High Sierra Chapter

May 20, 2026

1. **Call meeting to order**

   Welcome every one

   Special welcome to guest/new members: Anne Windel (new/old member), Suzanne Johnson and Debbie Machen

2. **Officer's reports**

   President/VP

   Reminder: I am hard of hearing and side conversations make it hard for me to stay on task.

   Instead of Toni and I doing separate reports this month and then repeating our information, we have decided to do a joint report/open discussion in new business

   Next month's meeting will be during the Rendezvous not the third Wednesday. Put this in your phones/calendars.

   Be thinking of who you want for next year's officers. Toni and my terms are up and neither of us are going to run for another term/office next year.

   Treasurer Report

Beginning balance	$4,605.01
Deposits	$ 278.00
Debit	$ 383.52
Ending balance	$4,499.52
Food drive balance	$ 83.00

3. Old Business

- The Reno Pops Orchestra did a tribute to animal performance, May 16th. Debbie and I manned a booth to advertise BCHNV. Kind of a bust. Attendees came for a concert not interested in any of the info from the different organization booths or handouts.

- Recon and trail repair in April/May to prepare for the Rendezvous:
    - **April 7**: Install highline poles at Washoe Lake State Park. 4 people, 5 hours. Terry for supplied the poles and welding on the tie loops.
    - **April 22**: Washoe Lake fence repair. 5 people, 4 hrs, cleared sage brush out of damaged fencing, strung new fencing.
    - **April 25**: Thomas Creek trailhead to Jones Creek Trailhead going by dry pond. 7 riders, 4 hours round trip ride, good trail condition, two bridge crossing, beginner to intermediate trail
    - **May 3**: Galena Creek Jones Creek loop. 7 riders, 4 hours ride, brushing out and creek crossings need repairs required, intermediate/moderate trail
    - **May 17**: Galena Creek/Jones Creek loop maintenance ride. 6 riders, cleared trail going up, repaired creek crossing. Due to an unexpected, fast moving winter storm (wind and snow), no repairs done on the Jones Creek portion of trail. Hopefully we can address this prior to Rendezvous. TBD later in meeting.
    - **May 18**: Hope Valley to Showers Lake. 1 rider, 6-8 hours round trip to Round Lake trip (add an additional 2 hours to the ride if downed tree is cleared). Moderately steep dirt road first 40 minutes (2 ½ mile) to Scotts Lake. Scotts Lake Trail to Tahoe Rim trail (2 ½ miles) moderate trail, trail is in good condition. Tahoe Rim trail to Round Lake (2 ½ miles) moderate trail, in good condition. One bridge (you can ride through the creek). Only able to ride an additional ½ mile due to downed tree. Still a great ride with beautiful alpine lates.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2026 Rendezvous

* Food has been pre-purchased. Everyone who previously signed up is responsible for food payment in full regardless of how many nights they are going for the Rendezvous *

PAYMENT FOR FOOD IS CLOSED,

BUT ANY MEMBER CAN STILL RIDE

WITH US FOR THE RENDEZVOUS

- Who: We have 29 people signed up
- When: Entry to the equine campground will open at 12pm (noon), on Sunday, June 7th; prior event will be clearing out that morning.
- Food:

  - Terry and Lolly Jones coming from Las Vegas to cook dinners

  - Dinner Menu:

    Monday (6:30pm) – Chili, cornbread, sour cream, green onions, shredded cheese

    Tuesday (5:30pm) – BBQ Chicken, potato salad, Stag chili

    Wednesday (5:30pm) – Tri Tip, mashed potatoes, dinner rolls, green salad

    Tony Argento, cowboy poet, will be doing a show for us Wednesday night. Show starts promptly at 6:30pm.

    *** Please bring cash to help tip our entertainer.**

    Thursday (7pm) – Spaghetti, garlic bread, green salad

    Friday (5:30pm) – Taco Bar (carne asada or chicken), refried beans, Spanish rice

- We will provide coffee in the mornings

- Transport:
  - Steve Clifford has offered his stock trailer and truck.
  - Penny Tenpenny will bring 4H trailer (3 open spots) and her brother has offered use of his 6H stock trailer
  - Please remind me who can help and how many you can haul.

- Rides
  - Let's vote and put it on the calendar:

Options: Thomas Creek, Galena creek/Jones creek loop, Virginia city, Red Rock, Silver Saddle Ranch (Carson City)

Monday – Virginia City, 6 hrs round trip, moderate terrain; Possible option to pick up horses/riders at fairgrounds in VC for those that do not want to ride back down

Tuesday – Galena Creek/ Jones Creek, 4-6 hrs round trip, moderate/advanced terrain

Wednesday – Thomas Creek to White's Creek, 4-6 hours round trip; moderate terrain

Thursday - Hope Valley to Round Lake/Showers Lake, 6-8 hrs round trip; moderate terrain;

*** All rides listed above will DEPART WASHOE BASE CAMP promptly at 8:30am each morning ***

Friday - Poker ride at Washoe Lake State Park, 10am – 3:30pm

- Tammy is planning other evening events for the week:
  - Cornhole, horseshoes, music, etc
- Trading Post to sell your new/used tack, etc
  - 10% of proceeds to go to club

- BCH Poker Ride – Friday, June 12th at 10am
  - $25 entry fee – CASH ONLY
  - Entry covers 1 hand
  - $5 for each additional hand
  - Each station will have cards in a bag; disqualified if envelope is tampered with or opened; must be sealed
  - Top 5 awards

- Corrals & Water

  - There are only 8 corrals at the Washoe Lake Park Equestrian Campsite. If you have your own corrals and/or HiTie System(s), it is encouraged to bring them with you. Especially for those that plan to overnight with your horse(s).

  - Water is available on site. Bring your own water buckets, feed buckets, muck buckets, manure forks, etc to properly clean and care for your horse(s) and campsite.

  - Possible Safety Project? Discussion about adding reflective tape or paint to the metal Hi Line poles that were installed at the campground. This would increase visibility at night as there are no streetlights at campsites. Visibility to help people and horses safely navigate the area.
    - To include possibly bringing/adding a solar electric fence to go around the Hi Line area to deter any wild herds from harassing stock.

- Nevada Outdoor Experience
  - NOE has asked if we would like to have a booth at the Carson City Shotgun Range June 27th from 9AM until 1PM. We have done this in the past I hope I can get a couple of people to volunteer to join me manning a booth. High possibility of recruiting new members.

Any other new business?

- Ophir Creek Ride on May 30th is **CANCELLED**
- **Meadowview:**
  - FS has obtained gates. Gary is working with rangers to get support posts. Ideally these will be 8x8 and support posts will be 5x5. Also reaching out to Hazen yard to see if they may be able to donate a few railroad ties for the project.
  - FS expecting order of posts to take 3 weeks which keeps us on track for project to pick up after Rendezvous. Dates TBD.
- Topics for next meeting:
  - Who can go on planned rides?
    - Members vs non-members
  - Communication for rides and BCH events
    - Contacting someone in the group if you will be late. Even if you find out last minute that you can't go.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm