



Greetings everyone,

May has certainly been a beautiful and busy month, green hills, spring flowers and the beginning of our important work. The BCHA crowdsourcing has reached its goal and more with a few days to go! Thanks to everyone who visited the site and especially to those who made a donation.

Our two-day 4-H Pack Clinic was a bit of a disappointment. We anticipated about 20 kids and 10 parents on the first day but only had a fraction of that number. Dr. Stephen Hardy and his wife made an informative presentation in spite of the low attendance. Ellen Knapp produced a great handout. After a hearty lunch, the hands-on packing took place to even fewer kids. Needless to say, we may need to rethink our participation with the 4-H. The second day's ride in the foothills east of the Gem Cycle Park proved to be better attended. It was interesting to see everyone in their helmets and my understanding is that all the kids had a great ride, some for the first time outside an arena. The day ended with grilled hot dogs so everyone left with full stomachs. Once again our members stepped up to put on a great event and they all deserve our thanks.

The road cleanup was a breeze this year with plenty of people in attendance and, it seems, each year we make improvements on the trash load. The spring cleanup always seems to go faster than the fall. Maybe it is because car windows are normally closed during the cold weather so people keep their trash in their cars instead of throwing it out for us to pick up. Thanks to Devon Mills for getting the signs and making the necessary reports.

Speaking of money, our yard sale this past Saturday was a huge success. The final tabulations are not complete but it appears we made over \$1,600. For one day's work, that isn't bad! A huge thanks goes out to Ellen Knapp and Charles Lox for organizing it all and more thanks to all our members who donated items and contributed their time and energy working at the sale. We were able to take advantage of the "left overs" from another sale that closed a couple of hours before us. The Relay for Life donated what they didn't sell and we had an influx of people eager to locate new treasures. The wind came up just as the last of the items were prepared for delivery to the Idaho Youth Ranch.

Rob Adams will have an update at the meeting on the Owyhee fencing removal project. Charles Chick learned that juniper bushes can be dangerous so come for the stories! We'll have other reports, news and more at the meeting so see you there!

Kay Ryan, President