

**SQUAW BUTTE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF IDAHO – CHARTERED 3/92
1/03/2013 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Janine Townsend

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS – Janine

Guests

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OFFICERS - Janine

Bill Holt, Vice President; Linda Erickson & Marybeth Conger, Secretary Team; Bill Conger, Treasurer; Marybeth Conger, Foundation Director; Roger Segers, Alternate Foundation Director; Robbin Schindele & Phil Ryan, State Board; Nancy Schindele, Alternate State Board; Linda Hayes, Nominating Committee; Bill Holt, Phil Ryan, and Kay Ryan, Audit Committee; Charles & Lorraine Chick, Education; Marybeth Conger & Nancy Schindele, Christmas Party Committee

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – Janine

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

TREASURER'S REPORT –Bill Conger

Beginning Checking Account Balance: \$ 4,893.02
Deposits: \$ 4,338.00
Expenses: \$ 1,194.80
Ending Checking Account Balance: \$ 8,036.22
Money Market: \$ 6,071.11

- Any overages that require approval? No
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Bill Holt, 2nd by Linda Hays, and carried.
- Discussion by Charles Lox to move State Farm money to a low risk fund at 5-7% interest. We need access/spendable. Marybeth made motion to keep money where it is and accessible, until after convention, seconded by Robbin, passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Report – Charles & Lorraine Chick

- Rob's idea from Montana chapter, education needed for CPR, sawyer, etc. reported by Charles Chick

Public Lands – Phil, Robbin

- Boise Forest Coalition: meeting today, new Region 4 Forester; meeting last month with all Region Foresters
- BCH help BLM to designate areas considered back country, Frank Church trail initiative

Work Projects and Rides Report – Rob, Laurie

Rob: January is planning month, Leadership Meeting January 20, 2013

- Sawyer Training needed, Posion Creek Trail repair/clearing, re-establish working relationship with Emmett Ranger District and New Ranger; Fun Ride, February Celebration Park; Sportsman Show; First Aid Class; Radios are reprogrammed
- 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

State Board of Directors – Robbin & Phil

- State Newsletter going electronic resolution, discussion
 - Motion to create a resolution recommending that they propose to State to replace hard copy with electronic, made by Charles Lox and seconded by Robbin, passed. Robbin will write the resolution

UNFINISHED AND ONGOING BUSINESS

- EOY Volunteer Hours Report – Lou Ann, Rob
In the works – will be finalized by the 20th of January for Leadership Meeting
Individual s information available quarterly on request to Rob
- EOY Annual Report – Janine - Sent in
- 2013 Calendars – Bill Holt
 - Still need payment for remaining calendars, approx. \$520
Robbin 8-10, Linda 6, Ellen & Charles 1, Janine 8 – 1 sold at meeting = 7 (given to Bill Holt), Laurie 1, Linda Paul 5
- 2014 Calendar Pictures & Voting – Linda Paul
 - Our photo selections are due at State in March. Submit photos and vote on favorites
 - Rob is picking some pictures from the website
Other personal photos requested, please email to Rob, Voting to come
- 2013 BCHI State Convention – Robbin, Phil and Kay
 - Dates: March 15 – 16, 2013
 - Location: Double Tree Riverside Hotel on Chinden Blvd in Garden City
 - Theme: "Partnerships Clear Trails."

- Convention Committee: Robbin & Nancy Schindele, Phil & Kay Ryan, Rob Adams, Bill & Marybeth Conger, Janine Townsend.
- Lots of help needed, at convention, and before
 - Logistics – Robbin
 - Advertising & Program -
 - Photo Contest – Ellen Knapp & Lou Ann Gaskell
 - Decorations – Kay
 - Registration Packets – in progress, Bill Holt & Robbin
 - Door Prizes
 - Registration at Convention
 - Leadership meeting will assign duties above
- Food decisions need to be made
- No RSVP's received
- Committee meeting 11 a.m. January 20th
- Grant for Chain Saws - Robbin
 - Grant from Idaho Parks and Rec, \$1200 value
 - We are applying for monies for 2 new chainsaws and 2 addl chains
 - Robbin has sent the grant request
 - Need map of area serviced
 - Need letters of support – received 2, awaiting additional, including from our members
 - Grant money will be received the first of June if granted
- Sportsman Show – Bill Holt
 - The show is the first weekend in March 2013
 - Booth has been purchased
- Pay it forward members helping members work days
 - Still available on the blog
 - There will be sign up capability on our web site in 2013
- Pay your dues for 2013
 - Money to Bill Conger
- Magnetic Signs, belt buckles
 - Remaining items will be used as door prizes for convention

NEW BUSINESS / GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Leadership Team meeting
 - Sunday, January 20th, Robbin & Nancy Schindele's
 - 11 a.m. State Convention Committee Meeting
 - 1 p.m. Leadership Meeting
 - 2013 Project planning/finalization of our activities calendar, 2013 Budget planning, absentee voting, other details of Chapter. Everyone is welcome to attend, Leadership Team is required to attend. Bring your new ideas, your old concerns and your appetite, food is potluck.
 - Bill Conger requests that all needing dollars in the 2013 budget, get that info to him BEFORE the meeting
- Absentee Voting: to be discussed at Leadership meeting
- Emmett Ranger District – New Ranger: Richard Newton
 - Meeting January 15th, 9:00-10:30 a.m. @ ERD bldg.
 - Those requested to attend will receive an email from Rob
 - Anyone interested in welcome
- President will be looking for volunteers to fill Committee positions for the coming year
 - Horse Expo, Bill Holt, April 20-21, Nampa
 - Back Country Skills Clinic, April 27-28
 - Workshop for “Packing from a Woman’s Point of View”, suggested topic by Phil Ryan
 - Highway 52 Clean-up Project, Wed., May 8th
 - Ellen will make of list of “to dos”
 - Yard Sale, Saturday, May 25
 - Ellen will make of list of “to dos”
 - Bill Holt will contact bank & has storage for items collected
- State Treasure, Kay Ryan proposes resolution to State regarding two signatures on checks
 - Robbin makes a motion to accept Kays resolution, seconded and passed

PROGRAM - None.

DOOR PRIZE AND ADJOURNMENT

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM by President Janine Townsend

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Linda Erickson

2013 SBBCH Officers, Committees, and Volunteers

President (3 terms max)	Janine Townsend (2012)	president@sbbchidaho.org	208-938-1213
Past President	Marybeth Conger (2011)		208-369-0769
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	Marybeth Conger (2013)		208-369-0769
Treasurer (3 terms max)	Bill Conger (2013)	treasurer@sbbchidaho.org	208-369-0768
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Alternate Foundation Director (2 terms max)	Roger Segers (2013)		208-340-3433
State Director (2 years staggered, no term limit)	Robbin Schindele (2011, 2012, 2013)	state.board@sbbchidaho.org	208-365-1789
State Director (2 years staggered, no term limit)	Phil Ryan (2012, 2013)		208-398-8993
Alternate State Director (2 years staggered, no term limit)	Nancy Schindele (2012, 2013)		208-365-1789
Projects & Rides (no term limit)	Rob Adams	projects@sbbchidaho.org	208-584-3780
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Selway-Bitterroot-Frank Church, Wilderness Society, Idaho Trail Association	Phil Ryan		208-398-8993
Boise National Forest: Emmett, Cascade, Lowman, Sawtooth NFS Districts, BLM District Office	Rob Adams		208-584-3780
Payette National Forest: Hells Canyon & Weiser NFS Districts	Laurie Bryan		208-550-2530
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Meetings: First Thursday of every month 7 PM at LaCosta Restaurant, Emmett Idaho

Squaw Butte Chapter Back Country Horsemen of Idaho End of Year Report

Squaw Butte Chapter officially started off 2012 in March, when we teamed up with the Treasure Valley and Boise Chapters of Back Country Horsemen at the Sportsman's Show in Boise. Our three chapters had a booth at the Sportsman's Show, which attracts a large number of hunting, fishing and back-country enthusiasts. Our presence at this show allows us to provide information on back country trails and trail conditions and gives us a perfect opportunity to advocate for multi-purpose trail use, to educate people of the continuing need for trail maintenance, and to inform the public about the work our group does in the backcountry, keeping trails open for everyone to use.

In April we again teamed up with Boise and Treasure Valley Chapters at the Idaho Horse Expo in Nampa at the Equine Center. Over a period of three days, the Horse Expo features clinics with well-known clinicians, vendors with every sort of horse equipment and products imaginable, and informational booths such as ours. The Horse Expo attracts horse enthusiasts of all disciplines and affords us an excellent opportunity to reach out to people interested in riding in the back country. We also tout our accomplishments in keeping trails open and the public service we provide in helping the Forest Service maintain these back country trails. It is a perfect time to educate the public not only about our organization, but in the service we provide, and the great need and importance for our continued work and diligence in maintaining back country trails. Between June 1st and September 30th 2012 Squaw Butte supported nine trail maintenance projects. These projects covered a large section of south western Idaho, taking place in the Boise & Payette National Forests and the Frank Church Wilderness. They were in partnership with the Emmett and Weiser Ranger Districts and the Selway-Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation. The work covered a large spectrum of activities, from packing to rock rolling, but mostly entailed the removal of a very large amount of blown down timber and pruning. We also did some major tread improvement removing a rotted log bed section through a bog and replaced it with a gravel trail bed.

June 7, 2012 – National Trails Day, Payette National Forest

Boundary Trail Tread Project

2012 National Trails day was a project coordinated with the Payette National Forest. The project was on Cuddy Mountain, west of Cambridge, ID. Boundary Creek Trail is a scenic trail that provides a gateway to a number of trails on Cuddy Mountain. A boggy area had a corduroy section that was in bad shape. The goal was to provide drainage and a rock and gravel trail bed.

June 23, 2012 Boise National Forest

Summit Creek Trail project

Summit Creek Trail was part of an effort to open the Bull Creek trail system in the Boise National forest. The Bull Creek Trail system has been closed for a number of years due to erosion damage.

July 1, 2012 Sand Creek Trail – Boise National Forest

Sand Creek trail runs between a good horse-trailer camping area and the Snowshoe Cabin Trail Head, where the upper end of Pistol Creek Canyon Trail starts. Phil made sure the trail was open, as we would be using it a number of times while supporting the Selway-Bitterroot Foundation Trail Crew the following week

July 7, 2012 Frank Church Wilderness

Pistol Creek Canyon Trail-Crew Packing Support

We spent five days packing and cooking for the Selway-Bitterroot Foundation & Idaho Hikers Association Crew. We transported more than 800 pounds of equipment and food and provided meals for 16 people during the project.

July 14, 2012 Payette National Forest

Boundary and East Pine Creek Trails

East Pine Creek Trail heads up the eastern slope of Cuddy Mountain, following East Pine Creek through a rocky canyon. As you gain altitude you ride through a series of meadows. The project was to prune, remove blow down and to place a trail sign at the intersection of two trails.

August 4, 2012 Frank Church Wilderness

Marble Creek Packing Support Project

The work projects were on Pistol Creek and Marble Creek, on the west side of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. Both projects had volunteers from the Idaho Trail Association and Idaho Parks and Recreation, along with the pack support and camp cooks from BCHI members from both the Squaw Butte and Treasure Valley chapters. Eric Melson of the SBFC (Selway Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation) was the project organizer for both projects.

August 4, 2012 Boise National Forest

Wilson Corral & Gabe's Peak Trails

Big winds happen in Idaho, and in 2010 & 2011 we had a couple such events. Evidence of their effect was all over West Mountain. In the 12 years I've been riding there, I've never seen so many large trees down. Over the weekend of August 4th and 5th, seven members of Squaw Butte opened two trails that had been closed by this downfall, and had a great time doing it. Riding out of the Rammage Meadows camp area we spent Saturday on Wilson Corral Trail and Sunday riding a loop of Wilson Corral Trail going up and Gabe's Peak Trail coming down.

August 18, 2012 - Boise National Forest

Squaw Creek Trail

The signature trail on West Mountain, Squaw Creek Trail, heads up a canyon to the head waters of the creek in Wilson Meadows. The trail is very scenic and also quite technical with cliff bands and some very rocky areas. Last year's microburst storms took a toll on a number of very big trees, which all seemed to fall on the trail.

September 22, 2012 Payette National Forest

West Brownlee Creek

Our project at West Brownlee Creek, south of Cuddy Mountain was unique. It was a new area for Squaw Butte Chapter. We were working with a new seasonal employee, Ryan, from the Weiser Ranger district, and the trail was down in a canyon from the trail head. On most of our rides, we climb up most of the day while working, with a ride down the mountain at the end of the day. On this project, we rode down a steep side canyon to the creek, than the trail we worked on was more or less flat along the river. The trail is also unique; it is an old wagon road and is very wide and open. Most of the work involved pruning or removing Hawthorn trees that were blocking the way. As this summary of the summer project shows, members worked hard this summer, made a difference on the trails, and had a great time doing it.