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The President's Saddlebag

Karen Kimball, president PBCH 2014



We had a good meeting on Jan. 18th. Had some new members and visitors. Dan Trevithick joined at the Christmas party and Kathy Baker and daughter Madeline also joined at the first of the year. Welcome to all of you. Remember dues need to be paid or by March you won't be receiving the newsletter any longer. If you are interested in putting a business card in the newsletter and on our website, it is \$10 for members. Please get those in.

The scholarships were approved for on more year. Jessica Reineccius completed all of the requirements and received the \$500 for her continued education at NIC. If anyone is interested in applying for the scholarship we have an application with requirements.

Remember the BCHI Convention is coming up on March 22. If you are interested in attending you will find the information on the BCHI Website. It is a fun and informative time, with a business meeting, speakers, dinner and auction. I encourage everyone to attend if at all possible.

We have some dates set for 2014. Escure Ranch outing will be April 11-13. Jerry Shriner will have more information on this outing.

The Tune-up Clinic will be April 5 and Angie Parsons is Trail Boss and will get information out on it. This is for members only.

Our PBCH Outing Guide Clinic will be May 3. It will be at Dalton Arena and is open to the public. We will have demonstrations on packing, LNT, dutch oven cooking, knot tying, and more.

MEETING MINUTES

PBCH MINUTES JAN. 18, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 by President Karen Kimball. Guests attending were Dan Trevithick, Sheryl & Tim Yokum and Kathy Baker and her daughter Madeline Baker. Minutes were read and Stand Approved as Read.

TREASURERS REPORT: Stan Smith gave the treasurers report. Expenses 140.00 to Ormus (\$20.00 due and \$120.00 now being paid semi-annually), \$54.00 for P. O. Box, \$20.00 Joni Lueck newsletters and \$80.00 Karen Kimball for donation for Bonners Ferry BCI State Convention. Motion approved by Debbie Samovar 2nd by Chris Borghesi. Passed. Income \$165.00 memberships, \$20.00 calendars. Budget for 2013 and proposed budget for 2014 was passed out and approved.

OLD BUSINESS: Dues need to be paid and will stay the same this year. Scholarship was paid to Jessica Reineccius who completed all of the requirements. BOD looked at essay and approved. We will try to put essay in newsletter.

Scholarship for 2014 was discussed and agreed we would have 2 - \$500.00 scholarships. Motion approved by Jerry Shriner and 2nd by Angie Parsons. Passed. Awards were passed out from Christmas Party. BCHI Convention is on March 21st and 22nd at Kootenai River Inn. We would like 8 delegates. Issues which will be discussed are insurance and dues. Foundation Board Member - Kay Clarke will go in place of Joni Lueck. Packing Clinic to be held on May 3rd. Jerry Shriner will lead packing clinic. Need volunteers for Dutch oven, LNT (leave no trace), knot tying, refreshments. It will be held at the Dalton Arena. Committee Deborah Samovar will work on posters, Bob Lovitt, Wayne Parsons, Dan Trevithick and Jerry Shriner. Sandy Beamer discussed Christmas Party and possibly changing next year's party. Sandy presented beautiful signs to Karen, Debbie, Angie and Linda for helping out with the Christmas party.

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Calendar Jan., Feb., June and July

February 15 PBCH monthly meeting. Dalton Garden City Hall. 6:30 social and 7 p.m. meeting starts.

March 21-22 BCHI state convention in Bonners Ferry. Location Kootenai River Inn. The chapter would like eight delegates to attend. Contact Karen Kimball for more information 772-2434.

April 5 Tune Up Vet Clinic. Red Top Stables is location. Trail boss Angie Parsons 640-3105.

Escure Ranch fun ride April 12-13. Jerry Shriner trail boss 667-2949.

Outing Guide Clinic May 3 trail boss Jerry Shriner. 667-2949. Something for everyone with Dutch oven cooking, knot tying, packing techniques, etc. To be held at Dalton Arena.

Memorial Day Weekend May 24-26 Asotin Trailhead ride and campout. Jim and Karen Kimball, trail bosses. 772-2434.

Heyburn State Park fun ride. July 26.

Photos for the BCHI 2015 Calendar are due by March 22, 2014 at the state convention in Bonners Ferry. Contact Debbie Samovar at 208-245-3041 or dsamovar@gmail.com for more information.

Scholarship Essay

By Jessica Reineccius

Editor's note: Jessica is the first recipient of the PBCH \$500 scholarship.

I can remember the first Back Country Horseman ride I went on. It was up the St. Joe River at a camp called Red Ives. My paint horse was not a seasoned trail horse yet, he was an arena horse, mostly used for reining and barrel racing. That year, he had actually taken my mom on a few scary attempts at trying to be a mountain goat. She had warned me the whole windy one lane dirt road up to camp that he likes to jump logs and ditches unexpectedly and gets dizzy if he stops in the middle of the river and usually starts out really hot headed, jiggling and side passing until he gets tired. So I was a little nervous knowing it wasn't going to be an easy flat ride and that is was also a work party, meaning chainsaws and lots of pack animals, not that I wasn't experienced, but my horse was.

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Karen Kimball submitted this photo of her animals on the first day of snow out her back door.

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Meeting Minutes continued-----

NEW BUSINESS: North Idaho Sportsman Expo - Agreed that it would not be beneficial to the chapter. Traci Gravelli requested support letters for Grants - non-motorized trail at Red Ives and motorized trail at Big Creek. We agreed to do letter for Red Ives but not for Big Creek. Dates possible in 2015 and would take approximately 3-4 days.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: Tune Up Clinic - April 5th. Angie Parsons will be coordinating with Red Top and Vet. Escure Ranch Outing - April 12 & 13th - open to public, May 3rd Packing Clinic - Open to Public. Heyburn Park - July 26th open to guests. Karen Kimball will work on State Insurance for Public Events which needs to be submitted no later than February.

Progressive Pot was \$18.00 and Tim Luck's name called but not present. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Have a great month.

Minutes submitted by Andrea Anderson, secretary

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Heyburn State Park on July 26 will be another outing open to members and their guests. We do need a trail boss.

We'll be scheduling our work parties after we visit with the Forest Service.

Ginger Swisher is trying to line up someone for a CPR/first aid training. Be watching for the date if we can arrange it.

We are going to have a busy schedule this year so get out your calendars and mark things down. We do have more calendars for sale so please get one if you haven't already.

Happy Trails, Karen



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 www.pbch.org 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 2013 or 2014.

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

Information Corner-----

Newsletter Editor Joni Lueck 659-9066 or jklhorserider@gmail.com
Deadline for submitting information 1st of the month. Please type directly into email and send to me. If you've been on an interesting or beautiful ride or have a photo you want to share, please send the information along.

Membership dues for year 2014

Please go to the web site www.pbch.org and fill out membership form for 2014 or use the one attached to this newsletter. You must fill out a new form each year. Send to PBCH, P.O. Box 1903, Hayden, ID 83835. Business Card Sponsors \$10 in addition to the membership fee. Card will run in the newsletter each month and on the web site.

Classified Ads - Please submit your ad to the newsletter editor by the 1st of each month.

***Calendars: \$20.** A great deal for you and the club. Beautiful outdoor photos and your chance to win! See any member to purchase yours today. For 2014 the State Board of Directors voted to have 12 \$1000 drawings and because of the lottery restrictions all the drawings will be done at one time and that will be in December.

2014 Officers and board members contact information:
Karen Kimball, president, 772-2434; Cindi Richardson,
vice-pres. 699-3116; Andrea Anderson, secretary,
277-5172; and Stan Smith, treasurer, 755-4490.

Board members contact: Bob Funke 772-5326; Bill Clarke
687-1968; Ray Heilman 772-7301; and Jerry Shriner
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When we arrived at camp, the view was amazing! There were mountains I swore touched the sky and a river that had so many switch backs, it was like everything I had seen in the movies. In the morning, the coffee was perfect as usual: hot, black and grainy. Everybody saddled their animals and we split in two groups and headed up the mountain. My horse was behaving perfect! He acted like an old pro, sure footed, careful and easy going. The trail was beautiful. It was green, the deer were everywhere and the weather was a perfect 80 degrees.

I had one of the jobs of trimming branches the hung low in our faces while on horseback. Anytime we dismounted, to see big down trees off the trail, my horse stood grazing. There were a lot of one foot wide trails with the mountain on one side, and straight down cliff on the other, but my paint horse was not scared. He knew where every hoof touched the ground, and I trusted him (mostly because I had no other choice). The trail clearing took most of the day, and when we finally met back up with the other half of the club, I was proud of my young horse. Just as it was starting to cool down, only about an hour left of riding, we heard some yelling. A team of pack mules, tied together, came flying up behind us, passing the whole group, continuing down the mountain. Their owner on foot chasing as fast as he could, then a couple men on horseback preceded to help catch the mules. It was actually quite comical, but I couldn't help but be glad it wasn't me. Nobody was hurt and the team was caught once they realized they had separated the group. Camp was a comforting site. Dinner was made from everybody's contributions and I had never tasted such delicious dutch oven cooking. I was hooked.

The next day was a non-work party ride to a secluded camp resort only accessible by foot. We followed the river, crossing a dozen times to end up at a field full of flowers two feet tall. This just put the icing on the cake. Of all the rides I have been on since, I always compare them to Red Ives. It is by far my favorite and most memorable and I hope to make it again this year. The Panhandle Back Country Horsemen is an amazing group of good people doing great things all while bonding with their horses. I'm so happy to be a member of an organization that's so driven and fun to be around and I am excited for 2014!



Photo above: Jessica Reineccius on her Paint horse at St. Joe Lodge.