

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

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

May 17, 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 7:04 p.m. at Black Bear Diner.

Everyone present introduced themselves and we welcomed visitors John and Kurt.

2. **Approval of April Minutes:** Lynne motioned, Don seconded, all in favor. Minutes approved.

3. **Officer Reports:**

President's Report:

Jerry reported the Scout Camp Cinco de Mayo event was moved to Delta Camp due to Scout Camp being underwater. It wasn't a good weather weekend, but Jerry and Don got some training in with their horses and mules.

Vice President's Report:

Larry reported the Peterson's Mountain Pack Trip for the weekend of May 19<sup>th</sup> is cancelled due to snow on the mountain and inaccessible trails.

Secretary's Report:

Dodi reported as of tonight we have 12 single memberships and 9 family memberships. Welcome to new member Larry Reichelt!

Treasurers' Report:

Jeannie reported our current bank balance is \$933.00.

#### **4. Presentation**

Kurt Kuznicki of Friends of Nevada Wilderness spoke about upcoming trail work projects for summer 2017. Scheduled to-date are:

6/2 – 6/10 Orientation & Training Reno Hunter Creek Mt. Rose

6/16 – 6/23 Toiyabe Crest Trail Sheep Canyon Arc Dome

6/30 – 7/7 Cottonwood Canyon, Table Mountain, Barley Creek Trailhead

This is a joint project with the BCH High Sierra Chapter and Elko Chapter and the Carson Valley and Las Vegas chapters have been invited.

There will be trail work but also trailhead work involved with this trip.

7/14 – 7/21 God's Pocket, Jarbidge

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8/11 – 8/18 Finish Summit Trail or Andomo Creek Santa Rosa

8/25 – 9/1 Winchell Lake East Humboldts, Ruby Mountains

9/8 – 9/15 Berry Creek, North & South High Schells

9/22 – 9/28 Timber Creek & Piermont High Schells

9/29 Debrief / Clean up

#### **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. Another reminder: personal liability insurance is available to members through Equisure. Information on this program is available on the BCHA website.

- c. Donna reminded members of the upcoming Cabela's Kids summer programs at the Cabela's store. There are two mid-week events we could participate in if interested.
- d. Jim reported on the annual Comstock Equine Expo held on May 13th at Bartley Ranch. Thank you to members who came out to help man our club booth and to Jerry Williams, Larry Fenkell, and Don Biehle for bringing horses and mules for the arena demonstration.

## **6. New Business:**

- a. Jerry gave a brief on the BCHA National Meeting in Montana in April. 2016 stats include BCHA volunteer work valuations of \$8 million and with other valuations added in BCHA members across the country contributed over \$13 million in volunteer work in 2016.
- b. The new BCHA management team is working on upgrading the website and membership rosters. If anyone did not receive the April newsletter in the mail, please let Dodi know and she will notify our state contact with that information and our updated membership roster.
- c. If anyone would like to submit articles to the BCHA management team for inclusion in quarterly newsletters, please send them directly to [Deborah.bcha@gmail.com](mailto:Deborah.bcha@gmail.com).
- d. Next year's national meeting will be held in Spokane, Washington. While the Nevada state org can contribute \$1000 per elected representative to attend this meeting, please be aware that \$1000 does not normally cover all the expenses for traveling to national meetings.
- e. A BCH California chapter was invited to ride in the Rose Parade this year. If that group is asked to ride again in the future, they will reach out to other chapters to participate as well so there would be a large turnout to represent BCHA across the country.
- f. A lot of information about BCHA comes out of the annual national meeting, so please contact Jerry directly if you have questions about other topics that were discussed.
- g. Jerry and Larry attended the Elko chapter meeting on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. This new chapter has elected to have quarterly club meetings instead of monthly meetings. Jerry asked HSC members to consider whether or not we'd like to change our meetings to quarterly as well, and this can be discussed at a later date.
- h. Members are asked to participate in a letter writing campaign to our state congressmen in regard to H.R. 1349 – which is being pushed by a small group of mountain bicyclists who want to amend the Wilderness Act to allow mountain bikers access to the 3% of designated

wilderness areas where they are currently prohibited. The International Mountain Bicycling Association does not support this small group called Sustainable Trails Coalition (STC) in this endeavor. Please email your congressman by going to their website, and/or by sending letters to their regional offices. Congressman Mark Amodei recently replied to Dodi's letter with the apparent opinion that allowing mountain bikes into designated wilderness areas would be good. Dodi shared his letter to all HSC members via email. Mountain bikes are currently allowed access to 97% of public land with only 3% set aside for hikers and equestrians-only in designated wilderness areas. Please let your opinions be known by contacting your representatives as soon as possible.

- i. The upcoming BCH High Sierra Chapter Horse Camping & Packing Expo being held at Washoe Lake State Park on June 3<sup>rd</sup> will open at 11:00 a.m. though some members will arrive by 8:00 or 9:00 a.m. to setup. General admission is \$25.00 for non-members and children aged 17 and under will be admitted free if accompanied by parents. We need tack sale items. Please deliver items to Jim Dragoo or Jerry Williams and have a price tag and your name attached to each item. The donation to our club is to be 10% of the price sold. Thank you Ann and Rosan for volunteering to man the refreshments booth. All members are encouraged to come visit and hang out at the expo between 11:00 – 5:00.
- j. Dodi has a conflict and cannot attend the June 25<sup>th</sup> Chuck Shepherd Hitching Rail event at Thomas Creek. Jim and Jeannie Dragoo volunteered to organize the event.
- k. Jeannie gave a report on food drive funds and ongoing shopping efforts.
- l. Rosan won the evening's raffle and Donna presented about \$14 to the general fund.

## **7. Upcoming Events:**

- a. BCHNV High Sierra Chapter Horse Camping and Packing Expo, Washoe Lake, 6/3.
- b. Chuck Shepherd Memorial Hitching Post Maintenance Potluck, 6/25

**8. Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Don B. moved to adjourn the meeting, Terry G. seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned.