

Treasure Valley Back Country Horsemen
May 24, 2011 General Meeting

In attendance: V. Pres. Bonnie Fox, Sec. Alice Millington, Treasurer Cini Baumhoff, Ken Nungesser, Jim Freeland, Jim Fox, Paula McDermott, John Millington, Mike Carl, Joe and Wanda Williams, Patty Pennington, Lacey Anderson, Leonard Simpson, Larry Morris, Alie Columbus, Jill Nebeker, and Bill Lewis. **Welcome guests** Karen Benton and Tiya Joice.

7:30 pm meeting called to order by V. Pres Bonnie Fox. Alice read through the April minutes. John made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Jim Fox seconded and the motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report—Cini reports that we have \$5,494.40 in our checking account.

General notes:

Equipment—Paula and Dennis have the TVBCH equipment at their house now. There are a few unaccounted-for items, which are listed on the website.

Crooked River—No date has been set. Cini will contact SBCH about cleaning Crooked River.

Nickel Creek—All chapters are working together to pack in fencing. No other info at this time.

BCH "Leave No Trace: Outdoor Skills & Ethics" books—Alice will order more books.

Guest Speaker, June meeting—Kristie Ryals from Shelf Reliance

Guest speaker—Karen Benton—a Sierra Club Conservation Work chair, Idaho chapter, who is involved in "outings"—wants to help people love, learn how to get out into, and conserve the outdoors. She thinks that the Sierra Club and the Back Country Horsemen can work together to get people outdoors on service trips to improve trails. She plans to become familiar with our group and have the Sierra Club partner with us to improve trails and educate the public about the environment, how to appreciate it and use its resources wisely.

Projects—

44 Trail Clearing and Cabin Restoration—We have budgeted to clear the 8 miles of the 44 Trail.

July 15-17—Raina Phillips plans to clear trail Joe suggested that it be an on-going, summer project.

July 20-27—44 Cabin log replacement. Bill Lewis and Keith Lambrecht will plan meals. On July 20th, TVBCH members will meet with Forest Service (FS) members at the top of the trail. Our members will pack FS equipment/tools into the cabin. **Meal planner needed** for those staying at the top of the trail. Please let Keith Lambrecht know if you can plan/purchase food for family-style meals for crew staying at the top.

BBCH St. Jude's Poker Ride—

June 1—BBCH members needs our support on Saturday, either to participate in or help with vendor booths at the poker ride they are putting on to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Check BBCH website.

Cini made a motion to end meeting; seconded by Ken; motion carried. Members enjoyed refreshments during and following the meeting.