increase:

Elk Camp Las Vegas – Don: no free both available to us. We had good interest shown at the 2011 Reno Elk Foundation event but the ball was dropped and there was no follow up, no contact made with people leaving their contact information at our booth. If we decide to staff a booth in 2013 in Las Vegas, individuals have to pay for their own travel expenses.

Dave mentioned he had gone to Sheep camp with is similar to Elk camp.

Las Vegas Chapter – Don: We were contacted by a group of horseback riders in the Las Vegas area who want to form a BCH chapter. They have about 28 people interested. Don will meet them during the Elk Camp in Las Vegas. They also have all the documents from National that are needed to get a chapter off the ground. St. George/Utah has a BCH chapter and is fairly close to Las Vegas.

Pack clinic – Don: HSC has held sensitivity and pack clinics (public) in Lemmon Valley over the last years. The HSC chapter decided at the January meeting to change location to Washoe Valley (the pavilion is booked for April 21); people can also overnight if desired. If CVC would like to join us in this event, we could perhaps offer both, a pack clinic in one area and sensitivity course in another area, and split the participants up so half is at each location and switches in the afternoon.

Rental is \$50 and half for non-profits. Sabine pointed out that the National group BCHA is a registered non-profit, but the chapters are not automatically non-profit unless they file the appropriate paperwork.

Reimbursement Elk Camp booth – Don: Ed Acosta paid out of his own pocket the \$148.50 the convention center unexpectedly billed us for electricity used at our booth. HSC reimbursed Ed out of chapter funds, and HSC is asking that State reimburses HSC since this was a combined event. Chuck Vickrey motion that State reimburse HSC, all in favor.

Carson Valley concerns: Chuck Vickrey

By-Laws: The State by-laws are hard to interpret, we discussed who has how many votes from each chapter, based on membership numbers, and that in case of a tie the chair person can break the tie. Discussion was if we want to change anything and not allow members participating in the state meeting that exceed the voting powers of each respective chapter or allow all present paid. Since we have not had any issues for years, consensus was to leave everything as is and only enforce the by-laws if a conflict arises.

Dues to State: Chuck V suggested leaving our membership fees at the current level but increase the amount chapters pay to state since state is usually in the red. We have fixed costs each year such as insurance (about \$1600). Had Elko not folded we would not have sufficient funds in state. Chuck Vickrey motioned that \$5 more per family, \$3 more per single membership paid will be paid from each chapter to state effective next year. Chuck Shepherd seconded all in favor, motion carries.

Reno Chapter concerns:

Chuck Shepherd invited all members of CVC to the poker ride scheduled as their ranch. Since chapters will exchange calendars everybody will be made aware of all events.

Food Drive 2012: Don: HSC is challenging CVC to meet or beat our 2011 food drive numbers (350lb food, \$500 cash donation).

Don asked if anybody feels we need a 2nd state meeting middle of the year. No need was seen at this time. Dave reminded everybody to let our delegates know what issues should be brought up at the National meeting.

Peg Greiwe needs to be informed about the current officers in our chapters so she can update the email distribution list. It seems prior officers stay on the list, so some of us get the same information from different sources.

Both chapter secretaries need to send an updated membership list to Peg so the national newsletter can be mailed to the correct addresses.

Chuck Vickrey suggested to create an email distribution list for State Directors.

Elections:

Nominations:

President – Don Daniel

Secretary – Harlene Shepherd

National Directors: Chuck Shepherd (replacing Ed Acosta 2012); Dave Rich (2012 – 2013).

Alternate Directors (one from each chapter): Dave motioned to accept Chuck Vickrey and Don Daniel as alternate directors and approve all others as nominated. Chuck V seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

2013 Meeting:

All agreed to meet January 26, 2013 at 10am at the Black Bear Diner

Adjourned at 12:15pm

Sabine McCowen
Secretary BCHNV HSC
Acting BCHNV State Secretary