

said that if we don't put our full support behind any efforts to establish trails now, the opportunities may be lost or very difficult to recapture. She brought this up because of a scenario being played out in the state of Georgia where residents are having a tough time getting horse parks established.

The board meeting preceded the general meeting.

TVBCH General Membership Meeting October 25, 2011

Members present: Keith Lambrecht, Bonnie and Jim Fox, John and Alice Millington, Jim Freeland, Leonard Simpson, Ali Columbus, Patty Pennington, Paula and Dennis McDermott, Jill Nebeker, Mike Carl, Wendy Coome, Ken Nungesser, Whit Whitham, Jim Smolinski Doug Jones, and Maureen Jackson. **Friends present:** Larry Morris and grandson Brandon Patrick.

The October general meeting was fairly short. During and following the meeting, members were invited to enjoy some Halloween goodies. After the meeting, members worked on trail classification.

President called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M. Following the TVBCH Board Meeting, Jim Freeland made a motion to accept the September minutes as they appear in the newsletter. Ken Nungesser seconded. Motion carried.

General Meeting Notes:

Alliances with other groups—Keith spoke of the possibility of partnering with other groups to clear trails—ID Trails Assoc. , Wilderness Society, Selway Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation, and Sierra Club. Specifically , he mentioned that we might do the packing, shopping for food, and cooking for the groups who would do the clearing.

BCHI Video Conference billing—John sent Cini information about the billing six weeks

ago, but we still have not heard whether the state chapters have been billed yet.

2012 Calendars—Ken Nungesser has the remaining calendars. Checks for sold calendars should be sent to Cini, not cash.

Nomination Committee—Bonnie, Wendy, and Alice will be making calls to members for the November election of officers and (5) board members.

November 12 Fleet Reserve Breakfast—Alice has volunteered to coordinate the breakfast. Breakfast begins at 9 a.m. at the Fleet Reserve Building on Saturday November 12. The breakfast is a “Thank You” to the members of the Fleet Reserve for allowing us to use their nice building for our meetings.

Wendy made a motion to adjourn, John seconded, Motion carried.

Trail Classifications-- In an effort to finish our chapter's part in the Trail Classification, members stayed after the business meeting to help locate trail designations. Keith had done a great deal of work to gather maps and put together worksheets with trail names on which information was recorded.

The Chapter will elect new Officers and Board Members at the Nov. meeting. There are also a number of committee and appointed positions to fill. This is a Chapter (club), so a lot of what we do is not riding and trail clearing. Throughout the year, there are Chapter events and projects that need a leader or someone to coordinate. Please consider accepting an office or committee position or leading one of the projects. There are always friendly, experienced Members if you need help or direction.

State BOD Meeting - Nov 18th

This is another video conference. Our chapter will report on the Deer Flat NWR Draft Plan and Trails Classification.

The Chapter submitted some comments from the BOD Meeting for possible discussion at the Nov. BCHI BOD meeting.

- partnerships (projects and fund raising)
- wilderness chainsaw use (BCHA article)
- obtain lists of FS Trails cleared & backlog

BCHA Website

Rod Parks sent a note informing the Chapters of new information on the Public Resources page of the BCHA website. Some of the documents are the studies cited in our comments on the Deer Flat NWR Plan. (http://backcountryhorse.com/Public_Lands_Resources.html)

There is other info on trails and issues at the BCHA site, and we need to make use of it.

Trails Classification

At the October meeting the Chapter reviewed a Forest Service list of about 140 trails. We found a number of Pack & Saddle trails that were listed as "Motorcycle Design". Members found trails that were listed as open to horses on current District websites and some older Boise NF maps (2000). Keith met with the Lowman District Ranger and submitted a list of trails. John Kidd is a horseman and was receptive to the request. We will meet with other Boise NF Districts to request other corrections.

Roadless Area Rule Upheld

The US 10th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the 2001 national "roadless rule" governing 49 million acres of public lands across the country. The "roadless rule" is a multiple-use national forest management regulation that

conserves the values of backcountry while allowing reasonable management exceptions such as habitat projects.

Veterans Weekend - FRA Breakfast

Thanks to all who brought food and helped serve the FRA Breakfast on Sat. Nov. 12th. It was a nice social time for our members and not really much work. The FRA members are very appreciative, and it was nice to do something for our Veterans.

Equipment

If you still have Chapter Equipment checked out, try to return it to Mike Carl at the next meeting. We want to thank Joe Williams for sharpening saws for the Chapter. There aren't many commercial sharpeners and the going rate was \$10 per foot of saw.

Calendar Sales

Cini Baumhoff will coordinate sales and distribution. Ken distributed some calendars at the September meeting. Please give Cini a check (no cash) when the calendars are all sold.

- BCHI website has some flyers for community bulletin boards & merchant sales (Activities link)

REMINDER!!

Project reports from all projects this year are due to Ali. Have you turned in your driving time & mileage and hours worked to the project leader of any project you were on? This is important for tracking service work done on local regional and national levels.

Photos & Publicity

Photos are needed for articles and the 2013 calendar. Bring your project photos to the next meeting on a Thumb-Drive (USB flash drive) or a CD.

Owyhee Wilderness Area management

The new Canyonlands Wilderness is going through a planning phase. The BLM is

