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The President's Saddlebag

Karen Kimball, president PBCH 2013

The weather is sure letting us know it is fall. We had a wet Trail Challenge. Could have been worse for the 8 riders that took on the obstacles Jamie Smith set up at Farragut State Park. Thank you to her and everyone that helped with judging, office work and set-up.

Bill Clarke, Jerry Shriner and myself traveled to Nampa for the BCHI State Directors Meeting last weekend. It was a very positive meeting with lots of ideas for Chapters to take back to their members. The agenda will be reported on at our October meeting. The minutes will also be posted on the BCHI website soon. Please take the time to read these minutes as they are important to all members.

Thank you Sandy Beamer for volunteering to Trail Boss the Christmas Party. It is in December so hope we have a good turnout. It's a fun social event with recognition to our working members.

October 12 we will help to do some brushing on the 4th of July Pass trail. Watch for more details.

Hope to see you at the Steak Ride at Linscotts. Happy Trails, Karen

Results of the Sept. 28 trail challenge at Farragut State Park:

Novice class:

Jim Kimball 1st place
Kathryn Bodrock 2nd place
Jessica Reineccius 3rd place
Kiana McLay 4th place
Over 18 class:
Brittany Pierson 1st place
Ginny Deane 2nd place
Lisa Ailport 3rd place
John Ailport 4th place

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September Meeting Minutes

September 21st meeting called to order by Angie Parsons as 7:07 pm. There were no new guests present. The minutes were read. Bob Williams had a correction that Karen Kimball and crew actually did the spraying of the weeds at Marie Creek, not Bob. The minutes were approved as read.

TREASURERS REPORT: Stan Smith reported Income of \$75.00 for dues and \$63.88 PBCH clothing for a total of \$148.88.

Expenses were \$20.00 Ormus which was paid and \$20.00 due to Omus. Motion made to pay the bill by Bob Williams and second by Lea Williams - Passed.......Progressive pot has \$323.00.

Bob Williams wanted to know why we had so much money in checking account and there was discussion of moving some to a CD. Motion was made by Bob Williams and 2nd by Bea Christopherson. Passed. Bob Williams also indicated in the past they put money in 2 different defense funds.

OLD BUSINESS: Hat and shirts are in. There are extra hats if anyone is interested.

Joni Lueck reported that Kurt Pindell of BLM indicated they just put up a map of Blue Creek trails and a new bench up by the old corrals. It would be nice to do another ride and have a barbeque by the old corrals.

Trail challenge is coming up on September 28th. It was discussed we should have drinks and lots of donuts for the volunteers. Motion was made by Bob Williams to give Jamie \$50.00 to buy refreshments and 2nd by Matt Richardson. Passed.

Jerry Shriner put together a letter for support for the RTP Grant Program. Karen Kimball signed them and one to Senator Risch and one to Senator Crapo were mailed.

The 2014 calendars are here. Ray Heilman and Lori Jenkins got out about 30. We need to have members take some out to sell.

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Calendar October through December

October 5 Annual Steak Ride. Members only. Contact Al Linscott for more information. Directions: From I-90 go east to Kingston to exit 43. Turn left over the overpass on the CDA River rd. until you get to the 5 mile marker. Take the next right onto the ranch entrance and stay to the left up the hill. Follow the PBCH signs. 682-4918.

Oct. 12 trail clearing work party with North Idaho Nordic Ski club at 4th of July Rec. Area.. Walk the trail and help clear with loppers. Meet 9 a.m. in main parking lot. Bea Christopherson, trail boss. 651-6748. Bring your lunch.

October 19 meeting. 3rd Saturday of the month. PBCH meeting, 6:30 p.m. socialize and 7 p.m. meeting. Dalton City Hall. Corner of 4th and Hanley.

December Christmas Party. Dec. 7. Sandy Beamer, trail boss. 660-4240.

People meeting people Written by Joni Lueck

Friends of and PBCH members have hosted horsemen traveling through the area this summer and acted as goodwill ambassadors for the area. The first was Terry and Dee Sverdsten of Cataldo who were on the lookout for the two young men traveling through from Gardiner, MT to Bellingham, WA on their fundraiser trek Cowboys vs. Crohn's. "I heard they were traveling up from the Old Cataldo Mission that morning and were looking to find a way to go over 4th of July Pass without riding on the interstate, he said. He watched for them and saw them coming up their Canyon Rd. "I waved my arms as they came up the road on their horses with mule in tow. "We served them blueberries and coffee. Then I saddled up and rode them up the ridge of Little North Fork of the CDA River and 4th of July Creek, Terry said. Terry, 81, rode his Palomino gelding "Chip" and spent about 5 hours in the saddle that day. "I had a fun time visiting with them." he said.

The Montana men decided to do the 1,300 mile trek this summer to raise money and awareness for Crohn's Disease. You can follow them on their website www.cowboysvscrohn's.com

PBCH member Robin Near, who is a member of an Icelandic Horse group, hosted an Alaskan couple Pete and Alys as they traveled through with their two horses. They did ride long distance in Colorado and did some traveling around with their horses and dogs and were headed back to Alaska, she said. Robin and her husband Al offered to host them at their place for a few days and became friends from this first meeting.

Blue Creek Bay Area monthly trail ride By Marilyn Rousher

Sunday, Sept. 8th, twelve riders showed up at the Blue Creek Bay Trail -head to tread off into the "wilderness" that PBCH helped open up last year. For those of you who haven't ridden there, this close-in ride offers an awesome variety of scenery (check out Lake Coeur D' Alene) from the bottom trail, the frog pond on the upper trail and visit the old homestead cattle chutes. There are three good trails that will appeal to all levels of riding and all distances desired. For the less ambitious a nice one hour ride along the blue diamond trail is perfect, for the more ambitious try out the orange diamond trail. Better yet, for those of you who want to really make a day of it, then try all three trails. I love this location and I love the variety of scenery and wildlife available. Parking is good down by the fishing dock (fish after your ride) or up at the main trail head. There are bathroom facilities, but no water, other than a jump in the lake if you so desire. I know I had a good time on the ride and didn't see any frowns from my vantage point at the rear. Come with us; I'd love to see you there. Marilyn

Autumn by Emily Dickinson (1830-1886)

The morns are meeker than they were,
The nuts are getting brown;
The berry's cheek is plumper,
The rose is out of town.

The maple wears a gayer scarf, The field a scarlet gown. Lest I should be old-fashioned, I'll put a trinket on.

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NEW BUSINESS: We need a Chairperson for the Christmas Party. Thank you Sandy Beamer for volunteering. Jamie Smith offered to help. Party is tentatively set for December 7th. Needs to be confirmed.

Stan Smith advised Mike Nourse from Ormus would like to be paid quarterly, semi-annually or annually. Motion was made by Matt Richardson to pay semi-annually starting January 2014. Seconded by Bob Williams. Passed.

4th of July horse gate was discussed by Bea Christopherson at the end of 10 mile. Joni Lueck said we should have money from the Foundation. This will cut off motorized vehicles from the trail. Bea will discuss with Nordic Ski Club members for available dates and we will check into the gate costs.

Cindi Richardson volunteered to send out "Get Well" cards to members who are sick or injured.

TRAILS: Joyce and Angie Bissell discussed their experience on the Ennis, Montana rides and all the work that the Americorp kids were doing. Great experience greeting people and discussing the riding, bears, fires, forest, etc.

Wendy Ward discussed a 3-hour loop ride by Mica Bay off Whitlaw Road and 8 people attended. Lots of water crossings. Stan Smith mentioned the ride at Blue Creek Bay and how nice, easy and close to town it is.

Steak ride is on October 5th. Money has to be in no later than Monday September 30th.

Liberty Lake possible ride on October 12th was abandoned due to hunting season. Maybe Heyburn Park would be better.

Progressive Pot - Diane Shelby was called.....Not in attendance and the pot continues to grow...Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm. Bob Williams made motion and Stan Smith 2nd.

Have a great week.

Andrea Anderson, secretary

The Way We Were I was talking with my husband the other day in the barn as we were opening a bag of feed. I said I remembered when the feed came in burlap sacks. The old couple who boarded my horse so many years ago always asked me to save the sacks for them and even instructed me in the proper way to open the bag to save the seam. They would use them for storing produce from their garden. My husband said his mother would save the cotton bags that chicken feed came in and make clothes for her children. The bags were colorful with many designs.

Remember taking your jar over to the neighbor's place to pick up some fresh milk? Saving cardboard egg cartons for farm fresh eggs? People who went through the Depression learned to save and reuse lots of things and pass this onto others. Have your own story? Want to share? Please send them to me. Joni Lueck, newsletter editor

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------Scholarship Information------Scholarship Information

Panhandle Back Country Horsemen will grant two individuals with a \$500 scholarship each. They must meet the below requirements and be selected by the Board of Directors. The goal of the scholarship is to assist young people in the rising cost of tuition. Individuals must be willing to be involved in trail conservation, education and horsemanship through PBCH membership. See the website www.pbch.org for further information or contact Jamie Smith at 208-755-4490 or email jkimball2331@yahoo.com

Members volunteer in Montana

Written by Joni Lueck

Angie and Joyce Bissell got a call this summer to volunteer at a campground near Lee Metcalf Wilderness area outside Ennis, MT and jumped at the chance to visit.

While at their post, they volunteered their time to educate folks about riding and packing in the backcountry, maintaining the cabin, and feeding the stock animals housed there. They brought their horses and camper.

Joyce said they spent two weeks at the area and just loved it. "We met two different outfitters who were getting ready to go into the wilderness area," she said. "It was a really nice experience for us."

She was impressed with the Americorp volunteers who carried in saws and cleared trails in the area. "They worked all day carrying the saws and shovels and worked really hard. They were nice young people," she said.

They were contacted by their long-time ranger friend who asked them to come volunteer. Friends and PBCH members Bob and Lea Williams came for a visit too, she said. They missed visitors Gene and Sharon Bruce by a few hours. If you are interested in doing a volunteer stint in that area, contact Angie and Joyce at 689-3356.

Call for 2015 Calendar submissions

Contact Debbie Samovar at 208-245-3041 or dsamovar@gmail.com for instructions and rules. Deadline for submissions is March 22, 2014 at the state BCHI convention in Bonners Ferry. Mail entries to Debbie at 9176 E. Soaring Hawk Ln., St. Maries, ID 83861.

Classified Ads

For sale: Beautiful 11 year old Blue Roan Mare for sale. 15.1 hands. She has mainly been used as a trail horse, but has also been ridden in Novice O-Mok-See.\$1500 Diana Daum 208-659-1886 babybrb@roadrunner.com (for pictures)

TWO QUALITY GELDINGS FOR SALE:

Toby: Registered quarter horse, bay, 11 years old this month. Tall, lanky, good looking. Used for trail rides. Asking \$1500 or best offer. Jack: Previous owner died. His papers were not found. He is a beautiful chestnut quarter horse, tall, very muscular, gorgeous. We were told he was a working cattle horse. We have used him as a trail horse. Asking \$2000 or best offer.

Please call <u>208 683-2154</u> or 208 661-6476. Jan and Gary Sylte. **Newsletter Editor** Joni Lueck 659-9066 or jklhorserider@gmail.com Deadline for submitting information 1st of the month. Please type directly into email and send to me.

Membership dues for year 2013

Please go to the web site www.pbch.org and fill out membership form for 2013. You must fill out a new form each year. Send to PBCH, P.O. Box 1903, Hayden, ID 83835.

Progressive Pot: Diane Shelby's name was called for the pot. She was not present, so money rolls over to next time.

*Calendars: \$20. A great deal for you and the club. Beautiful outdoor photos and your chance to win a monthly \$500 card.

Monthly winner LeAnn Nelson, Kooskia, ID.

2014 Calendars now available!! See a chapter member for yours. Officers and board members contact information

To contact Karen Kimball, president, call 772-2434. Board members contact: Bob Funke 772-5326; Bill Clarke 687-1968; Jill Reineccius 660-5549; Angela Parsons 640-3105; and Jerry Shriner 667-2949.

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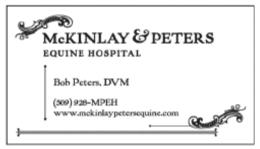


















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Trail Challenge Fundraiser

Saturday, Sept. 28 proved to be a wet one, raining cats and dogs. A large group of volunteers from the chapter showed up at 8 a.m. to begin walking through the obstacle course and getting their assignments.

Ten hardy horseback riders competed in the course set up with 12 obstacles at Farragut State Park. It was mowed and cleaned up so the riders could see the course really well. Except for the downpour, everything else went well during the 2-hour event.

Prizes for each class included horn bags, horse feed and beverage holders. Trail boss Jamie Kimball camped at Farragut along with her husband Stan, Bob and Linda Funke and Cindi and Matt Richardson and Karen and Jim Kimball. "I was shocked people came out in this weather," Jamie said. But we had good volunteers and the die-hard riders came out for the event, she added.

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Photo Below: Volunteers listen to trail boss Jamie Smith before the start of the trail challenge. Photo at lower right: Members Cindi Richardson and Jessica Reineccius at check-in table. Photos courtesy Joni Lueck -----









