

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

### **March 21, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

<b><u>President</u></b>	<b>Jim Dragoo</b>	<b><u>Director</u></b>	<b>Jerry Williams</b>
<b><u>Vice President</u></b>	<b>John Pocino</b>	<b><u>Director</u></b>	<b>Larry Fenkell</b>
<b><u>Secretary</u></b>	<b>Dodi Broker</b>	<b><u>Director</u></b>	<b>Don Biehle</b>
<b><u>Treasurer</u></b>	<b>Jeannie Dragoo</b>		

1. **Call to Order:** Jim called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Black Bear Diner.
2. **Approval of February Minutes:** Jerry motioned to approve February minutes, Dave seconded, minutes approved.
3. **Speaker:** Park Ranger Steve Miklus presented information on the new Walker River State Park and solicited club input for developing equestrian camps and trails within the new park. Several club members will travel to Pitchfork Ranch to meet with Rangers on April 7<sup>th</sup> to tour the area and discuss recommendations on how our club can participate in the development of facilities and trails for equestrians.
4. **Officer Reports:**  
  

<b><u>President:</u></b>	Jim reported the insurance premium for 2018-19 is \$553 and is due mid-April.
<b><u>Vice President:</u></b>	John composed a letter to send to people who expressed interest in our club and gave us their email addresses at the 4H Tack Sale this year. Upon approval, Dodi will distribute the letter.
<b><u>Secretary:</u></b>	Dodi reported we have 6 single and 11 family paid memberships to-date
<b><u>Treasurer:</u></b>	Jeannie reported our account balance is \$350 and she continues to take in donations and shop for the annual food drive in December.
5. **Old Business:**

Jerry reported on items discussed at the annual BCHNV state meeting in Tonopah on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Several High Sierra Chapter members were able to attend the meeting. Among items discussed was insurance, edits to by-laws, and new club membership cards that will allow members to receive discounts at REI and other businesses.

Jerry also discussed new contacts with the Forest Service who have shown interest in getting our help with some trail projects this year. Jerry will be staying in contact with the Forest Service, State Parks, and Friends of Nevada Wilderness to schedule work projects. Jerry and Larry will also be organizing a work project somewhere mid-state for all BCH Nevada chapters to participate in this summer.

## 6. New Business:

Insurance: Jim reported our current account balance will not cover the insurance premium due mid-April. After discussion, Terry G. and Don B. very generously donated \$100 each to the club to cover the insurance payment and Dodi will donate \$50 to the club to ensure a minimum balance of \$100 remains in the account. **THANK YOU !!**

**Fundraising:** John discussed fundraising and presented the idea of a fundraiser he's previously participated in which involves having all club members make ticket sales and then a raffle where one of the ticket buyers receives a fixed cash award with the club retaining the rest of the money collected from the sales.

Discussion ensued about this idea and others mentioned the idea of having a club rummage sale set-up at a public location during the annual Golden Valley Community Rummage Sale. This idea would require all club members to participate not only in donating sale items but also in manning the tables during the event – likely a Saturday and not all three days of the Golden Valley community event. Dodi mentioned receiving an email in regard to a local eatery offering the use of their facilities for a morning or afternoon fundraising event in which the eatery donates a percentage of their sales during the fundraiser hours to the club. She will attempt to find the email and learn more specifics. Fundraising ideas and discussions will continue at our April meeting.

**Public Comment:** Marian is looking for a well-broke family trail horse between about age 8 to 16 so members please contact her if you know of any reliable sources with a horse for sale.

### Upcoming Events:

- Apr. 7      **CHANGE:** Lemmon Valley ride rescheduled  
Several members will be traveling to Pitchfork Ranch at the Walker River State Park on April 7<sup>th</sup> to meet with rangers to discuss equestrian facilities. Contact Jerry.
- Apr. 13-15    BCH California Annual Rendezvous, Paso Robles, CA
- Apr. 21<sup>st</sup>    Lemmon Valley to Golden Valley Roundtrip Day Ride, 10:30 a.m. The plan is to ride from Donna's house to Larry's house, eat BYO lunch and ride back to Donna's. TBA: potluck BBQ at Donna's. This is a weather-permitting event. Contact: Dodi
- Apr. 28      Jerry: Washoe Lake State Park Equine Obstacle Course Maintenance 10:00 a.m. Contact Jerry.

**MEMBERS: PLEASE RSVP TO DODI (229-3386) IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>, the April 21<sup>st</sup> or the April 28<sup>th</sup> events!**

## 7. Adjournment

There being no further business - motion made, seconded, and meeting adjourned.