

Squaw Butte Back Country Horsemen – Chartered 3/92

11/6/2008 Regular Meeting Minutes

Name	Present
Adams, Rob & Linda	x
Argo, Doug & Teri	
Armstrong, Tom & Char	
Becker, Mike & Carol	
Berggren, Leon & Margaret	
Beyer, Tracy & Trisha	
Burak, Nadine	
Buthman, Tony & Tami	x
Carloy, Karen	
Carpenter, Vern & Judy	
Conger, Bill & Marybeth	x
Creamer, Kelley & Trudy	
Davis, Justin	x
Forman, Shell	
Foruria, Tony & Lisa	
Gaskell & Brasfield, Lou Ann & Bill	
Gertch, Shane & Korenia	
Gilmore, Kristin	
Gudmundsen, Bob	

Name	Present
Guinn, Letti	
Halone, Josh & Ester	
Harding, Bruce	
Hays, Linda	x
Hoffer, Rick & Vanice	
Holt, Bill & Chris	x
Howard, Bob & Christy	
Howard, Diana	
Howard, Donna	
Jarman, John & Ava	
Kayser, Gary & Rochelle	
King, George & Margie	
Knapp, Geraldine	
Lemon, Jake	
Lowe, Bill & Linda	
Lox & Knapp, Charles & Ellen	x
MacDonald, Terry & Gail	
Mallea & Collins, Ken & Nancy	
McFarlane, Timothy & Tempe	

Name	Present
Murphy, Dan & Brad	x
Nail, Ed	
Phillips, Dan & Linda	Linda
Pitzer, David & Patricia	
Poertner, Robert	
Roelofsz, Joy	
Ryan, Phil & Kay	Kay
Schantz, Shannon	x
Schindele, Robbin	
Seel, Jon & Dianne	
Selkirk, William	
Stroeder, Joanna	x
Truax, Ralph & Sharon	
Waddell, Gina	
Webb, Erika	
West, Alasya	
Wight, Ron & Judy	
Wood, Jack	

2008 SBBCH Officers and Board of Directors:

President: Ellen Knapp, **Vice President:** Tami Buthman, **Treasurer:** Charles Lox,

Secretary: Linda Phillips, Linda Hays

Past President: Ellen Knapp

State Directors (2): Joanna Stroeder (2), Robbin Schindele (1), **Alternate State Director:** Phil Ryan

Foundation Director: Margaret Berggren, **Alternate Foundation Director:** Bill Conger

Regular meeting brought to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Ellen Knapp

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Guests: Jennifer McCown, Dale Parker

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING

Motion to approve the September Meeting Minutes by Rob Adams, 2nd by Linda Adams and carried

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Checking Account Balance: \$ 9787.74

Deposits: \$ 1000.00 calendars (will go to the state)

Expenses: \$ 254.62 (stamps \$4.62, Gem Boise 4H \$150.00, Crohns & Colitis Foundation Memorial to Sally \$100.00)

Ending Checking Account Balance: \$ 10533.12

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Joanna Stroeder, 2nd by MaryBeth Conger and carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Liaison Report: Leon Berggren absent – Ellen reported- BLM sponsoring Four Rivers Resource Management Plan Economic Workshops to discuss conditions, trends and strategies with BLM managers and staff. The results from these workshops will be used as background in the development of the Resource Management Plan (RMP) and its associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Field Office. See email from Ellen.

Forest Service has provided an interim final rule on the new Forest Service Trails Classification System
See email from Ellen.

State Directors Report: Joanna Stroeder, Robbin Schindele, Phil Ryan -

November Convention: Joanna will not be able to make it to state convention in Salmon. Mary Beth – the convention is the one time we as members can make our voice heard to the state directors. Every chapter can have eight people voting. Anyone who wants to go, can, see MaryBeth. Phil, MaryBeth and Robbin going, Nov 14 & 15.
AIS (Animal Identification System) -MaryBeth - needs input on AIS from Squaw Butte chapter, support or not? – This program would be implemented by Department of Agriculture in animals, it does apply to equines. It could be mandatory, it is voluntary now. Pros - if problem with disease can track animals. Cons - Big Brother, general rule. Idaho Horse Council is supporting this due to health reasons. It has been discussed at state level. The tag would have GPS capability. Tony -There would have to be a property id for this to happen – would be a huge paper chase. Most horse organizations throughout the country are against it. Discussion. We have serious concerns about implementation and scope. Tony made a motion to send a directive to state directors that we as a chapter do NOT support AIS as currently written. Chris Holt seconded. Unanimously approved.

Education & Foundation Reports: Margaret Berggren absent – MaryBeth Conger reported that she and her co-chair have been working for six months on updating the education brochure. New information on Safety, Membership Growth, Minimum Impact Equine Camping: Leave No Trace. All information will come back to the chapters after the convention; the information will also be on the state web site in 2-3 weeks.

Work Projects and Rides Report:

- Packer's Play Day report –3rd year. Some standard events, some not. Rob shared some of the events. 4H did lunch, that turned out great. Ellen read thank you note from 4H they received \$397.20 between our donation and food donations. It will help them to go to Nationals. About 90 people attended, over 60 horses. It was a great day, good mix of kids and adults.
- Linda H and Rob went to Tripod Peak, beautiful day; saw a beautiful golden eagle. Rob's horse was in extreme discomfort on the way down (6 miles). He had to lead him all the way home. The horse was treated for colic at the vet and Rob will lose both toenails. Lessons learned: Good idea to take shoes you can walk in. Be sure to monitor your horse carefully when riding. Always carry first aid kit, even on a day ride.
- Owyhee Fun Ride – 11/8 – weather is iffy. Rob will not be able to go. Hard Trigger area. If nice weather Ellen will lead.
- Highway Cleanup – 11/15 – Charles in charge, Rob will be there. Just show up at 10 am at Wild Rose Park.
- SBBCH Volunteer Hours – We did the most hours in the 4 years we have been tracking with a total value of \$62,901.30. Rob is hoping to build an online form to track hours for next year. Rob & Judy Wight plan to update the technology on the current web site over the winter.
- Christmas party at Ellen & Charles on Dec 6, there will be a committee formed to organize.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Incorporation and Idaho Secretary of State Registration – Ellen will send in tomorrow, then Charles can take our money to a bank to invest in a CD
- Calendar orders – pick up calendars from Linda, pay Charles. Some calendars were sold at the Play Day. Charles has been selling them around town.

NEW BUSINESS

- Elections – Tami - We need nominating committee members – Chris Holt is currently the only one on the committee, we need two more people. We also need people to volunteer to run for open positions. Contact Tami or Chris if interested.

- Cabela's demo – Joanna – MaryBeth, Bill and Joanna will be doing a demo on Nov 23rd similar to what we do at Horse Expo. Bill is building a pseudo horse, MaryBeth will demonstrate back country cooking, Joanna will explain BCH. It was asked if we could sell calendars, Jennifer McCown from Cabela's will look into it. The event will be advertised online on Cabela's web site and in the Idaho Statesman. Tony asked if we should get a DVD player for a slide show. Justin Davis said Cabelas has TV's that we could use to show a DVD if we wanted to. Justin said there is a special sale at Cabela's by invitation only on Nov 21, 22, and 23. Any SBBCH member who comes in will get the employee discount pricing on any item. Go to Justin's desk in the Gun Library, get coupon, use it and then return to Justin. If he is not there, his staff will be there.
- Pole Saw – Tony - talked about high branches that need to be cut on trails but cannot not be reached. If we had a pole saw could eliminate some of that overhead or limbs that are so far off the trail you can't reach them. Discussion. Found some different pole saws (designed for limbing), most are too long to pack on a horse. Stihl has a smaller version that breaks down – can get different attachments to go on for additional money. Small \$190 – 380 for power head. Pole saw attachment \$199.95. Linda A asked about Forest Service requirements. Rob will check with Forest Service. Maybe they will provide a saw for us. Discussion. It will be brought back to a follow up meeting and decide what we are going to do.
- Newsletter editor – Ellen - we need one or two people to volunteer to take over as Newsletter Editor. Ellen cannot continue to do it. Someone needs to think about taking this on.
- BCHA and BCHI forwarded emails – Ellen - articles printed in four different publications discussing BCH, great exposure. Heads-up regarding Grand Canyon trails that may become closed to traditional stock use. Outside stock no longer allowed down the trails.
- Rob – propose that we send calendars to our representatives and Governor Otter with letter on why we would like them to support the Heritage Bill. We are hoping Jim Risch is more sympathetic to our cause. Phil will follow up on this – they will come out of the state supply.
- Kay – calendars - as of today, 1550 calendars committed to be sold. Kay takes calendars to every organization she belongs to and businesses she goes to sell calendars.
- Dues are due at the beginning of January. There are a limited number of Life Flight memberships, first come, first served. \$51 for family includes two Life Flight memberships. \$31 for single includes one Life Flight.

NOTICES

- Joanna – abandoned horses are being left in the Owyhees. Sheriff dispatcher brought two of them home. Ada Co Sheriff's dept sent a load of hay to Owyhee Sheriff. Tack shop sent a grooming kit. Vaccines donated by Joanna's clinic. Interviewing someone who may take them now. There are still at least two more out there.
- BCH Sale Items – Ellen
 - Calendars - \$20
 - Hats - Embroidered: (3) running horses, (1) elk: \$11.66
 - Hats - Twill: (1) Burgundy, (1) Navy, (2) Forest Green: \$7.95
 - Magnetic Signs: \$10.00
 - T-shirt: (1) Forest Green XL: \$9.77
 - Polo Shirt: (1) Forest Green L: \$15.91
 - Polo Shirt: (1) Forest Green XL: \$15.91
 - Polo Shirt: (1) Navy L: \$15.91
 - Polo Shirt: (1) Navy XL: \$15.91

Door Prize Winners: Joanna Stroeder – picture frame, Linda Adams – picture frame, Kay Ryan – boot scraper

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm
Respectfully submitted by Linda Phillips, Secretary, SBBCH