

TOP OF THE STATE UNIT  
Backcountry Horsemen of California  
Cal Fire Training Room  
11960 East Street, Yreka, CA  
Meeting Minutes April 13, 2011

President Joe Croteau called the meeting to order at 7:02PM at the Cal Fire Training facility in Yreka. Attending

**Officers/ Directors**

Joe Croteau	Nancy Ballard	Joan Trabucco	Caralee Scala,
Dale Payne	Bill Balfrey	Kathryn Matthews	Lynda Beverlin
Pat Costello			

**Members**

Pat and Ken Snider, Virgil and Linda Hardey, John and Gail Lyons, Vera Clement, Hope Lindquist, Penny Wells, Stan and Linda Ellison, Duane Eastlick, Larry Shuman

**Guest:** Jodi Aceves

**Presentation-** Jodi Aceves, Biologist, of the Siskiyou Co. Dept of Ag. Gave a wonderful presentation using slides on invasive weeds in Siskiyou Co. It captured everyone's attention. Many questions were asked by members during the presentation with thoughtful and informative answers given by Jodi.

**Approval of Minutes-** Bill Balfrey moved to accept the minutes and was seconded by Nancy Ballard -passed.

**Treasurer Report-** Caralee Scala gave the financial report.

**Announcements-**

The unit gave a Gift Certificate to Ken and Pat Snider for their outstanding work and many hours spent making the Rendezvous a success.

Joe Croteau acknowledged that Karen Dunford has resigned her Director seat (December 2011), and Laura Maddy has been unable to participate as a Director (December 2012) since the election. Penny Wells offered to fill a vacant seat. Bill Balfrey moved to replace Laura with Penny Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale Payne. Passed.

John Lyons asked if we could buy Chuck Knights T.V from him; it is used when we have our booth up to play our unit DVDs. Bill Balfrey moved that we buy the T.V. and it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Caralee Scala. Passed.

Penny Wells moved to purchase a cart to bring the unit Library items to the meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy Ballard. Passed.

Congrats to Kathryn Mathews for winning 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for TOS BCH Newsletter at the State Rendezvous and her winning entry in the art contest.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Education-** Penny Wells reported that the Trail Trials will be July 23, Report of Volunteer hours need to be given to Penny or Lynda Beverlin. Hours to and from event for each person as well as mileage, If you stayed the night sleeping hours count as well. Going to monthly TOS BCH meetings count as does the mileage from home to meeting. Please also report value of donations given and miles driven to any BCH event. If confused please contact the Education committee as things have been changed a bit.

**Public Lands-** The boulder on the Kelsey Creek trail has been removed. A new trail for Big Meadows is in the works and we might be helping build the trail. Shackelford Creek corrals need to be moved and we may be helping with that as well. Kidder Creek is in process of a Co-op with Timberwest to support lease with USFS for road access to trials. Joe Croteau will be writing a letter to USFS on behalf of the unit.

**Fish Plants-** Dale is investigating why the Trinity- Shasta unit were able to do fish plants and we were not.

**Work Parties-** John Lyons reported that the gate to PCT trail off of Hwy 5 at Shasta is locked.

**Old Business**

**Rendezvous 2011 –** We made money for the first time in years. Our unit did itself proud with a strong showing of volunteers, donations, adds, and attendance. Next year’s Rendezvous will be in Red Bluff March 30-April 1. Pat and Ken Snider offered to lead the effort for TOS in 2011; offer accepted and encouraged by all. Joe Croteau will submit letter to editor thanking the community for its support.

**Programs and Events-** County wide Ag day for the Schools is on May 19<sup>th</sup>, Mike and Lynn Bryan and Joan Trabucco will work the event, Lynda Beverlin maybe available to help. Group ride was considered for April but due to the relentless rain and muddy conditions will not happen. A Group ride for May is in the works. Please contact Gail Lyons if you would like to lead a group ride.

**Old Business-** Corned beef and Cabbage dinner was a success, with a profit of \$760.51.

**New Business-** Animal Disease and Response Training, Jodi Aceves will bring a plan to present to the club. Joe Croteau will submit a letter of support to the Agriculture Department in support of continued funding for the continued Weed Management Area efforts in Siskiyou County.

Next meeting to be May 11, 2011 at Fort Jones Community Center 7 PM. Guest Speaker Robert Schaefer, DFG Unit Biologist, update on Elk. Dinner at Lalo’s at 6 PM. Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM.

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Joe Croteau, President

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Joan Trabucco, Secretary