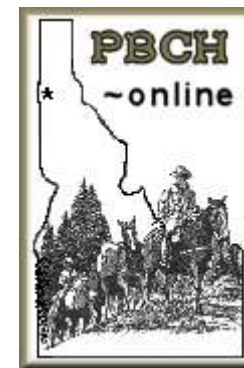


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## Notes from the president

We were saddened to hear of the passing of long-time member Joyce Bissell on Friday, March 2. Both she and her husband Angie were active in the chapter for many years helping on work projects, attending meetings, and riding with the group.

## Calendar of PBCH events/meetings

**March Yearly BCHI State convention in Clarkston, WA.**

**March 10.** See website [www.bchi.org](http://www.bchi.org) for attached flyer for registration and more information.

**Saturday, March 17 PBCH monthly meeting. Dr. Krista Porter will speak at 6:30 about her new vet facility.** Be sure to wear green! 7 p.m. meeting starts. 6360 4<sup>th</sup> St. Dalton Garden City Hall. Discussion of BCHI state convention highlights.

**Saturday, April 7 Chainsaw certification class.** Location Bob and Linda Funke's house. 7376 N. 15<sup>th</sup>, Dalton Gardens. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The trainer will be Joe Robinson from North Central BCH. We won't have to do this again for three years. This is a required course if you plan to run a chainsaw on work parties for the chapter.

Farragut State Park fun ride and work party to be held **May 19th and 20th. Plan to camp and potluck!** Trail boss Julie Volpi. Sunday ride is open to the public.

**\*\* 4<sup>th</sup> of July fun ride. Need trail boss.**

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**Official 4-H Tack Swap Sale, March 10 at 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.** Spokane County Interstate Fair, 404 N. Havana St., Ste. 1, Spokane Valley. Sponsored by Spokane County 4-H. 40<sup>th</sup> annual event. Consignments Friday, March 9, noon to 8 p.m. 509-928-6146.

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Please go to [www.pbch.org](http://www.pbch.org) and print out 2018 **membership form** and mail in. Please email Susan Purdy, treasurer [finegansfarm2@gmail.com](mailto: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. Please send in membership dues!

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 \$50 for BCHI members. Important to have in case of medevac emergency during trail riding or other events. Pick up an application at meeting.

## 2018 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. The 2017 raffle will be held Dec. 20, 2017.

## Business Card 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 and your card will be listed on the web site. This is a great price for advertising!

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!



## Minutes of February 17th 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7:23 following speaker Trailmeister Robert Eversole.

Nineteen members in attendance and one guest Katie Fitzgerald

Minutes for December 2017 were approved with one correction. Minutes for January meeting were approved.

Treasures report read. Report was approved with Stan Smith making a motion and Marian Crumb 2nd.

Discussion was held on getting monthly statements for CD's.

New Business: Life Flight correspondence- Life Flight price will increase to \$50 from \$45. Karen passed out applications.

End of the year party- January's end of the year party and meeting was held at MacKenzie River Pizza Kitchen. About 30 people were in attendance.

Budget: Karen is still working on the budget and will have it ready for next week.

Walkie/Talkie's: Arnie Wilkens purchased 2 sets (4) rechargeable radios. The chapter approved two sets but Arnie donated the 2nd set to the chapter.

Radios will be kept with the other equipment stored for rides and club functions.

Audit of books: PBCH Board of Directors audited and ratified expenditures from last year at the December board meeting

Calendars: Chapter voted to buy 150 calendars again for this year. Debbie Stratton made motion, Mellissa Jussila 2nd. Bill Clarke has calendars available.

Proposals for Convention: Three item proposals for convention were approved. Arnie Wilkens made motion, Stan Smith 2nd.

Discussion was held on email proposal submitted by Twin Rivers BCH. They proposed that all email addresses of members will be provided by BCHI to BCHA annually. Arleta Holmes made motion that PBCH have option to opt out on sharing emails. 2nd by Jeff Jussila. Motion was approved.

Convention: PBCH is approved for eight delegates. Debra Stratton made motion to approve funds to cover \$80 per day. Jeff Jussila 2nd approved by membership. Jim and Karen Kimball, Bill and Kay Clarke, and Arnie Wilkens to be delegates. Convention to be held March 9th and 10th. Discussion was held about providing a display for the convention as this is PBCH's 38th year. Also we need to submit our photos for the next year's calendar.

Chainsaw certification: April 7th at Bob Funke's house 7376 N. 15th, Dalton Gardens ID 83815. 8:30 a.m. till about 1:00 p.m.

Meeting with Traci Gravelle will discuss work on puncheon at Red Ives, possibly set for Labor Day weekend.

Discussed meeting with rangers at Heyburn State Park to see what trail work needs to be done that our chapter can provide.

Trail Boss check list: Trail boss check list is available on the web site. Karen passed out a copy.

Asotin, WA area ride: Discussion on having a ride at Asotin but not being a club activity. Just gather as friends Memorial Weekend.

Progressive Pot: Dale Moyer was drawn for the pot but wasn't in attendance so the pot of \$52 was rolled over.

Motion to adjourn made by Debra Stratton, 2nd by Jamie Smith.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 Minutes submitted by Julie Volpi, secretary.

**\*\*Special thanks to Trailmeister Robert Eversole who spoke at the February Meeting.**

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This is a fundraiser for the chapter!

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## **BLUE CREEK Recreation Area Trail Expansion Update**

By Shari Bolander, PBCH member

Coeur d'Alene BLM was contacted to get an update on the trail expansion at Blue Creek Recreation area east of Coeur d'Alene. To date, little has been started due partly to the fact that the approved proposal and plan were appealed, and that appeal has been denied. Also the timber thinning and sales has not been completed. I talked both to Mitchell and Kurt of BLM on March 5, 2018 and this is my understanding of what they told me:

### **East Side Trails**

- Blue trail, where it leaves the parking lot on Yellowstone Trail, has been reworked to eliminate the steep climb into more switchbacks and gentler climb following more of the land contours.
- Proposed "kid friendly" trail is planned for this summer, as well as some work to the existing trails.
- The Meadow parking lot construction should begin this summer.
- Improvements to the Red trail parking area planned for this summer.
- Fuels reduction and thinning has to be completed before any of the construction can begin, which they hope will be completed this summer and fall.

### **West Side Trails** (New trails proposed for horses and mountain bike riders.)

- Trails cannot be started until proposed logging and timber sales is completed, which should be this summer and fall. Trail construction will probably begin next year with the exception of the connector trail between the West and East side trails.
- The Bonnell parking lot construction will be fairly easy and quick.

Once trail construction is started, BLM is asking for assistance from members of Backcountry Horsemen.

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Submitted March 6, 2018

