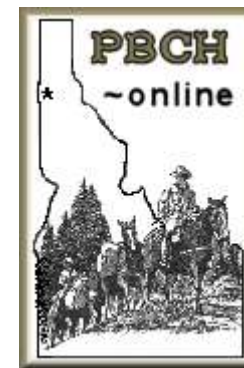


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From Karen Kimball:

I hope that everyone is reading the Back Country Horsemen of America newsletter, especially the article from chairman Don Saner. He keeps you updated on what's going on in the political world. At the last meeting we talked about efforts of transferring our public federal land to the state. This is becoming a big issue and one of our biggest threats to our ongoing access to public lands.

In Montana the RMEF has opposed the transfer of such land. There are also sales of large acres of land being purchased by individuals and cutting off access to our public lands. That is happening in Montana and has happened in Idaho in the past.

Some of our Idaho legislators are for the idea of the state purchasing the federal public land. We need to write letters opposing this idea. We will get the information of the Idaho legislators to you as members of BCH and ask that you write letters to them opposing selling our public lands.

Contact Senator Mike Crapo in Boise at 208-334-1778 or Coeur d'Alene at 208-664-5490. OR Contact James Risch in Boise at 208-342-7985 or Coeur d'Alene at 208-667-6130.

Incoming 2017 PBCH Officers and board members:

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Bill Clarke 687-1968;

Ray Heilman 660-2907; and

Jill Reineccius, 660-5549.

Karen Kimball, public lands coordinator, 772-2434

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******On Loan:** The club has a Decker pack saddle and boxes it will loan out to members.

Please go to www.pbch.org and print out 2017 **membership form** and mail in. Please email Susan Purdy, treasurer finegansfarm2@gmail.com with questions. You can also sign up at any ride or event throughout the year! Mail to PBCH, P.O. Box 1903, Hayden, ID 83835.

Remember to get your PBCH membership card which is good for **10% discount** on animal feed at the North 40 Store. Attend the monthly meeting to pick up your discount card.

Life Flight memberships. The yearly dues are \$45 for BCHI members. Important to have in case of medevac emergency during trail riding or other events.

2017 Calendars are Available

Contact Bill or Kay Clarke at 208-699-2044 or 687-2784 to purchase yours for the upcoming year. These are a main fundraiser for the BCHI organization. \$20 for the calendar and entry of the drawing raffle card for one of 12 prizes. Please turn in your money at the February meeting for all calendar sales. It must be turned in at the March BCHI state convention. Or mail to:

PBCH, P.O. Box 1903, Hayden, ID 83835.

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Opinion on Calendar Sales to raise money for the Back Country Horsemen of Idaho by Karen Kimball

I am 100% in favor of the calendar sales. I was a member when we had to struggle selling raffle tickets to keep the BCHI alive and it was hard. They never did get ahead. Please discuss this at the February meeting.

January 21 2017 PBCH Meeting Notes

Karen Kimball, newly elected President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The meeting followed a potluck dinner attended by 14 members and a guest, Betsy Walker.

Minutes from November's meeting were amended as follows, the 2016 calendar was sold for \$10.00 with the drawing post card intact, not removed as stated in the minutes. Also " 32 cents per mile, not to exceed \$100.00", not to exceed \$100.00 referred to hotel cost.

Motion was made by Bea Christopherson and seconded by Bill Clarke to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was read by Susan Purdy, Treasurer:

Payment of outstanding bills included:

USPS box for the year \$60.00 and Debbie Samovar for printing \$14.35.

Motion to approve was made by Bea Christopherson and seconded by Bill Clarke, motion carried.

Government Agencies:

Karen Kimball committed PBCH to the 100 hrs. of work so that Tracy at the U.S. Forest Service was able to apply for a grant to work on Trail 48 (lower section) at St. Joe Lodge area. If successful the grant will be in effect 2018.

Also the Forest Service asked for a commitment from TWG (Trail Working Group) which is comprised of various groups to include hikers, mountain bikers, ATVs, horseman , etc. to clear brush at Marie Creek. The Forest Service needed a commitment from PBCH for 150 hrs. of work in order to apply for a grant. Karen asked for members to join committees.

Presently Public Lands Liaison position is headed by Jerry Shriner and Trails Committee is chaired by Jill Graham with Bea Christopherson and Julie Volpi.

New Membership Packet committee is headed by Kay Clarke. It was determined that treasurer Susan Purdy, will contact Kay after new members have submitted an application and paid their dues. Then Kay will present the new members with the packet at the meeting.

Still needed are Education Committee chairperson and someone to write articles for the Broomtails publication and year-end project reports.

If anyone is interested please contact Karen Kimball at 772-2434.

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Calendar

February PBCH Meeting Saturday, Feb. 18. 6360 4th St., Dalton Gardens City Hall. 6:30 p.m. Robert Eversole aka The Trailmeister, will overview PLB (personal locator beacons) and meeting starts at 7 p.m. PBCH will vote on the standing rules at the meeting, and discuss calendar sales, and the ongoing debate over sales of public land to the states.

BCHI State Convention in Boise, March 11. Go to www.bchi.org to sign up.

March PBCH Meeting, Saturday, March 18. 6:30 p.m. socialize, 7 p.m. meeting start. Check out our web site at www.pbch.org

Other Events

Ponderosa Back Country Horsemen sponsors Rendezvous, Ellensburg, WA March 17-19. Go to www.ponderosabackcountryhorsemen.com for more information.

Sponsorships

The sponsorships help the chapter's bottom line. They are inexpensive for members at \$10 per year. Non-members can become a sponsor also for \$30 per year. This includes your business card in the monthly newsletter Tails and Trails and also your card will be listed on the web site. This is a great price for advertising!

Send your money to PBCH, P.O. Box 1903, Hayden, ID 83835. Send your business card to jklhorserider@gmail.com or dsamovar@gmail.com

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For work performed by our group in 2016, we received the \$1300.00 from the Forest Service.

As reported by Joni Lueck, an ongoing hot topic is the Public Lands Transfer that the Federal government to considering from federal to state control. Karen Kimball presented a CDA Press article detailing The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's objection to it.

Arnie Wilkens requested that Joni resend our State contacts ,via email , so PBCH can voice their opinion (objection) .

Karen explained the passage of H.R. 845 by the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, a bill that directed the Secretary of Agriculture to publish, in the National Registry, various groups of volunteers that are able and willing to help maintain our 157,00 miles of trails in the National Forests. Due to budgetary constraints the Federal Government realizes the trails are falling into disrepair.

Old Business:

By laws were passed , motion was made by Bee and Seconded by Bob Funke.

Standing Rules also was approved, motion was made by Bee and seconded by Bill Clarke.

A discussion followed the vote and Karen decided to clarify one item, a corrected version will be introduced at February's meeting for a vote.

New Business:

Photos for the photo contest are due by March 11 for the state convention.

The discount at North Forty will be 10% on horse related items. It was discussed that mostly grooming tools, tack and feed are subject to discount while fencing is not. If questions arise see manager Brian at North Forty. Present you membership card before the cashier starts to process your purchase. Get your discount card by attending a PBCH meeting.

Kay Clarke pointed out that members should use a payment envelop that is supplied by PBCH for members to pay for dues and purchases made. A separate envelope should be made for each separate purchase. This will avoid confusion that occurs when one check is used for various purchases.

Stan Smith asked that the calendar payment box located on membership applications be removed. Again it adds confusion and makes it difficult to disburse different funds. It was suggested that Debbie Samovar please remove the box at next printing.

Karen distributed and read the new 2017 proposed budget. It was approved after a motion was made by Jerry Shriner and seconded by Kay Clarke.

Stan Smith suggested, and the members agreed, that there will NOT be a Vet Clinic this year. It was pointed out that few members showed up. If any member is having a vet visit please contact members to see if others can attend.

Good of the Order:

Jerry Shriner attended a Priest River BCH meeting and stated he was surprised how much more money they raised in 2016 working for the Forest Service than we did. He suggested that we look into maybe getting more dollars for our work. Karen Kimball felt that we get as much money as this Forest Service district budgets for.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:56 p.m., motioned by Jim Kimball, seconded by Bill Clarke , motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Arnie Wilkens V.P./ Secretary.

PANHANDLE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMAN, INC.
STANDING RULES The chapter will vote on these at the February meeting.
Amended and Adopted February 18, 2017

SECTION 1101 – STATE MEETINGS

- #1 Standing Rule : That the dues for the Panhandle Back Country Horsemen shall be \$40.00 \$40.00 for a family membership, \$30.00 for an individual membership, \$30.00 for a youth group membership.
- #2 Standing Rule: A sponsorship for a member is \$10 per year. A non-member can become a sponsor for \$30 per year. This includes your business card in the monthly newsletter.
- #3 Standing Rule : That Chapter meeting will be held at the Dalton City Hall unless otherwise stated in the minutes of a preceding meeting.
- #4 Standing Rule : That Panhandle Back Country Horsemen members required to travel for Chapter business shall be reimbursed for expenses as follows: Transportation by air, actual round trip cost using the least expensive fare and route; by auto \$.32 cents per mile round trip from the travelers home to the meeting site.
- #5 Standing Rule: Lodging should be at actual cost not to exceed \$100 per night.
- #6 Standing Rule: Meals, with the exception of the Convention , will be allowed at,\$40.00 per day maximum. Convention cost is to be paid to Board of Directors and Foundation Director to attend.
- #7 Standing Rule: The treasurer shall, no later than December 31 of each calendar year remit to the Back Country Horsemen of Idaho (BCHI) the BCHI portion of dues collected during that calendar year.
- #8 Standing Rule; That members may be reimbursed by PBCH for one way vehicle transportation to work projects at the rate of \$0.50 per mile from their home to the project site.

PROPOSAL Concerning the calendar sales by all Idaho chapters

The North Central Idaho chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Idaho presents the following proposal to be reviewed by the state Board of Directors on March 10, 2017 and request that it be brought before the convention delegates on March 11, 2017 for a vote.

WHEREAS: BCHI is a member driven organization. Members, consisting of Chapters, who agreed when they accepted their Charter to support the mission & purpose of BCHI. Therefore, any Chapter who chooses not to support BCHI is in violation of their Charter and that Charter may be revoked.

WHEREAS: BCHI operates by consensus, per Roberts Rules of Order. A vote taken at the State Directors Meeting or at the annual State Convention, must be supported by all Chapters regardless if a Chapter voted against the measure or if a Chapter did not have representation at that meeting.

WHEREAS: All BCH State organizations obtain monies necessary to run said organization, from the collection of dues from their individual Chapters. The only other means to assure the State has adequate funding is through money making events or donations.

WHEREAS: The calendar sales have made the State organization financially sound & calendars also provide promotional & educational material on the mission & purpose of BCH. Chapters have no longer had to sell raffle tickets annually for a minimum profit to BCHI. Additionally, chapters no longer need to support the annual silent auction with 5 high value items, from each chapter, with the total proceeds going to BCHI, rather than to the Chapter hosting the annual Convention.

BE IT PROPOSED: If a proposal to stop the calendar sales as a State fund raiser is submitted, the chapter sponsoring that proposal must put forward a replacement fundraiser in the form of a proposal. That proposal must contain the anticipated return to the State & what commitment is needed from each Chapter to accomplish the goal. The proposal must be voted on, and passed by a majority vote, at the annual convention.

Submitted by: North Central Idaho State Directors Raenette Didier & Gary Kalmbach

February Rally “Public Lands in Public Hands” Planned in Boise February 20

Hello your participation and ideas are welcomed:

Hello everybody Friends of the Clearwater (FOC) staff has secured a reservation on Monday, February 20 (President’s Day) to hold a *Public Lands in Public Hands* peaceful demonstration from 11:00am - 1:00pm on the main steps of the Capital Building in Boise. By making a reserving on the capital steps, we are guaranteed sole use of the steps during the above time and also supplied with a podium and PA/microphone. As far as I am aware, the ID legislature is in session.

Everyone on this email works for a conservation organization in the state of Idaho. By no means is this email list completely inclusive:

Western Watersheds Project

Boise - Great Old Broads for Wilderness

Idaho Rivers United

WildLands Defense

Center for Biological Diversity

Defenders of Wildlife

Palouse - Sierra Club

Idaho - Sierra Club

Kootenai Environmental Alliance

Idaho Conservation League

Selkrik Conservation Alliance

Please help me in reaching out to conservation organizations not included in this email, including fishing and hunting groups. While I recognize the different mission, values and strategies of various groups around the state and the country, the more people the better for this day of unity. The message is simple: **We oppose all executive orders, legislation and efforts that would dispose, sell or transfer management of America’s federal public lands.**

I am willing to get on a conference call first thing next week if interested. I am going to create an event Facebook page today that will be made public so that thousands of people can be invited. FOC will also send out an action alert to our members sometime next week. FOC does not consider itself the leader of this rally, but rather a facilitator and strong voice for keeping public lands in public hands. Your participation and ideas are greatly encouraged.

Brett Haverstick

Education & Outreach Director

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