

Back County Horsemen of Nevada - High Sierra Chapter 501

November 15, 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 called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Black Bear Diner.
2. **Approval of October Minutes:** Lynne motioned, John seconded, Minutes approved.
3. **Officer Reports:**

President's Report: Jerry thanked Jim for soliciting members to volunteer for board positions.

Vice President's Report: Larry is also a member of the Elko chapter and attended their meeting on 11/14/17. They hope to schedule some work trips for spring and summer 2018.

Secretary's Report: Dodi reported we have 13 single and 9 family memberships.

Treasurers' Report: Jim reported our bank balance should be the same as last month. Records indicate that would be \$681.00.

4. **New Business:** December election candidates are as follows to-date:

President: Jim Dragoo

Vice President: John Pocino

Secretary: Dodi Broker

Treasurer: Jeannie Dragoo

Director: Jerry Williams (automatic as post-president)

Director: Larry Fenkell

Director: Don Biehle

Jerry thanked everyone for volunteering and asks that anyone else interested in running for a board position please contact Dodi before the Christmas Party to add your name to the ballot.

Please begin thinking about events/activities you'd like to add to our 2018 calendar and email Jim or Dodi with your ideas, or better yet come to the annual calendar meeting and potluck on January 20th, 5:30 p.m. at Jerry's house.

PLEASE RSVP TO DODI IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THIS CALENDAR MEETING.

A big thank you to Lynne Liebelt for all your work for our club as a Director for the past several years. We very much appreciate your contributions!

5. Old Business:

Christmas Party & Elections: Dec. 2nd 6:00 p.m., potluck, white elephant gift exchange limit is \$20.00, please bring a gift that is equestrian themed. Location will be Larry & Gail Fenkell's house at 7565 Bluff View Way, Golden Valley, Reno.

 **PLEASE RSVP TO DODI ASAP IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE CHRISTMAS PARTY!** 

December Food Drive: The annual Channel 2 Share Your Christmas Food Drive event will be December 8th. Larry and Jerry will be packing and Jim will bring the mini's Oliver and Maggie. Anyone else interested in coming as riders or packers or ground support are welcome. Jerry will let us know what time.

Jerry's Year in Review:

Due to the heavy snow pack this year some scheduled events had to be cancelled.

Thank you Jim, Lynne and Donna for manning our annual 4-H Tack Sale booth and tending to the mini's.

We had an awesome turnout at the annual Comstock Equine Expo with Jerry and Don packing horses and mules, many members manning our booth and the mini's, and Dodi did a great job as our announcer. Thank you all for coming out that day.

Scout Camp was still underwater so the annual Scout Camp weekend in May was moved to another camp. The weather wasn't good but Jerry and Don got in some great training with packing Don's mules for the first time.

A huge thank you to Teri Tatom for organizing the Horse Camping & Packing Expo in June at Washoe Lake State Park, and to all the members who participated and endured the hot weather.

Nine members turned out for the annual Chuck Shepherd Memorial Hitching Post Maintenance event at Thomas Creek in June followed by a potluck lunch and ride. It was a great day of work, riding, good food and storytelling.

Several members were able to participate in the FNOW Cottonwood Creek Trail project in July. Though it was scheduled as a statewide project and only High Sierra Chapter members attended, it was a great week. We were able to clear a trail that had been unusable for the past 8 or 9 years and fix a portion that had been unpassable. Jerry has heard kudos and thanks from hunters and hikers now using the trail. The group drove into Belmont for their 4th of July Celebration and everyone was amazed at the awesome party and patriotism that Belmont puts on with hundreds of people driving in from all over.

Jerry and Terry packed in a FONW trail crew to Emerald Lake in the Jarbidge Wilderness in July. They came across a 35 tree blow-down on the trail that had to be cleared before they could get into the lake camp. It was a ten mile pack-in and by weeks end about 24 miles of trail were cleared.

Larry, Gail and their young grandson Kai participated in the FONW God's Pocket Trail work trip with some members of the Elko chapter in August. Larry reported they'd ridden about 80 miles, cleared a lot of trail, got some fishing in and had a great week.

The club is hoping to get more work trips and fun trips in during 2018, and some members are looking forward to participating in the creation of trails and equine camping facilities in the new Walker River State Recreation Area beginning in the spring.

Club members applauded Jerry for his hard work as President this year. We appreciate you Jerry!

Upcoming Events:

12/2/17 Christmas Party & Elections at Larry & Gail Fenkell's house 6:00

12/8/17 Annual Channel 2 Share Your Christmas Food Drive at the GSR to deliver our food donations via packhorses.

The annual BCH Nevada State Meeting in Tonapah is tentatively scheduled for February 24th, and the annual BCHA National Meeting will be in Spokane, Washington in April.

6. Adjournment:

There being no further business, Larry motioned, Larry seconded, and the meeting adjourned.

Membership dues of \$45.00 for singles and \$60.00 for families are due at the Christmas Party on December 2nd.