

PBCHA

May 20, 2026

Meeting started at 6:10 by President, Karen Kimball who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes for April have been posted on the website. No corrections were made. The minutes stand as written.

Bea gave the Treasurer's report. Karen added that she had a few bills/receipts at home for the purchase of chains and bar oil for the chain saws. Betsy Walker made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; Trish Nordquist seconded the motion and all agreed to accept the report.

Karen gave updates on the following:

English Point

The Forest Service recently awarded a contract to have the downfall cleared. Once that is completed, the Forst Service will need to repair a couple bridges.

Greg Parsons suggested that perhaps Idaho Forest Products may be willing to help fund a new parking lot. Karen stated that she would explore that with Alan Harper.

Heyburn

There is no update. It is likely going to be quite a while as there are a multitude of trees down.

Marie Creek

The trail has been cleared and is open. The Forest Service has provided a contract to Eastside Highway District to grade the road

and to improve the entrance to the trail head. It is unknown when the work will be started.

4th of July (trail)

The lower trail (Jeannette's Jaunt) is mostly clear; just a short distance to finish. The pole with the information sign regarding trail right of way protocols needs repair. Karen asked for volunteers to take on this task.

Karen checked in with attendees regarding receiving the state newsletter, Broomtales, through the mail or electronically. There was a short discussion regarding the need for content such articles, tips, recipes, etc.

Karen reminded everyone that the July meeting will be held in the Dalton Community Park and will include a Dutch oven cooking demonstration and a potluck.

City of Dalton Annual Picnic

The City of Dalton normally holds their annual picnic in September. This year they will be holding the picnic on July 4th, in celebration of America's 250th birthday. The city is requesting volunteers to assist. Karen shared their request. Several attendees reported that they will be out of town on that day. If anyone is interested in helping out, please let Karen know.

Chilco Mountain Trail

There are a lot of smaller trees down and it needs to be cleared.

Palouse BCH Poker Ride

The ride is scheduled for June 13th. There is a flyer on our Facebook Page. Several members expressed the intent or desire to go. Karen will find out if there is a place to campout with the horses.

State BCH Meeting

Meeting will be in September. Karen is planning to reserve a room at the Post Falls library.

Jim Kimball made a motion to adjourn. Robert seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

Robert Wuest gave information regarding new technology/equipment that would significantly improve the efficacy of our on-line meetings. Karen stated that she had gone to preview the equipment and she was impressed.

Equipment:

The Owl (3rd generation) – a device that has audio and video capabilities. It responds to whomever is speaking and will pick up

their voice and rotate to feature the speaker. This will help the on-line attendees to know who is speaking and to hear them clearly. The item being considered is used and refurbished. Cost..... \$849.00

Anchor with surge protector (10' cord)	Cost.....	\$40.00
15' extension cable	Cost.....	\$29.00
Carry case		\$63.00
Projector		<u>\$70.00</u>
Total		\$1,105.01

Trish made a motion to hold a vote regarding the purchase of this system. Stan Smith seconded the motion and a vote was held. The purchase was approved, with one opposing vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 6:00 PM.