



Squaw Butte Back Country Horsemen

MEETING Minutes October 5, 2023

Meeting called to order:

At 7 PM, Vice President Heather Donesky called the meeting to order followed by the pledge of allegiance.

20 members in good standing were present with one Guest Speaker.

- Meeting minutes: motion was made to accept September meeting minutes. The motion was seconded & passed.
- Treasurer's Report: Shannon Schantz presented the Treasurer's report, there was a motion to accept the treasurer's report.
- Thank you to Shannon Schantz for continuing to manage the chapter finances and records.

SB BCH Treasurer's Report

- Savings
- Open Balance 9/1/2023 \$14954.51 Int accrued .12 Ending Balance 9/30/2023 \$14954.63.
- Checking Opening Balance 9/1/2023 \$7130.50 Income \$0.00
- Expenses \$16.50 (web) Closing Balance 9/29/2023 \$7114.00.
\$ 7676.94
- Working Balance (Funds that are not dues {\$1930.00}) checking \$5184.00 savings \$14954.63.

Membership 2022: Family 20, Single 24 for a total of 44

Membership 2023: Family 18, Single 25 for a total of 43

Committee Reports:

Education/Project planning – Dan & Rob

- Currently planning for next year's pack support/sawyer classes.
- Dan and "Pedro" met with Selway Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation at a fundraiser. SBFC thanked Our Chapter for the support we have given them though out the last several years.

Project planning – Bart, Lisa & Dan

- Dan will start talking to ITA, PUG, ICC, SB, MCC for planning pack support next year. Forest service obtained a large grant to help reopen loon creek to Yankee fork 28 miles.
- IDPR projects in the works for next year.

- October 4th clean-up went well on Highway 52. Total of 8 volunteers, 10 bags of trash over 20 hours

Public Lands – Hailey Brookins guest speaker from IDPR

Hailey discussed the roles of IDPR, breaking down each department.

- 3 current Goals for non-motorized trails:
 - Help with non-motorized trails, better maps, education.
 - Maintain Idaho Centennial Trail.
 - Developing a trail system and hitching rails at the 6 yurts near Idaho City.

OHV commercial coming soon with a few clips of non-motorized education.
Thanks, Dan, for supplying the horses!

If you have any other questions for Hailey, reach out to Dan for contact information.

Other public land information, Elmore County has a few projects with trail management, see BCH website link.

State Directors/National Directors: Phil/Dan/Bart

BCHI fall board meeting was held at the new Fish and Game office.

- There will be a new BCHI Secretary this year.
- Broomtales is almost out, stay tuned. If you would like to submit an article, there is no timeline for Broomtales comes out February 1st, June 1st, and October 1st.
- Working with the Army National Guard to help put in trailheads.
- Discussed Calendar raffle winners for last year.
- National wants to increase dues, needs to be proposed and voted on with all Chapters.
- Suggestions on following *Robert's Rules of Order*, introductions, followed by reading our mission statement, then Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2024 Calendars with raffle ticket in each calendar are out, \$20. Objective is to sell all; our Chapter has 250 total. This is a fundraiser for the State and Chapters. The drawing is September 30th, 2024.
- Reach out to Tracy Zamzow for Calendars to sell. Help with selling calendars at D & B Supply in Meridian and Emmett is greatly appreciated, dates to come.
- 2025 calendars, pictures are due by December 1st 2023 to Marja.

Recruiting:

- No updates

Foundation- Bart

- The Foundation is a part of Back Country that is nonprofit. If you would like to donate funds to support our Chapter, write a check to the Foundation. This is a tax write off and you are able to steer the money to what you would like to support.
- Forestry wants to help set up a fund with the Foundation for specific trails maintenance. More info to come in the future.

Boiling Springs recap: Thank you, Rob, for telling the Chapter about the exciting adventures.

Kennally Creek recap: Thank you Lisa, for sharing.

Other business: certified grass hay vs Alfalfa, Chapter members for nominating committee, thank you all who has volunteered.

Program, good of the order:

Door Prizes drawn and awarded.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Dawn Johnson