

Top of the State-BCHC  
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CAL FIRE Training Room, Yreka, CA  
June 8, 2011

Erin Fowle, 1 Star Parelli Junior Instructor, spoke on "Foundation Before Specialization", introducing some of the principles of Parelli's approach to training

President Joe Croteau called the Directors Meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

**Officers/ Directors**

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| Joe Croteau | Nancy Ballard | Lynda Beverlin   | Al Buchter  |
| Dale Payne  | Bill Balfrey  | Kathryn Matthews | Penny Wells |

**Members**

John and Gail Lyons, Stan and Linda Ellison, Bill and Mary Kleaver, Erin Fowle, Doug and Sheri Kaufner, Albert Buchter, Virgil and Linda Hardy, Mida Payne

**Guests:** Danna Ayers

Officers present: President Joe Croteau, VP Nancy Ballard; NO QUORUM

**Announcements**

- The next highway cleanup is scheduled for this Saturday, June 11, 2011. Contact Lee Carbah for details.
- There will be a meeting Friday with the USFS about the JH Ranch permit. Contact Mike Stapleton.
- John Lyons reports that Pat Snider wants Top of the State to take over the Rendezvous raffles for 2012. She thinks she can improve on the way they have been run in the past.

Unable to act on approval of May 2011 minutes.

**Committee Reports**

- Financial: no report, Caralee not present
- Education: Linda is collecting volunteer hours and mileages, no new form at this time although she may develop one if needed; discussion of why volunteer efforts are documented and how they are used; Trail Trial for Deer Mountain on July 23 coming together well – one ton of hay has been donated as the top prize; Ag Awareness Day was attended by about 350 fourth graders and received Gentle Use pamphlets from our representatives
- Group Rides:
  - June 25 from Donna and Jerry Bacigalupi 's ranch on the east side of Shasta Valley, riding either up on Goose Nest from the west or on Steamboat Mountain, on the north side of Little Shasta River

- September 5 - ? (tentative dates) at Hart Mountain Refuge and/or Steens Mountain in Oregon; weed free feed required and no potable water at Hart Mountain campsite; more details to come; contact Mike Stapleton
- Fish Plants: brief review of the EIR and required studies; no new information on this year's plants
- Work Parties:
  - Carter Meadows June work party postponed due to snow; will run concurrently with July campout; people can work or not as they choose
  - John is implementing a mentoring program for people new to trail maintenance. He will use the Etna-Mill Creek trail
  - New RAC grant for the Shasta side has not been signed; reserve funds in the bank but not available for use; work is being done any way (\$3500+ so far) and hoping for release of the reserves to cover it
- Other committees: June 15 is the next newsletter deadline; still one or more links on the website pointing to the 2010 calendar instead of 2011

Old business: TOS Trailer Logo will cost \$45 more than approved because electronics needed modification to apply the logo; proceeding with work and will request the additional funds next month

#### New and Unfinished Business

- Update on JHAs: Joe reviewed what occurred at our last meeting and briefed us on the follow up meeting he, Bill Balfrey, and Lorrie Bundy had with USFS representatives;
  - the Backcountry Horsemen of America Memorandum of Understanding with the Forest Service agrees to use of JHAs (Job Hazard Analysis).
  - Joe boiled down the issue to three alternatives:
    1. everyone working on USFS projects must sign the volunteer agreement and JHAs (as rewritten with our cooperation - Bill has begun work on that);
    2. we can opt out of the volunteer agreement, create our own version of JHAs and take full responsibility with OSHA for safety of our workers;
    3. opt out of both the volunteer agreement and JHAs and do no trail maintenance work on USFS.
  - Joe believes we should pursue option 1.
- "Journey on the PCT" scheduled for Friday, June 10 at the Ft. Jones Community Center/City Hall; Gail has lined up people to bring refreshments. Contact her if you would like to bring something.
- Shasta RAC brought up the idea of placing signs at one or more trailheads near the Shasta County line recognizing contributors to PCT maintenance.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 13 at 7:00 PM at the Fort Jones Community Center; dinner at Lalo's at 6PM

Adjourned at 9:15