

**Back County Horsemen of Nevada - High Sierra Chapter 501**

**P.O. Box 19324, Reno, Nevada 89511**

March 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 7:05 p.m. at Black Bear Diner, Reno.

2. **Guest Speaker:**

Due to a scheduling conflict Samantha Powell will speak at our April meeting.

3. **Approval of February Minutes:** Larry motioned, Don seconded, Minutes approved.

4. **Officer Reports:**

President's Report:

- a. Jerry advised of several Friends of Nevada Wilderness events coming this summer: Wilderness First Aid class at Galena Creek Park on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>; Arc Dome Wilderness trail work June 16<sup>th</sup> thru 23<sup>rd</sup>; Table Mountain/Cottonwood Canyon trail work June 30<sup>th</sup> thru July 7<sup>th</sup> (possibly BCHNV joint project); Jarbidge Wilderness trail work July 14<sup>th</sup> thru 21<sup>st</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup> thru Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>. FONW is requesting pack support for these trips.
- b. Jerry was not able to attend the most recent Eastern Sierra Trails Coalition meeting but will attend the next one and report back to the club.

Vice President's Report:

- a. Larry is still gathering information on possible new club meeting locations and will give suggestions at our April meeting.
- b. Larry is still looking for input on the possibility of creating club participation awards. Please contact him with suggestions.

Secretary's Report:

- a. Dodi reported as of tonight we have 11 individual memberships and eight family memberships. Welcome new member Rosanne Mather! We're happy to have you.

Treasurers' Report:

- a. Jeannie was unable to attend.

5. **Old Business:**

- a. Jerry reminded members our calendar is a living document. Please contact him or Dodi if you want to sponsor an event and we'll add it to the calendar.
- b. Jerry reported the Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> event was cancelled due to lack of member sign-up.
- c. Jerry and several other members attended the annual BCHNV state meeting in Tonopah last month. New state organization officers are:

President: Jerry Williams - 775-313-6025

Vice President: Danny Riddle - 775-779-2283

Secretary/Treasurer: Harlene Shepherd – 775-233-4715

Other items reported from the State meeting include:

- Each chapter gave a verbal synopsis of their club's activities for last year,
- Not all chapters delivered their annual volunteer hours report as required which slowed the State org's report to the National org office,
- Liability insurance was discussed and it was decided each chapter will be responsible for purchasing their own insurance. Jerry asked Harlene to provide him with a written treasurer's report within 30 days that includes current and forecasted expenses. When he receives this report a committee will review it and determine how much money, if any, can be returned to chapters to help pay for insurance for this year, as well as determine how much lower each chapter's annual dues to the State org can be in future years,

- A committee is currently reviewing the State org By-Laws and they will provide recommendations for updates within six months for review and vote,
- A discussion was held about the duties and responsibilities of members elected to be state delegates to the annual national meeting. Each delegate is allotted up to \$1000 for expenses. The expenses will be reimbursed from the State org only after the delegates submit an expense report with receipts to the State Treasurer,
- Carson chapter member Jan Koval is the BCHNV rep for the BLM Public Lands Committee, and she recently sent out a survey each BCHA member needs to complete and submit back to her as soon as possible,
- Nevada has 45 designated wilderness areas and 63 designated wilderness study areas. Right now only ranchers and miners have any say in the use of these lands. In April or May the BLM will be hosting a field trip and members from BCHNV will be attending and speaking up about the necessity of other people and groups being included in discussions on public land use in Nevada,
- Ideas for fundraisers were discussed. The Bristlecone chapter produces an annual picture yearbook on projects and events they've had through the year and chapter members purchase these yearbooks as a fundraiser for the chapter,
- Bristlecone also discussed they have been writing grants and receiving grant money that has helped them purchase items for their club that include tools and a trailer for storing and transporting things to their events. They also did a show and tell about lumber bunks they produce and sell as a fundraiser,
- If anyone is interested in a crosscut saw training, please contact Chip at the Carson Valley chapter about a certification class,
- The State org officers will be having quarterly meetings this year in person, by email, or through teleconference to talk about ongoing issues that affect BCHNV,
- Due to current financial concerns State officers voted not to fund a BCHNV newsletter this year but may vote to fund one next year,
- Personal Equisure Liability insurance is available to members of BCHA for annual fees of \$20 for individuals and \$40 for families. Dodi previously emailed this information to HSC members.

## 6. New Business:

- a. The May 20<sup>th</sup> event has been cancelled as Don has to work that weekend. The Peterson's Mountain fun pack trip will be moved to May 19, 20 and 21<sup>st</sup>. Dodi will change the calendar to reflect these changes.
- b. The annual Comstock Equine Expo at Bartley Ranch will be May 13<sup>th</sup>. Jim will set up our club booth and bring the mini horses, and Jerry asked for members join him to create a pack train presentation in the arena. Don will check his calendar and bring his mules if he's available. Club members are encouraged to show up and participate in either the pack train or at our information booth. Jerry volunteered to pay the \$25 booth fee.
- c. The Friends of Nevada Wilderness has paid summer job openings for trail workers. If you know of anyone 18 years old and older, the application deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Jerry is developing a project/event sign-up sheet. When members sign-up to participate in upcoming events, they will pay a \$5.00 participation fee to help with expenses. The project/event leader will determine if this \$5.00 fee will be sufficient to cover expenses if food and/or drinks are provided, but if the \$5.00 isn't sufficient the cost of expenses will be split between participants. If members sign-up but don't show up, fees paid will be deposited into the club's bank account and are not refundable. More details coming soon.
- e. Jerry announced the creation of our first annual BCHNV Horse Camping and Packing Expo to be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Washoe Lake State Park from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Some members will arrive on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and camp in the designated equine camping area. Flyers and brochures were distributed. If members took flyers to distribute for advertising, please contact Teri Tatom at 775-720-2966 or [teri3bays@gmail.com](mailto:teri3bays@gmail.com) and let her know where you posted them. There will be no reservations for the Herd Dynamics clinic. If more than 20 people show up, a second clinic will be added.

## 7. Upcoming Events:

- a. BCH California Annual Rendezvous, Bishop, CA Fairgrounds, 3/17 – 3/19
- b. Scout Camp trail work and ride, Cinco de Mayo, 5/5 – 5/7
- c. Comstock Equine Expo, Bartley Ranch, 5/13
- d. Peterson's Mountain Fun Pack Trip, Red Rock Road, 5/19 – 5/21

e. BCHNV High Sierra Chapter Horse Camping and Packing Expo, Washoe Lake, 6/3

8. **Adjournment:**

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