

**SQUAW BUTTE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF IDAHO – CHARTERED 3/92
06/03/2010 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Marybeth Conger.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

18 total including new members and guests.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS

Janine Townsend, Linda Paul, Ron Woods and wife Diane, Brian Dix

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion to approve the Previous Meeting Minutes by Brian, 2nd by Chick and carried.

PROGRAM - Proposed By-Laws- Bill Conger and committee

Bill talked about the word corrections and presented the proposed By-Laws which were converted from the Standing Rules. This is the first meeting review of the proposed By-Laws. Article 4 has been newly revised and Article XII was added to meet 501Ce requirements.

Kay explained why we need By-Laws. Often a group is 1st a Non-Profit organization and then may decide to apply for tax exempt status. We are still working on getting the tax exempt status for our group. Kay is still trying to file form 990N.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Checking Account Balance: \$ 8722.95

Deposits: \$250.00

Expenses: \$1384.96

Ending Checking Account Balance: \$7587.99

Motion to approve the Previous Treasurer's Report by Ellen, 2nd by Bill C and carried.

The money from the Yard Sale will be reported next month. There were 2 items over the pre-approved estimated dollar amount. The pack clinic cost was \$15.00 over for a total of \$515.00 and the cross cut saw cost was estimated at \$500.00. The total cost for the saw was \$625.00. but that included the scabbard, sharpening tools and a very high quality saw.

Ellen made a motion to approve the overages and 2nd by Charles and carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Calling Committee Report – Phil

Calls or e-mails were made to remind folks of the meeting

Education Report – Nancy Harper-Schindele

Country Skills Clinic May 22 & 23- Tabled till next meeting

Foundation Reports – Bill Conger and Bill Holt

Bill Conger and Bill Holt. Motion to request from the BCHI Foundation \$500.00 for BCHI packing clinic at Grand Jean Trailhead, Sawtooth Wilderness in 2011.

Bill H said that \$500.00 had been pre-approved for the 2011 pack clinic when he was at the Foundation meeting in Twin Falls. He will look for the form to request the money and get it to Marybeth.

Public Liaison Report – Robbin Schindele, Tony Buthman, Bill & Chris Holt

Nothing to report

State Directors Report & Comments BCHI Chairman –Robbin and Phil

The BOD meeting is next month. Phil, Kay, Marybeth, Robbin and Nancy are planning on attending. There will be follow up information at our next meeting.

Work Projects and Rides Report – Rob Adams and Tony Buthman

May was a VERY busy month. Rob went over the origin and evolution of our spring pack clinic with this year being the first 2 day clinic. There were great presentations and the interaction at both the presentations and the hands on packing was great. We did not have the participants that we were anticipating. The rainy weather could have been a real issue and this year we did not advertise that it would be indoors which could have been part of the reason for the low attendance. Rob estimated that there were 35 people on Saturday and 40 on Sunday. The clinic seems costly to put on but as Tony remarked it is very inexpensive training for what we cover.

Marybeth read a nice letter from the Heartland BCH ladies that participated in our 2 day clinic.

Our National Trails Day project with the Boise Ranger district at Peace Creek was cancelled since the construction on the bridge to get there had not been completed. The camp ground and trails were also still snowy.

Next project is June 19 – 20, at Hitt Mountain. Mike Mullen with the Weiser/Council district now has the signs and posts for the re-signing project at Hitt Mountain. Same trail head as 2 years ago. Directions are on the web site. We will provide the weed free hay and the meat dish for the Saturday evening potluck supper. Breakfast both Saturday and Sunday are also potluck. Rob brings his camp kitchen and everyone helps get the meal ready.

The SBBCH camping weekend July, Friday the 3rd – Monday the 5 will be on the North Fork of the Boise River, Deer Park area east of Idaho City. This historic trail is a gateway to the Sawtooths. There was a fire several years ago, with the end result about 4 ½ miles of dead standing trees and downed timber. We signed a letter of intent to work with the FS to help them get the needed funding for this summer long project. They get a \$ value credit for our miles traveled and hours worked. The FS will take care of the standing trees. We will be working on the trail this one weekend to help get the trails cleared of the downed timber. The Emmett district will be loaning us extra saws for the weekend.

Rob received an e-mail from Dave in the Lowman district asking if a 34" bridge was wide enough or if 48" would be better for horses. After some discussion it was agreed that 42" to 48" would be more desirable than 34". Rob will pass that information to Dave.

Emmett District has work scheduled at West Mountain, Wilson Creek trail. They ask if we can pack in food and tools for work crews, packing in on Monday June 21st and packing out in 2 weeks.

Work on the historical Arlington trail at Tamarack is scheduled for July 17 – 18. There is no room to camp there with horses but Jean and Kevin with Heartland BCH have offered the use of their pasture for camping. A project leader is needed for this event.

July 31 and August 1 at West Mountain, Wilson Corrals trail. Emmett Rangers received the materials to fix the first half mile of the trail, from the parking lot to the forest including the "horse eating bogs". Since we have been lobbying for several years to get this trail fixed we need a good turnout. Saturday will be a shoveling day with out the horses but there will be a fun ride on Sunday.

SBBCH will be heading up the week long pack clinic scheduled for August 2011 at Grand Jean. We will need people to take on responsibilities to make this a success. Everything from bear proof dumpsters and porta potties, to cooking for and feeding the participants will need to be planned. Should make for great campfire discussions this summer.

NOTE ABOUT WEB SITE HITS: For just the month of May our main site had 2283 hits. The blog / library 650 hits

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. May 12th spring cleanup- Thanks to Charles & Ellen. Form has been acknowledged- MB
2. Radios- Bill Conger and Dan Murphy- A motion will be needed to approve \$700 for radio purchase - \$600 was estimated. This will be tabled until our next meeting. Bill C will send the specs on the radios to Rob so that they can be posted on the web site for review before the next meeting.
3. SBBCH Yard Sale- May 29th- Thanks to Terry M., Charles & Ellen. Letters sent by MB
4. The Cross Cut Saw- Rob A - Rob explained the purchasing of the saw and what was received with it. General discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Trail projects w/ Idaho Trail Association- Phil - Tabled until our next meeting.
2. Membership- 39 households- 66 members- MB
As of tonight, 67 members
3. Messenger Index- monthly article update- Ellen submitted an article about the pack clinic but it was submitted to late to be printed. She will write an article about the yard sale for the Messenger Index. Charles suggested that for next year we have a sign explaining that we are a non-profit organization and therefore the items are not marked with a price.
4. 4-H Basic Pack Clinic- Saturday June 26th- Bill and MB Bill and Marybeth are presenting a 1 day clinic at Cascade Lake for the 4-H group to support our youth

5. Any other items - Charles discussed the web site advertising. He already has 9 renewals and they are not due until July. He has confirmation that 80% of our advertisers are renewing. The 20% that are not will need to be replaced but he is not worried about finding new advertisers. With the current layout on the web page we might be able to add 2 more ads which would be an additional \$60.00.

PROGRAM OR GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Any Notices - MB Linda Hays needs the members to submit articles for the news letter. With out them we can not have a news letter.
2. Any other items:

Currently we do not have any of our money invested. No one is paying very much. Charles will get information about the money market with State Farm.

Turn in ANY Hours and Miles using the on line form so that we can track our volunteer time. Both days of the pack clinic were Education.

DOOR PRIZE THEN ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Tony, 2nd by Bill H and carried.
Regular meeting adjourned at 8:25PM by President MaryBeth Conger.

Respectfully submitted by Co-Secretaries Linda Hays and Chris Holt

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Meetings: First Thursday of every month 7 PM at LaCosta Restaurant, Emmett Idaho