

**SQUAW BUTTE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF IDAHO – CHARTERED 3/92
09/06/2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice President Rob Adams

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS – Rob

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – Rob

Motion to approve the Previous Meeting Minutes as published made by Robbin, 2nd by Marybeth and carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Ellen for Bill Conger

Beginning Checking Account Balance: \$ 4,947.31
Deposits: \$ 120.00
Expenses: \$ 221.05
Ending Checking Account Balance: \$ 4,846.26
Money Market: \$ 6,063.50

- Any overages that require approval? There is a \$12 overage for Storage Rental; we were charged a late fee due to a transitional error – Bill C was waiting was for a bill and they don't send bills, the rent is now paid thru the end of the year.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report made by Phil, 2nd by Robbin, and carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Report – Charles & Lorraine Chick

None

Public Lands – Robbin, Phil

- Frank Church Trails Resolution
 - Sent management plan from all parties to the Forest Supervisor.
- Recreational Trails Program
 - Has been approved again
- Boise Forest Coalition
 - Robbin went on a field trip to view various areas and discuss projects and proposals. See his complete report below.

Work Projects and Rides Report – Rob & Laurie

Always refer to the activities website for the latest updates: < <http://sbbchidaho.org/html/activities.html> >

See the blog for new articles and ride reports

SEPTEMBER

- **SBBCH Trails Project** Saturday/Sunday, September 22/23, 2012 –Weiser Ranger District - Payette National Forest. Project Leader- Laurie Bryan projects@sbbchidaho.org 208-550-2530

OCTOBER

- **SBBCH Monthly Meeting**-Thursday, October 02, 2012 - La Costa Restaurant, Emmett , ID
CONTACT: Janine Townsend president@sbbchidaho.org 208-484-1148
- **SBBCH Fun Ride - Sunday** October 7, 2012 - Owyhees
Project Leader- Laurie Bryan projects@sbbchidaho.org 208-550-2530
- **SBBCH - Packers Play Day** - Circle G River Ranch - Saturday October 20, 2012
CONTACT: Charles & Lorraine Chick education@sbbchidaho.org 208 870-6289
- **SBBCH – Highway Clean up** - Saturday 10/27/2012, 10:00 AM, Wild Rose Park, Hwy 52 Emmett,
Project leader- Charles Lox, 208.398.7279

NOVEMBER

- **SBBCH Monthly Meeting**-Thursday, Nov 01, 2012 - La Costa Restaurant, Emmett , ID
CONTACT: Janine Townsend president@sbbchidaho.org 208-484-1148
- **SBBCH - Fun Ride** -Saturday 11/03/2012 - Owyhee - Diamond Basin Trail Head
Ride Leader- Ellen Knapp, projects@sbbchidaho.org 208.365.0737

DECEMBER

- **Saturday 12/1/2012, 6:00 PM, Holiday-End of Year Party**
Location TBD, Emmett, ID
- **SBBCH Monthly Meeting**-Thursday, Dec 06, 2012 - La Costa Restaurant, Emmett , ID
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UNFINISHED AND ONGOING BUSINESS

- 2013 BCHI State Convention – Robbin, Phil and Kay
 - Dates: March 15 – 16, 2013
 - Location: Double Tree Riverside Hotel on Chinden Blvd in Garden City
 - Budget: Proposed budget is \$6,000.00
 - Theme:
 - The committee has chosen the theme: “Partnerships Clear Trails.”
 - Robbin has designed a logo for the convention.
 - Phil will have a banner made showing all the BCHI partners
 - This theme is the primary message of the convention and will be a part of the judging criteria for the photo contest and the chapter display competitions.
 - We will use our display booth at the meeting/banquet room entrance.
 - Hotel:
 - The Riverside Hotel in Garden City is our hotel. Robbin has visited and seen the meeting space.
 - Reservations for the room block (special prices) will open 90 days before the convention dates.
 - There are some breakfast/break catering issues to be worked out but are not critical at this time.
 - Speakers:
 - Phil is in charge of booking speakers and is working on speakers from our partner organizations both governmental agencies (NFS, BLM, legislators) and volunteer organizations (Selway-Bitterroot Foundation, International Mountain Biking Association, etc.)
 - Each chapter will be asked to present a short chapter speech on Saturday afternoon. The theme of these presentations will be, “Memorable Wrecks.”
 - Vendors:
 - A maximum of 6 vendors will be allowed.
 - So far we have 3 committed vendors:
 - Rocking JB, a custom embroidery company from Grangeville (she has been at the last 3 conventions and has all BCHI logos, etc. in her files)
 - The Outfitters Pack Station and packing and equine outfitter recently relocated to Weiser
 - Ellen & Charles Spirithorse Enterprises.
 - Robbin is attempting to contact Bev Martin and Carol Schultz, custom and production leather goods.
 - **If anyone knows someone who might be like to be a vendor please send his/her name and contact information to Robbin.**
 - Photo Contest:
 - Each chapter will be allowed 5 entries.
 - Photos should support the “Partnership” theme. Portrayed partnerships can be organizations or agencies, human-equine, human-human, etc.
 - Judging will be based on support of the theme as well as aesthetic criteria.
 - Ellen will arrange for judge(s)
 - Ellen will provide criteria from judges, ideally before the September BCHI meeting
 - Cash prizes will be awarded the winners.
 - Chapter Displays:
 - Judging will be based on support of the theme as well as aesthetic criteria.
 - Staffing:
 - **BCHI volunteers will be needed before the convention to prepare handout packets and swag bags, perform administrative tasks, etc. Please call or email Robbin or Kay to participate. More information will be forthcoming.**
 - **A single, or couple, will be needed to collect and tally mail-in registrations before the convention begins. Ellen and another person will volunteer.**
 - BCHI volunteers are needed as on-site meeting and convention staff. Areas identified at this time are:
 - Friday & Saturday registration to accept late registrants and hand out packets (swag bags) to attendees checking in.
 - Saturday Photo contest helpers to hang photos and assist judge.
 - Saturday Chapter display helpers to do same.
 - Friday & Saturday Rovers to do whatever
 - Saturday evening auctioneer for live auction.
 - Staff uniforms will be theme based T-shirts of a single color. Same shirts, in other colors, will be available for sale to attendees.
 - Live Auction:
 - We would like BCHI members who have such to provide quality items for the live auction.
 - SO far we have
 - a print from Rob of one of his paintings
 - Linda Adams will donate a piece(s) of her art glass
 - Robbin commissioned some cocktail glasses with the BCHI logo engraved on them
 - Terry Mac is doing a horse shoe cactus

- Phil and Kay are supplying the banquet table centerpieces
- Spirit Horse Enterprises will provide an article of clothing
- Spirit Horse Glass will provide an art glass piece
- Bill Holt is making a custom made knife(s).
- **SO COME ON MEMBERS YOU PONY UP!**
 - Robbin and Phil will also be soliciting donations from area merchants as well.
 - Convention Committee: Robbin & Nancy Schindele, Phil & Kay Ryan, Rob Adams, Bill & Marybeth Conger, Janine Townsend.
- Web Site Advertising – Charles
 - Still have one outstanding payment
- 2013 Horse Council Grant Money – Robbin
 - Deadline is 12/1/2012
 - If we want to try for this grant, we need to have a project
 - **Action Item for all members: Email ideas to Robbin**

NEW BUSINESS / GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Trail Blazer Magazine - Rob
 - BCHI chapters have gotten write ups in the last few months
- BCHI BOD Meeting - Robbin
 - Will be held September 29 in Kooskia
 - BCH Colorado is asking for \$200 from each state for the purchase of a booth at a Rocky Mountain Foundation convention. The total cost of the booth is \$1800, BCHA has committed \$800. SBBCH agreed to commit \$200.
 - BCHI needs an education chair, contact Robbin if you are interested
 - BCHI will be asking if the chapters are interested in doing a 2014 calendar. SBBCH supports a 2014 calendar.
 - SBBCH will commit to 250 2013 calendars
- Sportsman Convention - Rob
 - The show is the first weekend in March
 - Booth cost has increased
 - SBBCH needs to purchase the booth by November, decision to purchase was made
- Other items
 - SBBCH has magnetic signs, 1 belt buckle and 2 hats available for sale

PROGRAM

None.

DOOR PRIZE AND ADJOURNMENT

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM by Vice President Rob Adams
 Respectfully submitted by Secretary Ellen Knapp

Boise Forest Coalition
 Emmett R.D. West Side Field Trip
 Thursday, August 30, 2012
 By Robbin Schindele

This is my report of this meeting. It was a long day of roaming the West side of the Emmett district. There were about 40 attendees counting NFS personnel and representatives from coalition member groups and interested parties. There were 10 vehicles in our convoy. I rode with two silviculturists from the Boise admin office and Vaughn Spiker who is involved because he runs cattle on West Mountain.

I will use the day's agenda below as the outline for my comments. They will continue in blue.

0830 Meet in Horseshoe Bend at parking lot behind the Chevron (459 Highway 55)

0915 Swinging Eddy (no stop)

- View along west side of highway 55, in route to Smith's Ferry

This is a research area alongside the highway to the west near Smith's Ferry. We just mentioned it in passing. Can't remember what they're studying.

0945 601/644 intersection (no stop – point of interest)

- View dense vegetation which has forest composition and structure that is characteristic of High Valley urban interface

1000 Stop 1: High Valley

- Potential for irregular (groups/clumps) noncommercial thinning in existing plantations to encourage horizontal heterogeneity and long-term uneven-aged structure.

Much of this area was planted in the 1990s and has been thinned once before. NFS would like to thin again and replant to encourage species and age diversity. The forester talked about planning for the ideal trajectory in the future; The objective is that the forest contains different aged species in "clumps" of trees with an open understory. They believe a contiguous forest of dense closely spaced trees is a "detrimental trajectory" and is the current condition in much of the west side of the BNF.

- High fire hazard around WUI

Dense forests encourage the danger from fire hence the thinning above.

- Forest short- term wildlife priority

The wildlife priority for this area is the white headed woodpecker, a year round, native species that need about 1700 acres per pair. There are 2 known pair in the High Valley area.

- Forest active, high vegetative restoration priority

That means the activity mentioned above to achieve an “ideal trajectory is a high priority in the Emmett, District.

- Dominant high frequency, low severity fire regime (PVG 2)
- Current Stand Exam Data

1100 Stop 2: Tripod Meadow

- Dispersed camping and water quality and fisheries

Tripod Meadows is a very popular dispersed camping area for families. Consequently the whole meadow complex is slowly being hardened to the detriment of area. NFS does not want to create an “official” campground but is exploring ways to direct and control the area users to minimize their impact.

- Grazing and water quality and fisheries

The meadows are also part of a grazing allotment. The Emmett District NFS personnel had high praise for the current allotment holder saying he has done an excellent job of keeping his cattle out of the stream and associated riparian areas. They showed us how the stream banks in particular have come back under his stewardship.

- Conifer encroachment in meadows

This was not addressed.

- Forest short term wildlife priority

This was not addressed.

1230 Stop 3: Sagehen Reservoir

We talked about the campground and its use. There were no real issues mentioned. Then we had an entomologist talk to us about the Spruce Budworm. The Spruce Budworm is another threat to trees in that are but is less lethal than the Mountain Pine Beetle. Right now it is very active but the creature has a cyclical impact and is believed to be declining in the area.

- Lunch
- Recreational use (developed campgrounds , trails, fishing, boating, irrigation storage, etc)
- High fire hazard
- Forest active, high vegetative restoration priority

1400 Stop 4 Second Fork

Was a stop at the Renwyck trailhead and the only stop of real interest to BCHI. The trailhead is kind of a mess and the non-motorized trail leading out of it is being encroached upon by unauthorized ATV use. Supporting or proposing a project here is very much in our (BCHI) self interest.

- Management success/challenges from Renwyck aquatic organism passage restoration

Interesting the bridge over Second Fork was replaced a few years back, it is preformed concrete in the shape of an inverted U, there is no concrete bottom, just the span. This was done so that spawning fish could travel upstream; Apparently they cannot if the bridge had a cement bottom.

- Dispersed camping

Dispersed camping here is a problem, especially close to the stream. Virtually every place along the road and at the trailhead that is large enough to camp on has been run to bare earth. We were shown three areas where the NFS placed large boulder barriers to discourage access, all the boulders had been displaced to allow vehicle access. The hardened earth in these site all slants downhill towards the stream and causes erosion and consequent silting problems in the creek degrading the aquatic environment and threatening spawning trout.

Increasing ATV use has also visibly degraded the trailhead parking areas, campsites and the non-motorized trail for almost .5 miles from the trailhead. There is evidence of off trail damage near the trail as well.

- Forest active, high vegetative restoration priority
- Bull Trout (spawning and rearing and designated critical habitat)

1500 Stop 5 Rammage Meadows

We never got to Rammage Meadows because half the group got lost. They turned the wrong way at the 609-626 junction. Some of the group did make it there but I don't know what was said. I was in the “rescue” truck sent to catch up with the “lost” group. We all met up again at the 626-653 junction.

- Fencing
- Recreational Use

1530 Stop 6 Upper Muir Creek

As we got back together the final discussion was again about the thinning, planting clump process to address the concerns below. There was some talk of using proscribed burns to help accomplish this. The NFS thinks that is a way bad idea in that area.

Forest active, high vegetative restoration priority

- Forest high aquatic restoration priority
- Occupied bull trout patch and designated critical habitat

1600 Third Fork (no stop – point of interest)

This didn't happen.

- If time permits, we can drive up Dodson pass for a view/discussion
- High ATV use
- Forest active, high vegetative restoration priority
- Dominant high frequency, low severity fire regime (PVG 2)
- Current stand exam data

1700 Horseshoe Bend

It was actually 1800 by the time we got back to Horseshoe Bend, everybody tired and hot.

2012 SBBCH Officers, Committees, and Volunteers

President (3 terms max)	Janine Townsend (2012)	president@sbbchidaho.org	208-938-1213
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Meetings: First Thursday of every month 7 PM at LaCosta Restaurant, Emmett Idaho