

BCH of NV
HIGH SIERRA CHAPTER
MINUTES February 17, 2016

PRESIDENT: Jim Dragoo
Secretary: Sabine McCowen
Director: Ed Acosta
Director: Anne Windle

VP: Lynne Liebelt
Treasurer: Dodi Broker
Director: Marian Finnegan

Meeting called to order 7:02pm.

The food drive bag was sent around.

Calendar:

Jerry Williams shared with the group that Teri Tatom joined the group again. She used to be a member a while ago, now living in Wellington.

Teri is planning that some of us support a 1-day trail clearing work trip with school children from the Minden-Gardnerville area on September 10 this year.

We could help packing items out to the trail-head. Exact location to be determined, but will probably be around the area south of Carson.

We will also invite the Carson chapter.

Marian Finnegan told the group about Shannon Windle from the Hidden Valley Rescue Fund. They rescue horses from State of NV lands, and on April 23 at Bartley Ranch they are organizing an event "Celebrate the Horse". They offered us a free booth. Marian and Lynne offered to staff the booth.

Jim mentioned that Mark Koljeh (sp?) is organizing a Wild Horse and Burro Expo in Palomino Valley off Whiskey Springs Rd on April 15+15, and we can have a booth there also.

Reports:

VP – none

Treasurer - \$1822 bank balance last months, after written checks and deposited funds we now have \$1085.

12 paid single, 7 paid family memberships.

Jim reported that Ed Acosta had a bad fall and with his injuries he will not be able to attend the state meeting this Saturday.

Former VP Bob Roll had a heart attack and is currently at the VA hospital. He is also looking for a new home for his 21yr old paint gelding, he can no longer afford him. This is an easy going older gelding, and while he has ridden in the mountains he is only sound enough for more flat terrain and shorter rides. Is a great horse for the grand-kids. Lynne offered to keep him for a while.

Gerry Anagnostou motioned, Terry Graham seconded, all in favor to approve January minutes.

Events:

Past:

At the 4H tack sale this past Saturday the Balsinger family and Jim set up a booth on Saturday. Sunday during the event 1 survival pack and 1 license plate frame were sold.

That same 4H group has a sawbuck saddle kit incl. well used panniers for sale at \$250. The kit is mostly complete but missing the lash rope.

Interested parties can contact Linda Zimmerman 560-0612 or h:972-7241.

Also for sale are a set of bear proof panniers.

Upcoming:

Feb 20 at 11am we hold our State meeting in Tonopah at the Convention center.

Feb 28 day event at Sabine's ranch in Spanish Springs. Trailer your horse and come ride with us at noon. Then at 3pm (for those not riding) bring your saddle or other tack, we will clean our tack while/after enjoying potluck and beverages.

March 12 we have a day ride listed. Suggestion was to ride at San Rafael which was requested by Marie Fong previously to check the trail condition. Jerry will contact her and get more details regarding the trailhead etc.

April 20 – 23 BCH Nevada is hosting the BCH National Meeting at Samstown in Las Vegas. The Bristlecone chapter is hoping that many of our members from Carson City and Reno will be able to be there in person, volunteering.

Don told the group that Danny Riddle (a CPA) will attend the meeting to give some accounting related advice. Our state unit plus the other 2 chapters are not current in their 501(c)3 status; only our chapter is current (which cost a significant amount of money last year since our registration had lapsed also). Perhaps we can have the state be registered and the chapters can be covered under that as well.

Bristlecone will give new reports about the National Meeting.

Only State officers and chapter presidents are able to vote at the state meeting.

All members are invited to attend though.

Lynne reported for 2015 our volunteer hours amounted to a value of \$36,076.69.

New Business:

A woman from the NV Backcountry Hunter and Angler Coalition is organizing various user groups to install gates at specific areas in our state to keep motorized vehicles out of wilderness areas. Jerry Williams will get more details on Monday and send it to Sabine so she can share with the group.

Gerry Anagnostou motioned, Dodi Broker seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

Sabine McCowen
Secretary