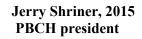
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The President's Saddlebag



02/15 President's Saddlebag

OK, I admit it. After hunting season I put my horses away and, except to feed them twice per day, I ignore them until spring. I'll load them up, shaggy, tangled manes and all, and show up at the tune-up clinic in April. (date TBA probably 4/4) I admire those who ride year round but for me this usually starts the riding season.

The planning for the coming months is under way with several ride and event dates set and more to come. Keep an eye on the web site calendar and check the newsletter for dates. Ginger and her crew on the education committee have several presentations planned for after the monthly meetings and some more extensive training opportunities on weekends and as part of other events. Again, keep checking the calendar. If you have ideas for education and training let Ginger know.

Likewise for trail rides. Do you have a favorite trail and would like to share it with members? Step up, let the board know and offer to trail boss a ride. Have you heard of a trail that sounds interesting? Bring it up at a meeting and how they can benefit from becoming members.

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The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. APPROVAL OF AGENDA GUESTS- Steve and Kim Bishop MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING- stand approved as read **TREASURER'S REPORT** Income- \$200 dues and \$20 calendar sales Expenses- \$1,735 for 2014 dues to BCHI Three bills included \$120 web maintenance, \$56 for yearly P.O. Box and Leave No Trace- \$35 in dues. Progressive Pot- \$51 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Jerry Shriner thanked the outgoing officers for leaving the office in such great shape. He wrote two letters of support for the Nordic Ski Club for a grant for the 4th of July Rec. Area and the USFS for trail clean up. The club is committing to 150 hours of service over the course of 2015-2016.

Jerry will be emailing out the agenda, minutes, and treasurer's report prior to each meeting and encourages members to read it prior to the meetings. **COMMITTEE WORK**

Some ideas were garnished from the Palouse Chapter. Jerry will be approaching members to take on committee leadership responsibilities.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM REPORT

Stan Smith read a thank you letter from 2014 Scholarship recipient Madeline Baker. Jessica R. was also awarded a scholarship again this year. The scholarship program is good public relations for PBCH.

Stan discussed looking at the budget year to year to decide how many, if any scholarships to award. He suggested that we also look at by-laws to decide how many times a person can be awarded the scholarship. Jamie Smith will present some other ideas at February's meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS:

BUDGET PRESENTATION

President Jerry Shriner presented a proposal to spend more than what we are currently taking in (\$-989) and focus on expanding membership to cover the difference. It was mentioned that the scholarship program costs \$1000, approximately the same amount we could be in the red.

The BOD travel expenses are budgeted to increase to around \$1400. The by-laws state that the BOD will be reimbursed for meeting attendance. Last year the meetings were nearby. This year they will be traveling farther.

Joyce Bissell made a motion to accept the budget. Matt Richards seconded.

Matt suggested possibly increasing the membership fees. Jim Kimball suggested advertising in the Nickel's Worth. Joyce suggested that someone with veteran's status advertise (for free).

Potential scholarship recipients should express their interest at the beginning of the year.

2015 RIDES & ACTIVITIES Open to the Public rides chosen by the BOD:

**4th of July Pass- June 28 (someone needs to contact bike club) Farragut State Park- (includes Despooking clinic on one day)- June 6-7 **Heyburn State Park- Aug 1-2 tentative **No dogs are allowed on public rides.

Karen Kimball made the motion to accept; Cindi Richardson seconded.

SURPLUS WEED SPRAYER

PBCH owns two weed sprayers that fit on a horse pack. Those were purchased through a matching grant with Park & Rec. PBCH has only used one sprayer. Another BCH chapter may be interested. Karen Kimball suggested donating it. Matt Richardson suggested using it to generate revenue. A motion was made to liquidate one sprayer by Karen; seconded by Angelo Bissell. Diane Shriner suggested that we consider loaning our sprayer to other clubs. Arnie Wilkens made a motion to table the decision until next month. Diane seconded. Members agreed to the second motion.

OLD BUSINESS

EDUCATION

Jim Kimball and Arnie Wilkens discussed a map and compass '101' class. This could be done in two or three parts (inside and outside). UTM vs. Latitude and Longitude was debated.

The first class would be four hours in duration. Arnie will bring reading information and a list of suggested compasses to purchase at the Feb. 21st meeting. Those interested should stay at the end of the meeting for approximately 30 minutes for an introductory look at the course.

Jim asked for member suggestions for education topics. Arnie is working on finding the person who put on a saddle fitting clinic in the Athol area. Diane suggested a video on safety. Jim read a list of suggested topics and past educational offerings. Ginger Swisher suggested setting aside 5-10 minutes at each meeting and learning a new knot. Jerry asked that she begin this with the March, 2015 meeting.

Dan offered to host a tack cleaning party/potluck in his heated shop on Saturday, March 14th. A map will be shared with members.

RIDES

On members only rides, the Trail Boss decides if dogs are allowed. Early April Tune up Clinic- April 4th (Coggins, brand inspections) Steak Ride- Oct. 3 (Saturday) at Linscott's Ranch; Judy's Place- TBA (spring); Red Ives- TBA (mid July); Blue Creek- It was suggested that Joni L. be the Trail Boss date TBD; Marie Creek- Clearing project and ride TBA (early May; Chilco Mountain- June 21 (Father's Day);PeeWee Creek- including the John Wayne Trail (TBD; possibly join with another club);Escure Ranch, WA- April 25-26 Diane and Jerry to Trail Boss (dogs allowed);Progressive Pot- Pam Farley (absent) Joyce motioned to adjourn at 8:28 p.m.; Bob Funke seconded.



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Feb. 21 3rd Saturday of the month PBCH monthly meeting 6:30 socialize an 7 p.m. start. Dalton Garden City Hall. Arnie Wilkens will discuss a map and compass '101' class. This will be done in two or three parts (inside and outside.)

Those interested in this class should stay at the end of the monthly meeting, bring your own compass if you have one and Arnie will go over what kind to buy. Also Jamie Smith will speak on scholarship information and requirements.

Feb. 28 Map and compass training course, Dalton Garden City Hall. 9:00 - 1:00. RSVP to Karen Kimball 772-2434, members only. Bring a lunch if you wish. We'll have coffee and muffins available.

March 14 Tack Cleaning/Potluck Trail bosses Dan and Karla Trevithick. Directions and times to follow. Members only.

March 21 3rd Saturday of the month PBCH monthly meeting 6:30 socialize an 7 p.m. start.

April 4 or 5. TBD Tune Up/vet Clinic. Angie Parsons trail boss. More details to follow. Members only.

April 10-11 State BOD meeting and state convention, McCall. Deadline to send in attendance form is March 15. Please plan to attend the state convention if you can.

April 18 3rd Saturday of the month PBCH monthly meeting 6:30 socialize an 7 p.m. start.

April 25-26 Escure Ranch Ride and Campout. Trail bosses Jerry and Diane Shriner. **May** Marie Creek clearing tbd.

June 6-7 De-spook clinic and campout Saturday and trail ride on Sunday. Farragut State Park. Members with guests.

June 28 Fun ride, 4th of July. Members with guests. Need trail boss.

Sept. 12-13 Ride and camp Heyburn State Park. Members with guests. Need trail boss.

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Fuel costs are down but each of us spends hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars on everything from vehicles to boots. Let those businesses know that you are a PBCH member as well as a horse owner. Let them know you appreciate them and you want them to support as well.

So ride when you can, be safe and do what you can to preserve and promote stock use on public lands. Jerry--

Information Corner-----

Newsletter Editor Joni Lueck 659-9066 or jklhorserider@gmail.com PBCH, P.O. Box 1903, Hayden, ID 83835.

Please go to <u>www.pbch.org</u> and print out 2015 **membership form** and mail in.

2015 **Calendars** now available. These make great Christmas gifts: \$20. A great deal for you and the club.

On Loan: The club has a Decker pack saddle and boxes it will loan out to members.

Remember to get your PBCH membership card which is good for **10% discount** at the North 40 Store.

Classified Ads

Member Scott Bengfort has 2 registered Pinto mares he would like to find a home for. Mother/daughter Tobiano sorrel and white ages 7 and 16. He doesn't have time to ride them. He will winter them and continue their maintenance. 964-0755 or sbengfort@hotmail.com

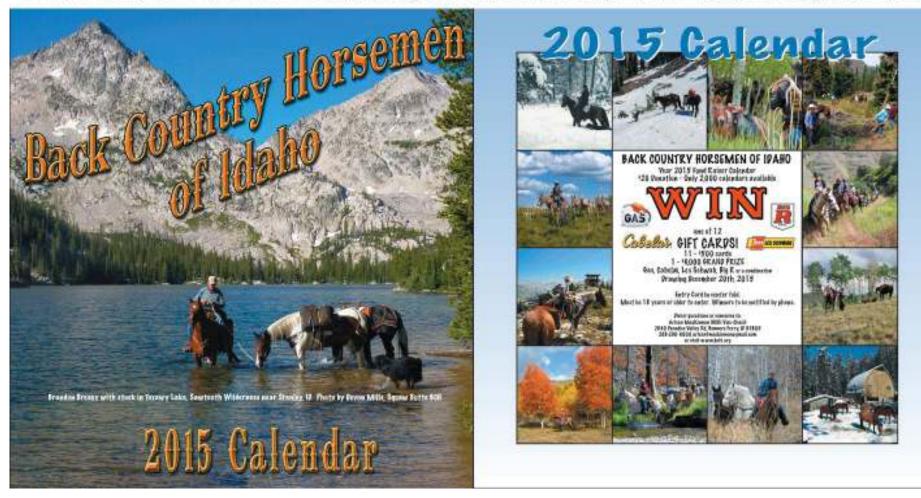
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Scholarship Information

Panhandle Back Country Horsemen will grant two individuals with a \$500 scholarship each. They must meet the below requirements and be selected by the Board of Directors. The goal of the scholarship is to assist young people in the rising cost of tuition. Individuals must be willing to be involved in trail conservation, education and horsemanship through PBCH membership. Below are requirements to be eligible:

1. Membership in PBCH chapter. You can download the membership application from <u>www.pbch.org</u> web site.

2. Attend 3 meetings throughout the year.

3. Participate in two club-sponsored activities such as work parties and fund raisers.

4. Complete a 500-word essay entitled "What it means to be involved in PBCH."

5. Maintain 2.7 GPA or above in school.

6. Must be age 16 or older or be a graduate of 2014 or 2015.

The above requirements must be completed from Jan. 31 to Jan. 31 of the following year. Eligibility and determination of individuals to be awarded the scholarships will be decided by PBCH Board of Directors.

Scholarship may only be used for the following items unless authorized by the PBCH BOD.

1. College or other higher education tuition.

2. College textbooks.

3. Computers and other school equipment.

For more information please contact Jamie Smith at 208-755-4490 or email jkimball2331@yahoo.com

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Photo above riding through the bear grass last summer.

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