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MEETING TIME

Saturday
FEBRUARY 16th

Socializing: 7:00
Meeting: 7:30

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FEBRUARY 2008

Founding Member Passed Away

One of our founding members has passed away on January 20, 2008 – Violet 'Vi' Nagel. She was 81 years old and resided in Rathdrum.

For those of you who remember, she was Panhandle BCH's first secretary, treasurer & newsletter editor. She was married to Charlie Nagel, also one of our past members who helped in getting our chapter up and running. I remember Vi being a quiet person, but so helpful in all that she did for this organization. She then passed everything over to me and with her guidance, I was able to try and fill her shoes. She would be at every meeting and board meeting. She took notes on everything. A few years back, I went through all of the old records and found she did a great job and care of keeping things as accurate as possible. In those days, it was an old typewriter or hand written notes.

She also helped out in our first state of Idaho Back Country Horsemen Convention that was held here in Coeur d'Alene. If you needed anything, Vi was there to help.

There aren't many of us older members present today that remember Violet Nagel, but believe me, she was a very kind person who cared about what BCH was all about. She did a great job in getting our chapter off the ground in all the hard work she did. She was such an asset to this organization. Thank you Violet Nagel.

Respectfully,
Sharon Bruce

Senate Bill

There is a bill currently in the Senate that is important to trail riders.

S. 2283 would preserve the use and access of pack and Saddle stock animals on public land administered by The National Park Service, and Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, or the Forest Service on which there is a Historical tradition of the use of pack and saddle Stock animals.

The web site below has a voting button for people to Indicate whether they are for or against this bill.

If you value trails, please take a minute to vote. All it takes is 1 click:

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Panhandle Back Country Horsemen January 19, 2008 Meeting Minutes

April Linscott, President opened the meeting at 7:30. Minutes for December meeting were dispensed as Debbie Samovar was snowed in. Sherri Lionberger took minutes.

Andy Boggs – recreation forestry technician from the Coeur d'Alene River RD came to talk with us about local Forest Service trails. It was requested because people would like information on closer trails than down to the St. Joe. The District is heavily motorized, but there is a non-motorized area way up north on the CdA River Trail, Whitetail Peak, Deer Creek and Alden Creek trails which connect and are about 25 miles total. The trails have recently been improved, but there are still some spots that could be worked on. Access is Jordan Camp which is 2+ hours away. Marie Creek has a mile under a brushing contract this year (near Skitwish Creek). There could also be some puncheon work done on the first mile after Searchlight Creek crossing. Question asked about Chilco Mountain; there is limited parking for about 3 horse trailers. The District is considering a loop trail up on CdA Mountain and south into Pleasant Creek. Andy needs to walk that before discussing the needs. Marie also could use some widening down into Marie Creek. Independence Creek trail was rerouted out of the creek. There are a couple safety concerns that could be worked on there. We need to let Andy know if there are trails that we would like to work on. The snowmobile bypass is also easily accessed with good parking up the Bunco. The 4th of July cross country ski area is a non-motorized series of roads that are easy to ride also with good parking.

Our next presentation was the Harmony Hustler 4H girls discussing PER – Panhandle Equine Rescue. Cassidy Bane, Cicily Caruso, Hailey Foster said their group is taking this on as a community project to raise money for PER. PER finds foster homes for equines, take care of vet checks, hoof care, shots and help with hay. The girls also had forms to join PER for \$35/year; this provides you the opportunity to have first choice at adopting equines. Sharon asked about getting information into our newsletter so everyone in the chapter can find out about it. They will take tack donations as well, or hay, grain, etc.

New members or guests: Sam, Jay, Mike and Hailey Foster are new members. Vince, Chelle CJ and Cicely Caruso are also new members. Guest Tom McColley was present and needs an application.

Sharon gave the treasurer's report. Checking, savings and CDs were reported for a total of \$25,042.13. Bills to pay: April for the Christmas party - \$80.69, Perry had awards for the Christmas party - \$97.40 and Sharon for secretary needs - \$25.15. Bob moved to pay the bills seconded by Serena - motion passed. Sharon handed out the proposed budget. Last year was a loss of \$669, but we paid money beyond the grant for the backpack sprayers (20%). It was suggested that Sharon report the interest income from our CD's each year. It was noted that Byron Miller has not gotten a newsletter since October and Debbie needs to send to him. Gene motioned to approve the budget as presented, seconded by Bernie and motion passed. Perry and Genia are doing the audit of the

books this year and will be reporting on that next meeting.

By law committee – Sherri read the bylaws one last time. Bob asked if the change proposed under travel expenses were considered in Sharon's budget? No – she did not think of that. Bob moved to approve the changes in the by laws. Gene seconded. Motion passed. Bob asked about putting them in the new member packet and also on the website when it gets fixed. (Debbie will redo the bylaws now.)

The board had a fund raiser discussion. We made very little money on the poker ride for all the effort that was put into it. One problem might be the Cenex ride right before ours with lots of prizes. A fund raiser committee should be tasked to discuss this. The trail ride committee should be separate from a fund raiser committee. Karen, Robert and Gene will volunteer for the fund raiser committee. April, Gene and Serena will volunteer for the trail committee.

Dues are due by March. Sharon put together the hours of service for last year and Bernie will write the annual report needed for the convention. (Bernie needs to add Bob's time to the hitch rail project.)

Convention is coming up and we need volunteers to man the raffle booth. There are 3 chapters that are participating. Bob and Leah, Al Linscott will help. We should also put together a PBCH display. Sharon will ask if Walt and Connie will help put it together, and Sherri/Sharon will help. Angie had some ideas about using batteries. Bernie reported on the photo contest – Debbie Samovar is getting the ribbons put together and there will be cash prizes for best of show and people's choice. There will be a judge from Lewiston Tribune.

Our prize for the Buck-o-Matic will be a weather vane that Bob will provide. Convention is April 11-13.

Bernie noted there is a volunteer to head the 4th of July weekend – Gary and Vanessa Edwards. Also - if we do not have the poker ride the first weekend in May, Shriners have volunteered to trail boss a ride over at Perma at the remount station. We will need to have saw training again this year and Sverdstens volunteered to host it. Byron will ask George Miller if he can teach it again. We need to do more in the education realm; LNT as well as horse safety. Two people went to first aid last year – Perry and Gene.

Public lands issues: Bernie got a call from Tracy Gravelle asking for a letter of support for trail work on the St. Joe, which he wrote. He has also been getting lots of emails from state level on the Western Slope No Fee Coalition. There are trying to repeal the fees.

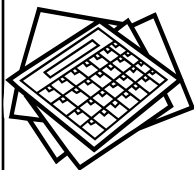
April got an email from Marilyn Rousher looking for any stories or information for Broomtales that will come out in April. Please send direct to her.

Motion to adjourn from Serena.

Respectfully submitted by Sherri Lionberger

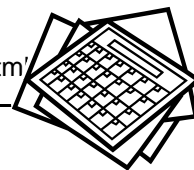
Welcome New Members

Vince & Chelle Caruso, 5488 E Burma Rd, Harrison, ID 83833, 208-665-5902, chelle@carusosandco.com



Calendar of Events

For more detailed information go to: http://pbch.org/My_Homepage_Files/Page4.htm



JANUARY

19th – Saturday
Regular Meeting

FEBRUARY

16th – Saturday
Regular Meeting

MARCH

15th – Saturday
Regular Meeting

APRIL

11th, 12th & 12th – Friday, Saturday & Sunday
State Convention

19th – Saturday
Regular Meeting

MAY

17th – Saturday
Regular Meeting

JUNE

18th – Wednesday
Regular Meeting

JULY

16th – Wednesday
Regular Meeting
ANNUAL POT LUCK
6:30 in the Park

AUGUST

20th – Wednesday
Regular Meeting

SEPTEMBER

20th – Saturday
Regular Meeting

OCTOBER

18th – Saturday
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NOVEMBER

15th – Saturday
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Dear Public Lands Supporter,

Many thanks to all of you who have sent messages of congratulations following the announcement that Fee Repeal legislation (S2438) has been introduced in the U.S. Senate by Max Baucus of Montana and his colleagues Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) Jon Tester (D-Montana).

The WSNFC has been one of the most visible forces behind this effort (especially our late President Robert Funkhouser), but it would never have happened without the support of thousands of individuals like you.

Now it is time to rally around this bill and kill the Recreation Access Tax (RAT). It is going to take an all-out grassroots effort, and we will be calling on you to take action several times during the process.

Let us vow to make 2008 the "Year Of The Dead RAT!"

It is time NOW to take the first step.

Senator Baucus is currently circulating a letter to his Senate colleagues seeking co-sponsors for S2438. YOU need to contact each of YOUR Senators and ask them to agree to be a co-sponsor.

You can do this by email, phone, or fax. At the Senate website, www.senate.gov you can pull down a list of Senators. Find yours (you have two of them) and you can then click to open their individual websites. There you will find contact information. If you live near one of the Senator's local offices, a *hand-delivered letter* would be very effective. If you prefer to *phone*, we suggest you use the Washington DC phone number. Another option is to use the *email form* provided at each website. And you can still write a good old-fashioned *letter*, although we suggest you fax it rather than mailing it due to security delays on mailed items. A fax number is listed at each website.

Keep your communication short and to the point: Just ask *politely* that he or she agree to co-sponsor S2438, the Fee Repeal and Expanded Access Act. Please stick to just that topic, don't bring in other issues, which dilute the main message.

The text of S2438 can be read at <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d110:s.02438>: The repeal of Forest Service and BLM access fees is contained in Section 3(b)(1) which re-instates the language from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act that governed such fees for over 30 years. That language reads in part:

(b) RECREATION USE FEES.—Each Federal agency developing, administering, providing or furnishing at Federal expense, specialized outdoor recreation sites, facilities, equipment, or services shall, in accordance with this subsection and subsection (d) of this section, provide for the collection of daily recreation use fees at the place of use or any reasonably convenient location: *Provided, That in no event shall there be a charge by any such agency for the use, either singly or in any combination, of drinking water, wayside exhibits, roads, overlook sites, visitors' centers, scenic drives, or toilet facilities, nor shall there be any such charge solely for the use of picnic tables: Provided, That in no event shall there be a charge for the use of any campground not having a majority of the following: tent or trailer spaces, picnic tables, drinking water, access road, refuse containers, toilet facilities, personal collection of the fee by an employee or agent of the Federal agency operating the facility, reasonable visitor protection, and simple devices for containing a campfire (where campfires are permitted).*

No more fees for parking, overlooks, scenic drives, hiking/riding trails, backcountry permits, toilets, or picnic tables - all of which are currently incurring fees or penalties for non-payment under the RAT!

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Thanks, Kitty Benzar

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Seasons Greetings to one and all! I can't believe I just wrote that. It seems like just yesterday it was August and I was out in the field bucking bales, etc. I reckon the reason the time went by so fast, was the workload during that time.

First I want to express how very good it is, for us to be in the position to make all the difference that we have made in the quality of life, all these animals will enjoy

At this point in time, we have been 100% effective in our efforts regarding abused horses and on that note, much appreciation goes out to our members for taking part with helping out, to say nothing of the good-thinking, planning, talents, follow through on the part of the Officer's.

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We now have ~~13~~ horses in our care, and we give a special thanks to the ones who took these horses into their care. A special thanks to Karen Williams with Kootenai County Animal Control, for her endless work on these horses and to Amity Larson, with the Idaho State Brand Inspector's office, for her endless work.

With the delay in action on the part of the Justice system, it seems that the horses will be in our care for an extended time, which means we need more hay and grain-grass or alfalfa grass mix. 1 bale or more would be appreciated. Call Bob@ 773-2320.

The horses are hitched-the wheels are greased, and we're rolling into the holiday season-Merry Christmas everyone. Let's all enjoy the ride.

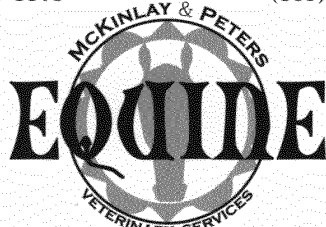
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*We would like to give a special thanks to the 4-H group known as the "Harmony Hustlers".
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Thank you from all of us at Panhandle Equine Rescue.*

Panhandle Equine Rescue, Inc
Volunteer List

Panhandle Equine Rescue, would like to connect people who wish to help, to single-hoofed animals that are in need.

If you have indicated a willingness and ability to become involved, you may be contacted by Panhandle Equine Rescue, to assist in any of the following areas. Thank you for making your help available. We believe this will give precious opportunities to assist single-hoofed animals that need our help.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ WORK: _____

I AM WILLING TO VOLUNTEER IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS.

Please put circles around all the items where you might be able to help. even occasionally are under no obligation to fulfill a request when called. Thank you for being available when you can.

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1. Short term—2-4 weeks
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3. Possible adoption

B) Feed

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2. Grain
3. Salt/Supplements
4. Hay Feeders
5. Water tanks

C) Tack

1. Halters
2. Ropes
3. Blankets
4. Brushes/Combs
5. Other

D) Bedding

1. Shavings
2. Straw
3. Other

E) Skills/Services I can assist with

1. Medical
2. Legal
3. Shoeing/trimming
4. Carpentry

F) Other Services

1. Fund raising
2. Newsletter
3. Media
4. Other _____

G) Transportation

1. Local
2. Long Distance
3. Transport donated hay, etc.
4. I am willing to be on call 24 hours
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Your support assists us in educating the public on humane care of single-hoofed animals and helps provide facilities and equipment necessary to rescue and rehabilitate those animals in need.

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Make checks payable to: Panhandle Equine Rescue, Inc. • P.O. Box 2832 Hayden Lake • Idaho 83835

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LOOK

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If you believe in our cause, we welcome your membership. We have monthly meetings, with an education session and our members receive a monthly newsletter.

Dues paid after October 1st apply to the coming calendar year. Please complete the following and mail with your dues to:

Panhandle BCH, P.O. Box 5382, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

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Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

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1. ____ To support the philosophy of PBCH.

7. ____ Camp tending.

2. ____ Attend monthly meetings.

8. ____ Help put on programs at meetings.

3. ____ Receive monthly newsletter.

9. ____ Newsletter or Web Editor.

4. ____ Work on club fund raising events.

10. ____ Work to organize pleasure rides.

5. ____ Pleasure rides.

11 ____ Work on trailheads.

6. ____ Work on trail maintenance.

12 ____ Help on club cook outings.

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I do further acknowledge that the activities in which I participate are or may be hazardous, and I am fully aware of prospective injuries, and have read this release, and understand all of its terms, and voluntarily sign the same with full knowledge of its significance.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Member:

Spouse:

Witness:

Thank you for joining Panhandle Back Country Horsemen

2008 COMMITTEES NOW FORMING

Please circle the one you would like to participate in.

Events Calendar - for rides and projects
Convention in April
Poker Ride



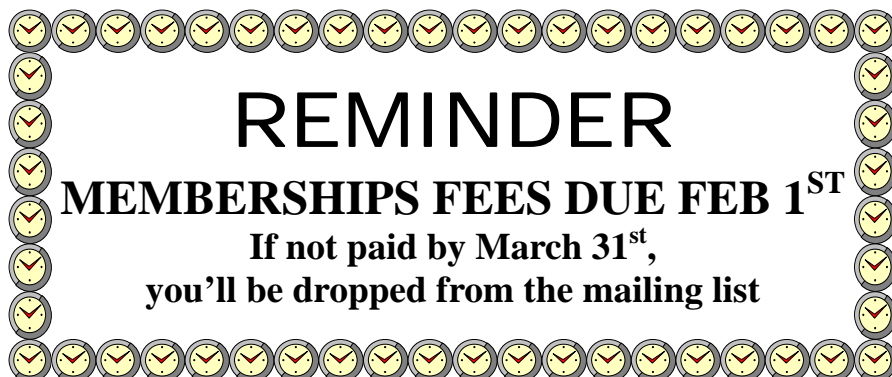
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Message from the Editor:

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