



Membership Dues Increase

At the PBCH meeting on August 17th members voted to raise the dues for 2017 to \$5 for single membership and \$5 for family membership. This was discussed at a meeting last spring. The reason for the increase goes back to BCH of America raising there dues. Then at the March State Convention BCHI raised their dues to deal with the increase.

Everything is increasing in cost including the expenses of travel, newsletters, insurance and the job of keeping in touch with BCH Chapters all over our country.

If you think about it this increase for the year is the cost of 2 lattes or a glass of beer or less than a glass of wine at a tavern. It was necessary for our chapter to increase the dues because of the amount we have to contribute to BCHI. If we didn't increase the dues we would have to dip into our chapter savings to pay that contribution. Thank you for understanding, and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Karen Kimball

2017 Calendars are Available

Contact Bill or Kay Clarke at 208-699-2044 or 687-2784 to purchase yours for the upcoming year. These are a main fundraiser for the BCHI organization.

Information Corner

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

Please go to www.pbch.org and print out 2016 **membership form** and mail in. Please email Stan Smith, treasurer sdsmith7566@yahoo.com You can also sign up at any ride or event throughout the year!

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

Life Flight memberships. The yearly dues are \$45 for BCHI members. Diane Shriner has membership applications. Her phone number is 667-2949 or email shriner.diane@gmail.com. Important to have in case of med evac emergency during trail riding or other events.

2016 Calendars This year's prizes will be 11 - \$500 gift cards and a grand prize of a \$6000 gift card. This is a great fundraiser for the chapters in Idaho. Call Ray at 660-2907.

Classified Ads are free to members. Please send your information to newsletter editor Joni Lueck at jlhhorserider@gmail.com

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Calendar of Events Subject to change. All events are members only unless otherwise stated. No dogs.

September

Sunday, Sept. 11, 4th of July Pass Rec Area fun ride. Foot in stirrup 9:30. Open to members and guests. George Miller and Karen Kimball will be food trail bosses for this event. \$5 lunch will be served. Ribs will be cooked in Dutch Ovens and salads and drinks will be available. Please RSVP for the food by Sept. 8 to Karen Kimball at 772-2434. Ride will be 2 to 3 hours. Ride starts at 9:30 a.m. Easy open trails. Good family ride. Lots of parking. Contact Joni Lueck at jklhorserider@gmail.com for more information. Be patriotic and wear your red, white and blue. Directions: 4th of July Pass Rec Area is located 13 miles East of Coeur d'Alene off of I-90. At the Summit exit #28, go South and stay right on Forest Road #614 for a quarter mile to the signed entrance for the Park N' Ski Area. Lots of trailer parking available. This is an open ride to the public. Bring a friend. Bring a chair.

Wednesday, Sept. 21 PBCH monthly meeting. 6360 E. 4th St., Dalton Gardens City Hall. 6:30 socialize, 7 p.m. meeting starts.

Saturday, Sept. 24. Fall Fun Ride and Scavenger Hunt, Riverside State Park. Fundraiser for Back Country Horsemen of Washington, Ponderosa chapter. Contact Ken at 509-466-2225 or kcarmichael2225@gmail.com Discover Pass Free Day. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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2016 PBCH Officers, board members and public lands coordinator contact information:

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Deb Stratton , secretary, 659-8737; and
Stan Smith, treasurer, 755-4490.**

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The sponsorships help the chapter's bottom line. They are inexpensive for members at \$10 per year. Non-members can become a sponsor also for \$30 per year. This includes your business card in the monthly newsletter Tails and Trails and also your card will be listed on the web site. This is a great price for advertising!

Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Jerry Shriner at 7:pm. Jerry introduced a new member candidate, Karen Botoi. The Agenda and July's minutes were approved as read .

Treasures' report as read by Stan Smith :

Income: Dues, \$25.00, Calendar sales \$425.00 . Total \$450.00

Expenses: \$120.00 for Web, \$32.97 for refreshments, \$6.95 Nickel's Worth ad. Total \$159.90

No outstanding bills were due; fire rings for the Line Creek project were paid.

Rides and Projects:

Arnie Wilkens reported that the 4th of July ride, Aug, 6, was a nice outing, enjoyed by eleven members . With the help of Bea and Joni, the ride went off without a hitch.

The next organized ride is 4th of July on Sept. 11. Open to the public, lunch will be served, Dutch oven short ribs.

Arnie asked the members to wear red, white and blue colors to show our support for that infamous date.

City of Dalton's annual outing in the park is September 10th. We have enough volunteers to help serve.

We serve the picnic each year to show our appreciation for the city allowing PBCH to meet at their building.

Nominating Committee:

Jerry requested volunteers for a nominating committee . This is a very important committee. All officers will be up for election, all but 2 positions need to be filled, in addition ; Board of Directors will need to be elected after the first of the year.

If you are interested in joining the committee please contact Jerry.

Bylaw Committee:

Members are needed to review and update PBCH by laws. Contact Arnie if you are interested in joining the committee. It's important to review and make current our by laws periodically.

The members voted to raise our dues by \$5.00. We discussed this topic prior to last March's Convention, The state dues was raised effective Jan. 2017. We would have had to make up the shortfall by taking the money out of our operating funds.

Karen made the motion and Alan Harper seconded it. The motion to raise our dues was approved.

The single membership is now \$30.00/yr. and family is \$40.00/yr. effective Jan. 2017 .

Look for a article by Karen Kimball in the upcoming newsletter explaining the State's dues increase.

2017 calendars are now available. If each member bought 3 we would sell out in no time. Give one for a gift(\$20.00 is a pretty cheap gift) sell one to a neighbor. Done!

September's meeting will address the calendars still left over from last year. Any calendars not sold is a direct financial loss to the club.

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Debbie Stratton, Secretary, offered the Hickman Saddlery saddle fitting guide to members for personal use. Just need to sign it out.

Alan Harper and Diane Shriner spoke about how wonderful and knowledgeable Hickman Saddlery staff is when it comes to fitting a saddle.

Even if you didn't buy it there. Call first and bring you horse and saddle to the Post Falls location for a free fitting.

Joyce Bissell spoke about a great trip she and Angelo had in Western Washington. Lots of horse paddocks and camping sites.

Miles and miles of nice trails. She will bring some information to the next meeting so we can consider a membership outing there.

Pot drawing : Jamie Smith's name drawn, not present. Pot is now \$130.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:42 PM, Bill Clarke motioned and seconded by Jerry Shriner.

Minutes submitted by secretary Debbie Stratton.

Marie Creek Work Party Aug.

Written by Karen Kimball

On Saturday August 27 Bob and Linda Funke, Stan and Jamie Smith, Jeff Jussila and friend Malissa, Jessica Reineccius, Jim Kimball and myself joined with the Spokane Mountaineers and work on the switchbacks above Skitwish Creek.

We mainly brush and improved on the corners. The US Forest Service will work on digging the trail out and widening it in a few weeks. The brushing will clear the way and make their job easier.

We took 2 pack horses with chainsaws and tools.

Jessica came without a horse and hiked in, worked and then hiked out. We also put up a "No Mountain Bikes" sign that the USFS gave me. Thanks to everyone that helped out.



Photo top: Jim Kimball, left, and Stan Smith, right, and an unidentified hiker work on the trail at Marie Creek last month. Photo by Jessica Reineccius.

