

PBCHA

October 18, 2025

Meeting started at 7:00 by President, Karen Kimball. Start was delayed due to technical difficulties with the Zoom link.

Karen led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

A special guest in attendance: Nakita Houk

Minutes have been posted on the website. There were no corrections and minutes will stand.

Bea Cristopherson gave the Treasurer's report. Jim Kimball made a motion to accept the report; Robert Wuest seconded the motion and all agreed to accept the report.

Calendars are available and we need to get them sold! Karen will check with N40 & TSC to see about setting up a table. \$20 a piece and a chance to win: 12-\$500 prizes and 1-\$2000 prize. Drawing is done in September.

21 people attended the Steak Ride on October 4th at Farragut State Park. Julie led a 2-hour ride and everyone enjoyed a tri-tip steak dinner with pie for dessert afterwards.

10 people took part in the trail ride at Fourth of July Pass on September 27th. Karen led a 2.5 hour ride.

Karen attended the State Board of Director's meeting on September 20th in Lewiston. There is a new State Treasurer: Pamela Winalski.

Karen reported that the US Forest Service is planning to close the Missoula office. The State Chapter is drafting a letter to request that they reconsider and suggesting that perhaps they could add in other neighboring states (Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Montana and Idaho)

Karen reported that the State Chapter is looking for a Public Lands Person for Region 1. The current person is needing to resign due to health

concerns. This position acts as a liaison between BCH and Public Lands to keep up on changes to the trails, access, etc.

The State Chapter will vote on at raising the annual dues at the March convention as a response to the increase at the National level. This raise was approved last year at the national level. The new rates will be \$30 for an individual and \$40 for the family. Our chapter is already paying the higher rates, so no change for us other than we will no longer be getting the excess.

The State Chapter has requested that our chapter host the State Board of Director's meeting next year (September or early October).

Karen reported that the English Point parking lot has been completed. On going work is being done on the trails that have been rutted and washed out. Other trail work has been completed. Karen and Julie raked the trails to meet our commitment to assist with the upgrades.

Scott and Renee Sullens clear trails 302 & 308 near Priest Lake. They reported that the bridges are deteriorating and they are asking for help to get them repaired. They have also asked the Priest River Chapter to apply for a grant to help with expenses.

Our end of the year party will be on January 17th at the Athol City Hall. Karen has paid the deposit to reserve the space. Rent is \$125 for 4 hours. Robert Wuest made a motion that we do the same as last year: the chapter will pay for food using the same amount as last year plus a small percentage increase to cover the increased grocery cost. Jim Kimball seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Karen reported elections will be in November; we need a nominating committee. Robert Wuest, Jim Kimball, and Jeff Jusilla volunteered.

Karen stated that she would like to have someone assist with coordinating with presenters; maybe an Education Committee. Robert Wuest is willing to do it with help from someone else.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Next meeting is on November 15th at 6:30.