# High Sierra Chapter

March 18, 2026

1. **Call meeting to order -** Welcome everyone!
    - Reminder: I am hard of hearing and side conversations make it hard for me to stay on task.

2. **Officer's Reports**

**President**

**<u>Membership Dues</u>**

**DUE BY END OF MONTH – March 31st**

| * Membership dues are due at the beginning of each year * |
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| Memberships not received by March 31st will be removed from our club roster and email communications |

- We still have a few folks that have not renewed their membership yet. Give your checks to Toni so she can verify type of membership, and the names of those who are on each individual and family membership. I've ask her to clean up our membership roster, so we send our minutes and information to only current members.
    - Individual: 1 person
    - Family: 2 or more people, close relatives/immediate family that are living together

- If you are mailing in your dues, please include all the information mentioned above and mail to:

    BCH-HSC
    P.O. Box 19324
    Reno, NV 89511

**Vice President**

- Board meeting: assigned roles and responsibilities to new board members.
    - Gary will be the trails and training coordinator
    - Tammy is our event coordinator
    - Mari is our social media coordinator
        - We are working on creating/editing the website
            - Working with Holly + Paula Lenz for access
        - FB will also be updated

**Treasurer**

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| Beginning balance | $5,590.22 |
| Deposits | $45.00 |
| Debit | $102.21 (for annual state report) |
| Ending balance | $5,553.01 |

**Old Business**

Toni, Don and I attended the BCHNV State in Tonopah February 21st.

- We presented changes to update the state by-laws. Changes were discussed and all approved**.**
- A couple individuals were identified for their continued above and beyond contributions to the organization. Vickie Riddle from the High Desert Chapter Given a new slicker and Jerry Williams given a BCHA 50 anniversary belt buckle.
- Steve Clifford was elected as our new BCHNV state president
- Tax exempt status (in work)
    - Hoping to get an appointment with IRS to change our status from a 501 C 4 to a 501 C 3
    - C4 is for political donations
    - C3 is for non-profits

March Ride Summary:

- Thank you to Karen Kibbie for hosting a fun, impromptu day riding at her home, and Vivian for the Terry Gram birthday lunch on March 8th.
- March 14th we had 9 members show up for a recon ride down the Mexican Ditch Trail at the Silver Saddle Ranch in Carson City.
- Upcoming: Sunday, March 22 at Washoe Lake (see notes below)

**New Business**

**2026 June Rendezvous:** June 7-12

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE AN ACTIVE, PAID 2026 MEMBERSHIP TO PARTICIPATE AT THE JUNE RENDEZVOUS

- Due to insurance, no outside or non-members will be allowed to join
- Terry and Lolly will only be cooking dinners Monday through Friday evenings.
    - Cost for meals will be figured out once we have a menu and have purchased the food.

**Please let Toni and I know by April 15 if you are coming, so we know how much food we should buy.**

**Toni 530 219-2538** (please send RSVP via text)
**Jerry 775 313-6025** (please send RSVP via text)

- We have members that have volunteered trailers to accommodate hauling to the different rides.
    - 3 stock trailers
- Tammy is organizing a poker ride for Friday.
- Recon rides are in progress to assess trail access
    - Thomas Creek
    - Virginia City
    - Ophir Creek
    - Galena/Jones Loop
    - Tahoe Rim Ride 88/89 to TRT to Shower's Lake
        - 6-8 hour trail ride

**Upcoming Projects**:

- Washoe Lake State Park
    - This Sunday, March 22
    - 10:00am show up at the equestrian area gazebo
    - Installing high line poles with a group ride afterwards

- Doyle Grade
    - After the government shutdown, rangers have gotten our project back on the map.
    - Gary is working with them to order up 2 access gates
        - Big R in Sparks
    - Once items are ordered and picked up, a project date will be coordinated with the rangers
    - We will email out to members for project sign up
        - Will likely be after Memorial Day

**April Rides**

- Sunday, April 12th
    - Butts in the saddle 9:00 AM
    - Thomas Creek to Jones creek, riding by dry pond.
    - Crossing fingers the snow is gone by then.
    - Jerry will be checking to see the haul time from park to trailhead and ride time to account for time needed at rendezvous.
        - Trail Time: ~3-4 hours round trip
- TBD: Possible 2nd ride at end of month

**Program Presentation**

- Don Daniel: Bear spray vs handgun – Protecting yourself on the trail
    - How many members own handgun?
    - How many members own bear spray?
    - Today's focus is on bear spray
        - Proper holster and readily accessible
        - Proficiency with your gun, bear spray, but especially when aiming on a moving target
            - Recommended to carry both for full protection
                - Use bear spray first, gun second
            - Practice carry, using, accessing your firearm/spray
        - Conceal carry vs Open carry
            - Open carry and conceal carry laws vary from state to state
            - Note: It is illegal to use bear spray in all National Parks in California
            - Note: California is also very strict about gun laws
                - Know before you go
        - Always treat your bear spray like a loaded weapon
            - Do not keep in hot vehicle or trailer
            - Check expiration dates
        - How to use
            - Spray like you are spraying for bugs, continuous spray
            - Spray until empty
            - Aim a few feet off the ground, about height of bear chest (as aerosol rises)
            - LEAVE THE AREA & RETURN TO BASE
            - DO NOT CONTINUE YOUR HIKE
            - BEAR(S) MAY RETURN TO AREA
            - Bear spray can also be used as a deterrent to non-aggressive bears
                - Ex) Bear too close to camp
                    - Spray as a screen
                        - Irritates bear and they tend to leave the area

- Why do bears attack?
    - Typically to protect a food source or to protect offspring
- Recommended book:
    - Bears in the Backseat

**Adjourned at 7:57pm**