Back County Horsemen of Nevada - High Sierra Chapter 501 P.O. Box 19324, Reno, Nevada 89511

September 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes

PresidentJerry WilliamsDirectorJim DragooVice PresidentLarry FenkellDirectorLynne LiebeltSecretaryDodi BrokerDirectorTeri Tatom

<u>Treasurer</u> Jeannie Dragoo

1. Call to Order:

Jerry called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at Black Bear Diner.

- **2.** Approval of July Minutes: (no Minutes for August) Larry motioned, Gail seconded. Minutes approved.
- **3.** <u>Guest Speaker:</u> Author Terri Farley gave a presentation about her research and experience with wild horses and discussed her <u>Wild at Heart</u> book series.

4. Officer Reports:

President's Report:

Jerry reported the next Eastern Sierra Trails Coalition meeting is 9/21/17 and he believes they're still working on organizing work to be done by contractors with volunteer trail work to begin next year.

Jerry and Terry packed for Friends of Nevada Wilderness (FNOW) in Jarbidge in July and they cleared about 26 miles of trail. The mules did fine but the horses had issues with the hard packed road and rocks leading to the trailhead. Jerry recommends using good boots or shoes. The regular trail footing was fine.

There was good turnout at the August BBQ and Jerry thanked Larry & Gail for hosting.

Vice President's Report:

Larry, Gail, their grandson and some members of the Elko Chapter packed for the FONW Winchell Lake work trip and had a great time. He estimates they rode about 72 miles, got some trails cleared and did some fishing. Larry reports its rough but very beautiful country.

Secretary's Report:

Dodi reported we have 13 single memberships and 9 family memberships.

In July, Jerry asked members to email Dodi their willingness to commit to working on the new Walker River State Park to ensure equine facilities and trails are built. He wants a good idea of how many club members would help with this big project before he committed our club's participation to the Parks Service. To-date members who have committed to helping (calendars permitting) are Donna, Dodi, Don B., Jerry, Teri, Larry and Gail.

Treasurers' Report:

Jim reported for Jeannie our PO Box fee is paid through April, 2018 and our bank balance is \$680.00. He read a note from Jeannie about the balance of the food bank kitty and requesting more donations before the first of December.

5. New Business

Jerry asked for two or three volunteers to form an elections committee to make calls and inquire of members about running for club officer positions in December. No one volunteered. If no members are willing to fill officer positions for 2018 we will disband the club in January.

Discussion was held about the monetary limit for gifts at our Christmas Party. Larry motioned and Jerry seconded, all in favor, the limit is set at \$20.

6. Old Business:

The Leavitt Meadows trip was cancelled as no one confirmed to attend.

Jerry asked if everyone at the meeting have been receiving the BCHA quarterly newsletter and everyone answered in the affirmative.

There was some discussion about the new Walker River State Park and the need for equine clubs to participate as there are many other entities, including OHV clubs, pushing to be heard about their desire to use the trails.

7. <u>Upcoming Events:</u>

9/22 FONW Timber Creek trip – pack support not needed but volunteers always welcome.

New: 10/7 Ride and byo lunch, Washoe Lake State Park arena, from 10:00 to 2:00ish. Please email Dodi if you plan to attend.

10/27 Annual Scout Camp Fall camp and ride weekend, contact is Donna.

8. Adjournment:

There being no further business, Jim moved to adjourn the meeting, Larry F. seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned.