



BCHNV BRISTLECONE CHAPTER

Minutes of Board Meeting

March 1, 2018

Board Members Present: Patti Kern, Larry Dunn, Terry Jones, Jim Sage, John Allen, Elaine McPherson, Karen Harry, Keith Wheeler; Don Davis

Other Members Present: Rick Schmalz

Guest: Greg Clark (Wildlife Habitat of Nevada)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:08.

Patti Kern reported that due to personal issues requiring her time, she was resigning as chapter president. She submitted her written resignation (see Attachment 1), and per our bylaws, Larry Dunn is now serving as acting president.

Approval of Minutes: The vote to approve the minutes was tabled until the minutes could be circulated.

Guest Visitor Greg Clark/WHIN Cold Creek Project: Greg Clark of the Wildlife Habitat of Nevada was present as a visitor, to discuss the Cold Creek pipeline project. Greg reported that they needed assistance moving pipe for a habitat improvement project. After discussion the project, Jim Sage suggested that the pipe could be moved by a single strong mule, and that we would need perhaps 3-4 chapter members people to assist with the project. Because much of the project area is overgrown with manzanita, Terry, Jim and Greg Clark agreed to go out to the project area this coming Monday (March 5th) to reconnaissance the area and determine the best way to haul the pipe through the brush.

Officer Reports:

1. Treasurer Elaine McPherson reported that we currently have \$9587.15 in the treasury, though we will have some upcoming expenses that have not yet been deducted related to the website and Terry's attendance at the state meeting in Tonopah. Her treasurer report is included in Attachment 1.
2. Director Terry Jones reported on the BCHNV State Meeting that he attended in Tonopah on Feb. 28. He noted that all chapters had experienced a decline in membership during

the past year; although the reason is unknown, one factor may simply be the age demographic of our membership (i.e., a lack of young people joining). He further reported that the state board has voted to amend the bylaws to clarify the state's policy on paying volunteers. The amendments state that volunteers can be reimbursed for expenses, but not for their labor. See Attachment 3 for Terry's notes on the meeting.

Old & Continuing Business:

1. Bonanza Trail Project/Great Basin Institute: Terry provided a status update on this project. The GBI crew is tentatively set to begin work on this project (repairing switchbacks) on June 1; our chapter will transport the water and supplies for this crew sometime during May. Because the dates when the project will occur coincide with National Trails Day, which is June 2, we will advertise this as a National Trails Day project.
2. Oak Creek Graffiti Removal: Larry reported that the Friends of Red Rock Canyon are scheduled to work on the graffiti removal project on April 21st. Larry said it is not clear whether they need our help to haul in water or not, or whether they plan to use water available in catchment areas.
3. Oak Creek/Potato Knoll Trail Work: Our chapter is needed to haul gravel for this trail restoration project to be conducted by Friends of Red Rock Canyon; however, they have not yet established a date for the project.
4. WHIN/Cold Creek Pipe Haul Project: see above.
5. Deer Spring Catch Pen Drinker Project: Elaine reported that there is a trough, fed by a spring, in the catchment here that is heavily used by burro and elk. However, the pipe needs repairing and the trough has been heavily rusted out. The board agreed that we would be willing to haul the pipe and trough to this area, and Greg Clark of WHIN agreed that WHIN could help purchase the materials if we would haul them. A tentative reconnaissance of this area was proposed for March 9th.
6. Anna's Girl Scout/BLM Oliver Ranch clean up: This project, which is being spearheaded by a girl scout (Anna) as a part of her effort to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, is tentatively scheduled for April. Our chapter has been asked to assist in hauling out old barbed wire from BLM lands located near Goodsprings Valley. After discussion, it was agreed that we needed additional information regarding the quantity of barbed wire, etc., before we could resolve the logistics of the project. Member Julie Gleason is the liason for this project, and Keith Wheeler agreed to meet with Julie to obtain the information we needed.

7. Logo/Patches: Elaine McPherson reported that she has contacted a vendor that can provide long-sleeved shirts for \$12.50 and short sleeved-shirts for \$7.50. Elaine agreed to notify the membership via facebook that we are taking orders.
8. REI Grant: Terry reported that we have been invited to submit a grant application (funding request not to exceed \$5000) to REI's 2018 Stewardship and Advocacy Grant Program. After discussion it was agreed that we would apply for funding in support of a trail signage system at the Blue Tree Trail System on Mt. Charleston. Elaine will take the lead on preparing the grant application, with the assistance of Terry Jones.

New Business:

1. Mathis Trail Project: Keith reported that he is working with the Grand Canyon NPS to set up a trail project on the Mathis Trail, located along the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. The dates are not yet established, but will be some time this coming summer.
2. Chainsaw Class and Tool Needs: Keith reported that Mike Flood and Keith Wheeler will be attending a chainsaw class in California. He also reported that we need to purchase a good crosscut saw. Keith moved that we approve up to \$1000 for the purchase of this saw; this motion was seconded by Larry Dunn and approved unanimously. Terry Jones will look into the possibility of applying for a tool grant from the National BCHA to cover the cost and/or reimburse the cost of purchasing this saw.
3. Hackberry Canyon/Paria River Trip: Don Davis discussed the logistics of this upcoming horseback riding trip. He reports that participants have a few choices of accommodations: they can dry camp with their horses; they can try to obtain an RV space with hookups through a local facility; or they can stable their horses in Fredonia and stay in a hotel in Kanab. Don will provide additional information regarding these options in the near future. Don also reported that he intended to hire a flintknapper to conduct a flintknapping demonstration during one of the evenings; Karen suggested that the chapter could cover the cost of this demonstration, and encouraged the flintknapper to be paid to bring additional knapping materials so that the participants could try their hand at knapping. After discussion, it was agreed to charge members \$25 to participate in the Hackberry Canyon/Paria River Trip; these funds will be used to cover the cost of the flintknapper as well as to raise monies for the chapter.

Next Meeting: The next member meeting will be held on April 10th, and we will have Brian Smith of Funny Farms Mustang come as a guest speaker. Larry will contact REI Boca Park to see if we are able to hold the meeting in their meeting room.

Meeting Adjourned: the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTACHMENT 1

March 1, 2018

TO: BCHNV Bristlecone Chapter

FROM: Patti Kern

Effect immediately I Patti A Kern resign as President of the
BCHNV Bristlecone Chapter.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patti A. Kern". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

3/1/2018

Patti A Kern

ATTACHMENT 3

BCHNV State Meeting Recap Tonopah, NV 2/28/18

1) Election of State Officers

President (two-year term): Wayne Knebecker
Secretary/Treasurer (two-year term): Harlene Shepherd
National Meeting Delegate: Terry Jones
Alternate Delegate: Jan Koval

2) Membership

Carson Valley – No report
High Sierra - 13 individual / 9 family memberships
High Desert – 6 Individual / 6 Family memberships
Bristlecone – 39 individual / 19 family memberships

3) Volunteer Activities

Carson Valley – No report
High Sierra – 8 events with 1554.5 hours valued at \$52,726.97
High Desert - \$23,000
Bristlecone – 16 events with 824 hours valued at \$46,191.44

4) State Budget 2017

Opening Balance	\$3945.97
Income	\$5872.50
Expenses	\$5286.00
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>\$4532.47</u>
Net Income	\$ 586.50

5) Joint BCHNV Projects / FONW TBD

6) By-law amendments In-process

7) National BCHA meeting – April 22-25, Spokane, Washington

Bristlecone Director's Report

Great Basin Institute, Bonanza Trail
Get Outdoors Nevada Day
Tunnel Springs Project (statewide)
Website annual renewal 3/13 (WIX)

June 1, 2018
October 6, 2018
April 27, 2018??
\$179.99

ATTACHMENT 2

Back Country Horsemen Nevada – Bristlecone Chapter

Treasurer's Report

November 18, 2017 – March 1, 2018

Balance on hand 11/18/17		\$10543.57
Income:		
Membership dues	\$1499.47	
Sale of 2 sm patches	20.00	
Sale of 1 trailer decal	15.00	
Donation	5.00	
Feb. 10 Raffle	520.00	
Total Income	\$2059.47	\$2059.47
Balance		\$12,603.04
Expenses:		
First Aid Kit	\$140.28	
Annual dues to State/National	1766.00	
Delegate for NBM	500.00	
Catered BBQ Feb. 10	550.00	
Annual List of Officers NVSOS	50.00	
Garmin InReach contract	9.61	
Total Expenses	\$3015.89	\$3015.89
Balance on hand 03/01/2018		\$9587.15

Loretta E. McPherson

Treasurer 3/01/2018