

Back County Horsemen of Nevada - High Sierra Chapter 501

P.O. Box 19324, Reno, Nevada 89511

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

2. **Officer Reports:**

President's Report:

- a. Jerry reported he has had individual meetings with some members to discuss thoughts on the club's status and direction, and he will set up meetings with the members he hasn't met with soon. He thanks everyone he has met with to-date.
- b. Jerry reports Friends of Nevada Wilderness is working on scheduling some projects for this summer but most will be in central or northeast Nevada this year. He did commit to helping them work on the Cottonwood Creek trail on Table Mountain sometime in August.
- c. Upon speaking with members of the Eastern Trails Coalition, Jerry reports he will be on the Board and he we will be able to set up our own trail working projects without having to schedule through the actual Coalition.
- d. Larry and Jerry will soon begin visiting other area horse clubs to introduce our club and solicit people who may be interested in joining us for trail work.

Vice President's Report:

- a. Larry has been looking into alternate meeting locations. He mentioned Pinocchio's Bar & Grill near Meadowood Mall as having a large meeting room that would fit our club well. Other sites mentioned were Black Bear Diner in Sparks, Denney's, and the Gold n Silver restaurant.

- b. Larry is still looking for input on the possibility of creating club participation awards. He researched belt buckles that cost between \$80 to \$100 each. There was discussion about making up a club solicitation letter members could present to businesses when soliciting to procure donated award prizes.
- c. Larry would also like to reproduce new member packets the club used to give out to new members, and he'd like to institute a mentorship program for new members to help them get involved in club activities.

Secretary's Report:

- a. Dodi reported we have eight individual memberships and eight family memberships according to information received from the treasurer. She will provide Jerry with the names of members who haven't yet submitted their annual membership dues.

Treasurers' Report:

- a. Jeannie was unable to attend. Jim reported we received a check for dues in today's mail and once that is deposited our bank balance will be \$1415.21. He will be attending the state meeting on Saturday and will bring the required state dues check and national meeting fee to Tonapah.

3. **Presentation:** The guest speaker was unable to attend.

4. **Old Business:**

- a. Jerry reports we had six riders and a nice ride on January 28th in Washoe Valley. We had 14 people for the potluck and calendar meeting afterward at Jerry's house. Thank you to everyone who participated. If anyone wants to sponsor an event, please let us know and we'll get it posted to our website calendar.
- b. Jim, Donna and Lynne manned our booth at the annual 4H Tack Sale on February 12th. Jim took our two miniature horse mascots, and they met some nice people and distributed club materials to those interested.
- c. Jerry reminded us the annual BCHNV state meeting will be this Saturday. He read through the agenda and gave us an overview on some of the items that will be discussed. One item is membership voting rights, and it is hereby recorded that Larry, Gail and Jim were nominated to be our voting members for the state meeting this year according to our membership numbers. Jim will bring the check for the state org and Dodi will provide the

contact for information that she has on file. Among other items, there will be discussion on the secretary/treasurer position, and Jerry will recommend the state president and treasurer position be from the same area, i.e. Bristlecone, High Sierra, or Carson Valley, for the convenience of check signing requirements. The election of 2017 officers will occur at the state meeting with Jerry and Harlene on the ballot. If anyone is interested in running for a state position, please let Jerry know before Friday.

5. **New Business:**

- a. We recently received information on supplemental insurance available to members through BCHA. Dodi will forward the information to members by email.
- b. Donna and Jim will set up a booth at the Friends of Nevada Wilderness event What Can I do – ECO Edition at Cathexis, 250 Bell St., Reno, on March 12th from 11:00 to 2:00. This is a recruitment event for trail work volunteers.
- c. The date for Sabine's ride and tack cleaning event has been changed from 2/25 to 2/26 with butts in saddles at 11:30 a.m. For further information, please contact Sabine.
- d. Jerry will be developing an event participation document to be used for future activities. This document will include information about the project leader, event particulars, and a member sign-up sheet. More details and discussion of this will be forthcoming.

Upcoming Events:

1. The BCHNV state meeting is 2/18/17 from 10:00 to 2:00.
2. Sabine's ride and tack cleaning is 2/26/17 at 11:30.
3. Information only: the Saddle Trained Wild Horse Adoption event will be held on February 25th at the No. Nevada Correctional Center in Carson City.
4. The BCH California annual Rendezvous will be held in Bishop on March 17th thru 19th.

6. **Adjournment:**

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