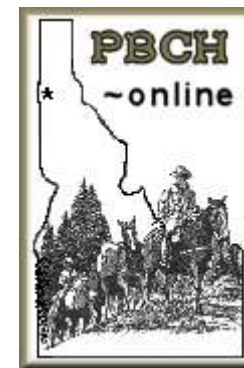


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Calendar of Events

Saturday, April 7 Chainsaw certification class. Location Bob and Linda Funke's house. 7376 N. 15th, 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.

Saturday, April 14 Farragut State Park fun ride. Trail bosses Stan and Jamie Smith. Meet at corrals at 10:30 and foot in stirrup 11 a.m. Two to three hour ride. Email Jamie at jkimball2331@yahoo.com Weather permitting.

Wednesday, April 18 PBCH monthly meeting. Jeff Halligan of Idaho Trails Association (ITA) will attend to request help packing gear and food into the St. Joe for the cross cut saw volunteers. If you pack, please attend. 6360 4th St. Dalton Garden City Hall. Jeff will speak at 6:30 and meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 28 Liberty Lake, WA fun ride. Trail bosses Jamie Smith and Cindi Richardson. Meet at parking lot at 10:30. It will be 7-9 miles roundtrip, moderate climb, horses should be shod. Creek with nice bridge over it. Bring a lunch to eat after the ride. Need Washington Discover Pass. Contact Jamie at jkimball2331@yahoo.com See map and directions on web site www.pbch.org for Liberty Lake, WA horse park.

Saturday, May 12 Marie Creek work party. Karen Kimball trail boss. Jkkimball01@gmail.com

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. Charlieandjulie01@gmail.com

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Please go to www.pbch.org and print out 2018 **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. 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 2018 raffle will be held in December.

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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Please pay your 2018 membership dues now. If you are uncertain what your status is please contact treasurer Susan Purdy at finegansfarm2@gmail.com

Minutes of March 2018 meeting

Prior to the start of our meeting Dr. Krista Porter DVM gave a presentation of her new veterinary facility, Springwater Veterinary Clinic, located at 8875 Houser Lake Rd., Hauser Lake, ID.

Dr. Porter's services are Veterinary rehabilitation, chiropractic, and integrative medicine.

Stop out and say hi or check out www.springwatervet.com.

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 pm.

The minutes of last month's meeting was approved as read. No corrections or changes.

Treasurer's report was read by Stan Smith in Susan's absence. The report was not approved as read due to a question about the savings total.

Outstanding bills were \$659.20 for Bill and Kay Clarke and \$80.00 for Arnie Wilkens for expenses incurred at this year's BCHI convention.

Motion to pay was made by Debbie and seconded by Betsy, motion approved.

Sadly a motion was made to make a donation in Joyce Bissell's name to her favorite charity. Joyce passed last month.

A \$50.00 donation was motioned by Kay and seconded by Diane, motion approved.

The State BCHI Convention was discussed.

Major highlights of the Friday Board of Directors meeting were:

- *New computer purchase was approved for the Secretary
- *Calendar drawing date was changed to Sept. instead of Dec. presently starting in 2019.
- *Mandatory email submission to BCHI was approved.

OPT OUT DEADLINE IS MAY 1st. IF YOU DO NOT WANT BCHI TO HAVE YOUR EMAIL.

Contact Karen by May 1 at jkkimball01@gmail.com

*Utah's proposal to have a BCHA youth division was voted down.

*It was reported at the convention by the Board of Directors that the pending Bill in D.C. about mountain bikes being permitted in Wilderness areas has been withdrawn. The politicians considered it a "poison bill", too much opposition. Big win for horse trail users.

*It was noted that the total value in volunteer hours was calculated to be over \$710,000 for 2018.

Saturday afternoon at the general convention the members participated in educational roundtables.

*Kay Clarke, Foundation director for PBCH, reported on the Foundation meeting at the convention and Smile Amazon, which is a fund raising feature of Amazon. Kay passed out directions explaining how to enroll. A copy will be in next month's newsletter.

*Arnie attended 3 roundtables and a report will appear in next week's newsletter.

* Five PBCH members attended the convention as delegates. Jim and Karen Kimball, Bill and Kay Clarke and Arnie Wilkens.

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Also the business card is put on the website

www.pbch.org

This is a fundraiser for the chapter!

Please contact the newsletter editor

Jklhorserider@gmail for details.

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Chain Saw certification will be held at Bob and Linda Funke's house April 7th at 8:30 am. See Calendar. If you have a current First Aid card and want to use a chain saw while clearing trails, please attend.

Karen announced that the 100 hours of work that PBCH committed to in 2017 has been achieved.

Jeff Halligan of Idaho Trails Association (ITA) will attend April PBCH meeting to request help packing gear and food into the St. Joe for the cross cut saw volunteers. If you pack, please attend.

National Forest Systems Trails Stewardship Act has approved reconstruction of trails in a vast area of south central Idaho and Montana. Presently there is \$1,500.00 available for scholarships.

Karen passed out information about the duties and responsibilities of trail bosses.

If you want to be a trail boss on our rides, work parties or other events, please contact Jill or Karen.

Progressive Pot, Scott Bengfort's name was drawn, not present. Prior to March's meeting it was \$60.00

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 Motion by Bill and seconded by Cindi.

Minutes taken and submitted by Arnie Wilkens, V.P.

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Tentative rides/work parties in June to be scheduled

*Heyburn State Park *Bernard Peak *Chilco Mountain

** 4th of July work party/ride. Bea Christopherson and Arnie Wilkens trail bosses. Date to be determined.

**July 14th Pee Wee Creek overnight campout and ride. Trail bosses Karen and Jamie

**Sept. 15th or 16th Antoine Peak trail boss Bev Syslo

Trail bosses will give details on times closer to dates. Anyone wanting to host a ride please let us know. See Trail Boss sheet on website.

Thank you, Jill Graham, trail committee chair email kooy04@gmail.com

Other Events Selkirk Valley Back Country Horsemen is sponsoring a ride at Farragut State Park with Old West version of Bingo, steak lunch BBQ on site. **May 26.** Register 9-11 a.m. Contact www.svbch.com to make your reservation for this event.

Round Tables at the BCHI Convention

The 2018 BCHI Convention was held at the Quality Inn, Clarkston, WA. March 9- 10. About 112 people attended.

Saturday afternoon was dedicated to educational round tables. Karen and I covered different educational topics.

First up was “Cross Cut Saws” by Jeff Halligan, Exec. Director of Idaho Trails Association.

Jeff demonstrated the different types of saws and their uses and how to pack them safely.

The take away from the class for me was the saws are extremely difficult to sharpen and “set” the teeth, few people can sharpen and set saws. There is a growing interest in the cross cut saw use.

Cross cut sawyers need to be certified the same as chain saw users, the only difference is the USFS permits beginners to use cross cuts under an apprenticeship program.

Next was the Chapter President/Vice President Round Table. Here the main topic of discussion was maintaining interest in the meeting, conducting and controlling a meeting, and membership drives.

One issue was making new members feel welcomed. One suggestion was to use name tags during the meeting. It was thought to be a good idea. We may want to discuss the use of name tags.

Another common problem was chatter during a meeting from small groups talking among themselves.

I suggested the use of a gavel as the President must maintain control in the interest of the other members understanding what is being discussed and secondly keeping the meeting as short as possible.

The third class I attended was the BCHI Foundation and Amazon Smile workshop. Chris Reed explained that the Foundation basically was formed to help the chapters to be in compliance with fundraising donations tax code 501C-3, which grants tax exemptions for nonprofit organizations.

Also when companies want to donate to a local chapter and are concerned that all the points of being a true 501C are indeed met, the Foundation will take the donation and charge the local Chapter a 5% fee. Kay Clarke is our chapter’s Foundation representative.

Bill Holt was very informative about setting up Amazon Smile, which is a fundraising feature of Amazon. Basically if you enroll on Amazon Smile, Amazon sends .05% of your purchase to BCHI at no cost to you. (See attached form on how to donate to Amazon Smile for BCHI Foundation.)

It takes certain steps to enroll. I’ll have copies of “how to” at this month’s meeting.

To date BCHI has received \$142.00 and the total for all charities in the U.S. is \$70,000,000.00 from Amazon.

Submitted by Arnie Wilkens, V.P. PBCH

Smile Amazon/Smile BCHI

Help the state Foundation; help BCHI (Back Country Horsemen of Idaho.) Smile Amazon/Amazon Smile, a little confusing, but what it does is helps 501 © 3 organizations such as our Foundation. The Foundation has raised money that the chapters can apply for to use for education and trail head maintenance by each chapter.

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