



## BCHNV BRISTLECONE CHAPTER

### Minutes of General Membership Meeting

*September 12, 2017*

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**Board Members Present:** Patti Kern (Vice-President), Karen Harry (Secretary), Elaine McPherson (Treasurer), Leslie Johnstone (Director) and James Sage (Director)

**Board Members Absent:** none

**Members Present:** Larry Dunn, Terry Jones, Keith Wheeler, Mary Sue Kunz, John Allen, Peter Jensen, Sherry Jensen, Tim Julius, Mary Johnson, Karen Donnahie, Wendy Timmel, Bryanda Cullison Kolby, Linda Sanders, Don Davis, Walking Tall Louis Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm

**Approval of minutes:** Larry Dunn moved to accept the minutes from the July 22 meeting; Elaine McPherson seconded this motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

**President's Report:** Patti Kern filled in for Mark Fowle and provided the President's report.

- Several Board of Director positions have come open and we are looking for volunteers interested in serving on the Board. These positions are open because Sherry Jensen and Diana Kelly have both resigned their positions on the Board due to other commitments. As well, because Leslie Johnstone will be moving in a few months, her position is coming open and we need someone to take over the website from her. Following these announcements, Terry Jones volunteered to take over the website, and John Allen volunteered to serve on the Board. Jim Sage's position has also come open, as he elected to step down from the Board to avoid any concerns about possible conflicts of interest (see below).
- We received an award from the US Forest Service for our partnerships with them in helping to keep trails open.
- Our Chapter will be hosting a booth at Get Outdoors Nevada Day, to be held on October 7<sup>th</sup> at Cornerstone Park in Henderson (<http://www.getoutdoorsnevada.org/day/>). Patti reported that she will take our trailer and her minis to the event, and is looking for other

volunteers to help with the booth. Karen Harry, Elaine McPherson, and John Allen agreed to assist.

- The need to have a clear, written policy regarding reimbursements and payments to members for packing services was discussed. The issues related to whether and how we could/should pay board members and chapter members for costs associated with packing projects, but at the same time ensure we are in compliance with any State or National Back Country Horsemen policies, as well as with any IRS requirements for maintaining our non-profit 501(c)(3) status. Terry Jones noted that we needed to maintain a clear separation between our chapter-sponsored non-profit work and work being carried out by individual members as a part of their business activities. Several members raised the point that since our chapter did not have the person-power or the stock to take on projects that required packing, we should stop taking on these projects. Discussion was made of whether or not it was a conflict of interest for our Chapter to hire Jim Sage for his packing services, with opinions among members varying. To minimize the potential for conflict, Jim elected to step down from the Board. After a lengthy and lively discussion of whether payments to members constituted a conflict or not, Karen Harry moved that Vice-President Patti Kern appoint a committee to examine this issue and draft a written policy statement that could be reviewed at the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Elaine McPherson seconded this motion and it was approved unanimously. Elaine McPherson, Karen Harry, John Allen, and Keith Wheeler volunteered to be on this committee.
- Upcoming projects were discussed. These include
  - Pine Creek Gravel Haul: the Friends of Red Rock Canyon (FORCC) are working on a trail that requires pack stock to move the gravel. It will take place on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Terry Jones suggested that we hold off on this project until we get policies in place regarding reimbursements to members for use of pack stock. Jim Sage indicated that he would likely volunteer for this project regardless, and on his own, to assist FONW.
  - Friends of Nevada Wilderness (FONW)-North Loop Project: this project has been completed.
  - Red Rock Fence Removal Project- Larry Dunn stated that this project is on hold until the BLM gives approval.
  - McFarland Canyon Cold Creek Project: this is a continuation of a project that we started last year to assist the Forest Service in moving poles to be used for

fencing. There are still a few poles that need to be moved. No date was set as yet for the project.

- Larry Dunn provided an update on the status of purchasing first aid kits. At our last meeting, we agreed to earmark \$300 for these kits, and that Larry Dunn and Debra Lund would work together to make this purchase. Keith suggested that Larry contact Debra Lund and see if she has any thoughts on the subject; if not, Larry should go ahead and make the purchases.
- Application for 2018 Recreational Trails Program- Sawmill/Blue Tree: Terry Jones stated that if the USFS approves us to install signage in the Blue Tree Tail System, he will be willing to write up a grant application for funds to do so.
- Save Lovell Canyon- Elaine said this project was on hold due to fires.

#### **Officer Reports:**

- Treasurer Elaine McPherson stated that since the last report delivered on May 1, we have received \$2365 in income, and \$1767 in expenses. Our current treasury balance is \$8762.92 (see attached report)

#### **New Business:**

- Keith Wheeler reported that BCHN members participated in a project over the summer to clear a 4-mile section of the Arizona Trail on the north rim of the Grand Canyon. Additionally, members made 2 pack trips over 4 days to haul supplies in support of the National Park Service's project to manage the wild buffalo herds that live on the north rim.
- Elaine McPherson reported that our saws are in poor shape and that we need to purchase new ones.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

# Back Country Horsemen Nevada- Bristlecone Chapter

## **Treasurer's Report**

May 1, 2017 - September 1, 2017

Balance on hand 5/1/17		\$8164.92
<b>Income</b>		
6/19/17	DEP: Membership dues	\$300.00
6/19/17	DEP: Donation from Glenn & Carol West	144.00
6/19/17	DEP: Donation from Philip Hatzenpillar	235.00
6/19/17	DEP: Larry Dunn	700.00
6/19/17	DEP: Mary Sue Kunz	196.00
6/19/17	DEP: Terry Jones	790.00
Total Income	\$2365.00	<u>\$2365.00</u>
Balance		<b>\$10,529.92</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
6/1/17	CK 1139 Darlene Middag MtCG-Bonanza	\$192.00
6/2/17	CK 1149 Mary Johnson MtCG-Bonanza	203.00
6/6/17	CK 1152 BCHN rep for NBM	500.00
6/7/17	CK 1155 Mike Lewis fuel for Saw Clinic	90.00
6/9/17	CK 1154 Dave Moser fuel for Saw Clinic	150.00
6/11/17	PP Office supplies - cartridge refill	15.04
6/15/17	PP Meetup	19.99
6/16/17	CK 1148 Phillip Hatzenpillar McCG-Bonanza	238.00
6/19/19	CK 1146 Glenn West MtCG-Bonanza	191.00
6/19/19	CK 1147 Carol West MtCG-Bonanza	8.00
7/8/17	PP Garmin Inreach Activ/monthly fee	100.00
(prepaid \$100, 1 <sup>st</sup> month \$33.77, \$12.61, \$12.61 credit left \$41.01)		
7/15/17	PP Meetup	19.99
8/15/17	PP Meetup	19.99
9/15/17	PP Meetup	19.99
Total Expenses	\$1767.00	
Balance on hand 9/12/17	\$8762.92	

Signature

Elaine Johnson

Date

9-12-17