

**Back Country Horsemen of Nevada
State Meeting
Saturday, February 7, 2015 at the
Tonopah Convention Center**

President: Don Daniel

Director: Ed Acosta

Vice President: Terry Jones

Director: Valerie Wolverton

Secretary/Treasurer: Harlene Shepherd

1. Call to Order by President Don Daniel at 11:15 am.
2. Introduction of members present: Terry & Lolly Jones, Harlene Shepherd, Char Stevens, Jerry Williams, Danny Riddle, Don Daniels, Jim Dragoo, Ed Acosta, Chip Herzig, Mike Arkell, Ann Windle, Sabine McGowan, Marianne Merriam.
3. Motion to approve minutes: Terry motions to approve the 2014 minutes, Jim 2nds, all move to approve.
4. Housekeeping:
 - A. Don talks about dues increase to national for 2015.
Single OLD \$10/\$10=\$20 NEW \$15/\$10=\$25
Family OLD \$13/\$13=\$26 NEW \$18/\$13=\$31
 - B. Discussion follows about refund due to High Sierra and Carson Valley chapters for \$250 of NBM Expense checks for 2014. Don has paid the \$25 for the meeting room and requests reimbursement.
 - C. Jerry discusses Friends of the Nevada Wilderness will have 5 or 6 projects throughout the state this year.
Jerry and Don have put together safety packs 'personal survival kits' to sell for fund raising for chapters, cost: \$15 – Sell for \$25.
5. Officer Reports:
 - A. No Report by President
 - B. VP Terry – Mentions Insurance due in April, want forms in no later than March from each chapter.
 - C. Secretary – no report
 - D. Don speaks up for absent treasurer: Says exact amount to be reported shortly. Jack Reid has CV chapter checks but due to his accident wasn't able to attend and bring them or report on chapter bank balance. High Sierra has \$579 and Bristle Cone has \$2012.
 - E. Ed discusses national meeting in Sacramento, Don says anyone who wants to volunteer from the chapters should coordinate it through Ed.
6. Chapter Reports:
 - A. Carson Valley report to be emailed out.
 - B. High Sierra: Jim discusses moving of the hitching post at Thomas Creek, 4-H, everyone should compile hours monthly.
 - C. Terry mentions Bristlecone has a new president Don Davis.
7. Old Business:
 - A. Terry discusses there is no progress on the National Meeting to be held in Las Vegas April 2016. Its discussed if Nevada will be able to pull it off with lack of members able to volunteer. Terry says Southpoint would be best place to hold meeting. Don will communicate with new President for Bristlecone. Suggested that a deadline for decision to hold meeting or not be made by March 13, 2015. Membership for Bristlecone at 115 members.
 - B. Fundraiser discussion follows.

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- C. License plates: Jim says chapters should give one away to each new member.
- D. Yearly filing of 990EZ and secretary of state filing of chapter officers needs to be completed by each chapter. State Secretary Harlene can help anyone with this.
- E. Revival of Elko chapter, no interest by public.
- F. Terry needs insurance forms by March.
- G. Elk Camp 2014-discussion it was a huge success. It will be 10 days in length at the 2015 event
- H. National delegate funding: Determined it should stay the same and be discussed at year end if delegates should be reimbursed for more expenses. Ed turned in his expense report for 2014.

Break

8. New Business

- A. Don would like to get a NBM agenda 60 days prior to the NBM so chapter members/State Delegates can review them prior to the meeting. Jim motions a 60 day lead on sending the minutes to our State Secretary. All move to approve and to have our State Delegate (Ed) write a proposal to be sent to the Executive Secretary, requesting that each chapter nationwide receive the agenda for the NBM 60 days prior to the event. This proposal hopefully will be an agenda item and voted on at the 2015 NBM in Sacramento, CA.
- B. Jerry motions to establish a committee to decide on criteria for reimbursement for delegates. It will consist of state and chapter secretaries. All move to approve.
- C. Don motions that the state dues is increased by \$10 from each member, each chapter decides how they will handle this. (do they increase dues or?) This equates to \$5 to state, \$5 to national. All move to approve.
- D. Motion denied regarding linking chapter calendars.
- E. Insurance requests: Terry will find out if having more events raises premium. Terry presents a motion to reduce from 7 to 6 events if it affects the premium. This equates to 2 events per chapter. Each chapter can pay the premium difference if they decide on more events. All move to approve.
- F. Don motions that state president votes only if there is a tie. All delegates must notify state secretary in writing if they are representing a state board member, limits one vote per member. (in case a person is state member and delegate) Harlene 2nds the motion, all move to approve.
- G. Other: Danny discusses Nevada Outfitters liability issues. Don brings up state funds not being disbursed as they should. *Up to State president where state meeting is held yearly. *Other suggestion that a Nevada state newsletter will be sent out and compiled monthly, no volunteers at this point to do this. *Terry discusses there is difference in the agendas from east and west coast chapters. Eastern chapters have Park Service issues, West Coast chapter have BLM/Forest service issues.
- H. Elections:
Open positions are Vice President, Treasurer, Board Alternate.
Valerie Wolverton President from Carson Chapter is also the National delegate. 2015-2016
Don Daniel volunteers as alternate delegate.
Terry Jones is retained as Vice President 2015-2016, all members vote in favor.
Harlene Shepherd is voted in by ballot as State Treasurer 2015-2016

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

Meeting adjourned by Don at 2:05 pm.

Minutes submitted by Harlene Shepherd Secretary/Treasurer