High Sierra Chapter
April 15, 2026

Call meeting to order

Welcome everyone!

Officer's Reports

President

Reminder: I am hard of hearing and side conversations make it hard for me to stay on task. Also, a reminder to please silence your cell phones during the meeting.

I want to thank Terry Gram, Marv Davis and Don Daniel for helping me get the High line poles installed at the Washoe Lake State Park equestrian camping area. 4 poles, 50 feet apart for 150 of high line, they are 7 feet high and each post is buried in 42 inches of concrete.

With AN EXTRA THANK YOU to Terry for supplying the poles and welding the ties.

Apologies for the last-minute cancellation for Sunday's ride. Thank to Jamie for reminding me to cancel the ride. Cancelled due to weather.

Vice President

Rendezvous - 27 participants have signed up as of today

June meeting – approved to hold at camp on June 10th

Trading Post - members can sell/buy tack, equipment, etc.

Consignment: 90/10 (Seller keeps 90%,Club keeps 10%)

Treasurer

Beginning balance	$5533.01
Deposits	$420.00 for new memberships
Debit	$1,348.00 State Membership for Club; $250 to support National Delegate
Ending balance	$4,605.01
Food drive balance	$32.00 raised last month

Old Business

Tax exempt status (in progress)

Hoping to get an appointment with IRS to change our status from a 501 C4 to a 501 C3

C4 is for political donations

C3 is for non-profits

Rides

As you all know I cancelled the Thomas Creek ride this last Sunday due to weather. I drove up there just in case someone didn't get the memo. It was snowing, blowing and temps kept changing back and forth from 29 to 32 degrees.

Tack Sale

Jamie and Gary attended. The annual 4-H tack sale has been handed off to a new group, the Spanish Springs High School Rodeo Team. They did okay, but realized it was more work than they anticipated. It is uncertain if they will still host the event for 2027 or not. Overall though the tack sale seemed successful. Even though crowds were not as large as in previous year's, many purchases were made. There were also other various equine events the same weekend which may have impacted turnout. This event may need more time to build back up with the new group. We may want to wait until 2028 before considering paying for tables as a vendor to promote our club. We can reassess in 2027 to watch for progress.

Any other old business?

New Business

The Reno Pops Orchestra is doing an animal themed performance on May 16th. They have ask if we would like a table to advertise what we do before and at intermission. Would anyone like to join me in manning the table?

7pm at UNR Church of Fine Arts – Nightingale Concert Hall

Please contact Jerry if interested in helping.

Nevada Outdoor Experience asked if we would like to have a booth at the Carson City Shotgun Range June 27th. It's from 9AM until 1PM. We have done this in the past I hope we can do this again since the people going are hunters and shooters that utilize many backcountry areas and resources.

Any other new business?

Projects

Gary can you give us an update on Meadowview project?

Gary was able to coordinate with the USFS Plumas County rangers. Two 14 foot gates were purchased by USFS Plumas County from Big R along with gate and necessary hardware for installation. Gary was able to deliver the gates to Meadowview campground and securely store them. Photos for confirmation of delivery were sent to the rangers. We will look at planning out project dates after the June Rendezvous/ Memorial Day holiday as USFS Plumas County campgrounds are not yet open or available to work on. Any volunteers will be required to fill out paperwork to log hours. Volunteers must

also have completed and paid for a current 2026 membership due to insurance purposes. Proper PPE attire will be necessary on working projects. Once dates are set for project work, an email will be sent out to the club for any volunteer sign-ups rather than contacting Gary by phone. Gary will be further talking with the Carson Ranger District for possible future opportunities with the Tahoe Rim Trail organization assisting with equestrian and pack stock access/use; packing opportunities along trail by installing hitching rails; and may include helping to add relay spots along routes. Gary is also looking into possible work opportunities with Washoe County Parks & Recreation division under volunteer agreements with other groups.

Is there anyone available to do a last minute/minimal notice fence repair at Washoe Lake State Park? Someone crashed though the fence with their car.

Those at the meeting discussed meeting Wednesday, April 22nd at 10am. Meet at the equestrian area. Bring fencing pliers, gloves and a lunch. This will be a project only. No ride is planned for after project.

Monthly Rides

April Ride – Rescheduled to April 25th

Thomas Creek

Butts in the saddle by 9am

May Ride - May 17th

Galena Park White Creek ride (4-5 hours)

Meet at Galena Park Equestrian Trailhead

Butts in the saddle at 9am

Other Possible Rides & Dates

May 30th – Ophir Creek at 9am

Side Note:

California has updated its bear spray use policy

*No bear spray is allowed within any National Park in California

Meeting Adjourned at 7:56pm