

Back County Horsemen of Nevada - High Sierra Chapter 501

P.O. Box 19324, Reno, Nevada 89511

January 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes

<u>President</u>	Jerry Williams	<u>Director</u>	Jim Dragoo
<u>Vice President</u>	Larry Fenkell	<u>Director</u>	Lynne Liebelt
<u>Secretary</u>	Dodi Broker	<u>Director</u>	Teri Tatom
<u>Treasurer</u>	Jeannie Dragoo		

1. **Call to Order:**

Jerry Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Black Bear Diner, Reno.

2. **Introduction of New Officers:**

Jerry introduced the new 2017 club Officers

3. **Presentations:**

Jerry expressed his appreciation for everyone's support. He also reported his vision for the club this year is to revitalize membership participation by holding one or two monthly events such as work projects or social-only events to include day rides, training, camp-outs, cook-outs, and other activities.

4. **Old Business:**

Jerry reported several members participated in the annual Channel 2 Share Your Christmas Food Drive held at the Grand Sierra on December 9th. Several members brought horses to ride and pack and some members provided logistical support. The club donated approximately 350 pounds of food and \$275 in cash from member contributions. Jeannie reported enjoying working on the Food Drive this year by doing all the shopping. There was discussion about the possibility of Jeannie shopping for the Food Drive year-around.

5. **Annual BCHNV State Meeting:**

Jerry announced this annual meeting will be held on February 18th in Tonapah. Harlene reported the State org officers are currently working on the agenda for that meeting and the agenda will be distributed to all members soon. Some of the items on the agenda this year will

include the election of a new BCHNV State president (Jerry Williams is a candidate for this position), and elections will determine who will be the club representatives from the north and south to attend the annual BCH National Meeting. Jeannie will ask a club member who will be traveling to Tonopah to deliver our club's check for annual dues. Jerry reported Danny Riddle has formed a new BCH Elko Chapter and they're working to get up and running soon.

6. **New Business:**

We have scheduled a ride, potluck and meeting for January 28th. We will ride out of Washoe Lake State Park arena area at 12:00 p.m., and upon return we'll transfer to Jerry's house in Washoe Valley at 3030 White Pine Drive for a Mexican-themed potluck followed by a meeting to populate our 2017 event calendar. If anyone has calendar suggestions but cannot attend the meeting, please text suggestions to Jerry at 772-313-6025.

Larry discussed some proposals for this year for everyone to think about that include development of club participation awards, website advertisement sales, and possibly a new monthly meeting location.

Larry would also like to put together a late May/early June three-day weekend pack trip on Peterson's Mountain off Red Rock Road north of Reno. He explained to members who haven't been on pack trips previously that it's not a bare-bones camping experience. We pack-in tents, sleeping bags and pads, tables, chairs, a kitchen, and coolers of food and drinks. Larry is also planning a personal abalone diving trip to Northern California in May or June and anyone who would like to attend is welcome.

Jerry announced his participation with the Eastern Sierras Trails Coalition

<https://www.washoecounty.us/outreach/2016/11/2016-11-03-trails-coalition.php>

whose mission is to create a continuous trail from Peavine Mountain in Reno through to Wolf Creek near Markleeville, CA for use by mountain bikers, hikers and equestrians. Work was recently done on a trail from Bartley Ranch south toward Thomas Creek. Club participation could include one day work crews, weekend work crews, packing tools for work crews, etc. Working with this coalition will be a great way for club members who don't do back country pack trips to participate in our club's charter mission which is to perpetuate equestrian access to public trails.

Other discussion included inviting a long rider who rode through Nevada this summer as a guest speaker at one of our next meetings; the January 28th Friends of Nevada Wilderness

Leave No Trace seminar sponsored by Subaru (Dodi will forward the flyer to members); looking into a new public trails designation on the Walker River; discussing a joint work project with the Carson Valley chapter in spring; and Jerry and Larry will be attending other local horse club meetings to discuss possible joint ventures and membership drives. If anyone has referrals or contact names, please let them know.

7. **Adjournment:**

Terry moved, Harlene seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.