

**Back Country Horsemen of Nevada
State Meeting
Saturday, February 20, 2016 at the
Tonopah Convention Center**

President: Don Daniel

Vice President: Terry Jones

Secretary/Treasurer: Harlene Shepherd

Director: Terry Jones

Director: Valerie Wolverton

1. **Call to Order** by President Don Daniel at 11 am.
2. **Introduction of members present:** Don Daniel, Terry & Lolly Jones, Harlene Shepherd, Valerie Wolverton, Char Stevens, Jerry Williams, Danny & Vickie Riddle, Don Daniels, Jim Dragoo, Mike Rowan (Friends of Nevada Wilderness), Mike Harkell, Jack Reid.
3. **Motion to approve minutes:** Jack motions to approve the 2015 minutes, Terry 2nds, all moves to approve.
4. **Housekeeping:**
 - A. Don talks about combined Secretary/Treasurer position. Jack motions to leave position as it is, and we would have to change bylaws to change this position, Jim 2nds the motion, all move to approve.
5. **Officer Reports:**
 - A. No Report by President
 - B. VP Terry – Will discuss later in New Business
 - C. Secretary – no report
 - D. Treasurer: The BCHNV bank account currently has a balance of \$8,498.
 - E. Ed Acosta not present to give report, his costs were \$1,400. Valerie discusses the issue of the selling or giving national lands back to states. Mentions that BCHA now has a new store with more variety of items for sale. Her costs were \$1,092.
6. **Chapter Reports:**
 - A. **Carson Valley :** Mentions they had booth at several events, and a burro they pack. There were 4 work parties at Wolf Creek, September fundraiser was Candydance. \$400 cash and \$100 food donated to food closet. 24 single and 11 family memberships. 949 hours equaling dollar contribution of \$37,410.08.
 - B. **High Sierra:** Jim talks of the 4H tack sale and that quite a few names were collected for new members. Survival kits and License plates were the only fundraiser. There was a booth at career day at middle school, a packing demo at Scout Camp in Fernley. Food drive collected \$726. There were 14 single and 11 family memberships. 539 hours equaling dollar contribution of \$36,077.
 - C. **Bristlecone:** There were 3 saw clinics, & they bought 2 saws and axes. Cleared 10 miles of trail in the Grand Canyon. There were 2 projects with Boy Scouts. June-August did work on projects for Friends of Nevada Wilderness. Selling chapter Tshirts and vests. They reported 115 members and 4 barn memberships. 1695 hours equaling dollar contribution of \$77,937.
7. **Old Business:**
 - A. **National board meeting agenda:** No updates
 - B. **Committee** to discuss National Director expenses to meet and report (Harlene)
 - C. **Dues increase:** Don discusses it was approved.
 - D. **Linking Chapter calendars:** It's all on our website.
 - E. **Insurance requests:** Jerry discusses the issues with taking stock to events. Terry says whoever is sponsoring event should cover the insurance. Danny mentions that the Equine Liability Act was passed in Nevada and its impacts. Discussion follows of pros and cons of having insurance by all present. Terry volunteers to get details on insurance for chapters.
 - F. **Voting:** Discussion by Terry and Don, and everyone present understands the bylaws differently. Jack motions that for today only all members present will become voting members. Harlene 2nds, all move to approve.
 - G. **State Newsletter:** No volunteers presently.

Break

8. ***New Business:***

A. **Friends of Nevada Wilderness:** Mike Rowan talks about the big issue of motorized vehicles in wilderness areas. Discusses other projects, all don't need pack support but anyone welcome to help. South: Great Basin project, North: Ely, Jarbidge – Marys River, Santa Rosas – East Humboldt.

B. **Nevada Backcountry Hunters and Anglers:** Included in 8 A. from Mike.

C. **Items forwarded from Old Business:** Danny passes out a sample newsletter and talks about ideas and partnering with other organizations.

Danny volunteers to compile newsletter 1 time a year. It's agreed it should be completed and ready for National Meeting. Deadline March 20 to submit articles to Danny Riddle. State will provide \$500 for printing. Terry motions to ask state for \$500 for printing, once costs established, further funds could be requested. Valerie 2nds motion, all move to approve.

D. **501(c)3 or 501(c)4 :** Danny discusses that the 501(c)4 cannot accept charitable deductions and each chapter should file for their own 501(c)3.

E. **National Board meeting:** Terry says were approved for \$500 from state for meet and greet @ TGI Fridays and gift bags for meeting attendees. BCH volunteers receive free lunch daily. Harlene will notify Terry how many volunteers from HSC will attend. Alternate activity: Cowboy Trail Rides BBQ Thursday. Patty Kearns will be handling the auction and raffle items.

F. **Youth involvement in BCH:** Don proposes to BCHA a Horse Packing Merit Badge for Boy Scouts of America.

G. None

H. **Elections:**

Ballot vote for President candidates - Terry Jones and Don Daniel

Final results are:

President: Terry Jones 2016-2017

Vice President: Danny Riddle 2016-2017

Secretary/ Treasurer: Harlene Shepherd 2015-2016

Terry Jones as the Director/National delegate 2016-2017

Director/National delegate: Valerie Wolverton 2015 - 2016

Don Daniel volunteers as alternate delegate.

There will be 3 signers on the state bank account, President Terry Jones, Carson Valley Delegate/President Valerie Wolverton, State Treasurer/Secretary Harlene Shepherd.

Meeting adjourned by Don at 3:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Harlene Shepherd Secretary/Treasurer