

TOP OF THE STATE UNIT  
Backcountry Horsemen of California  
Fort Jones Community Center  
Fort Jones, Ca  
Meeting Minutes Sept 14, 2011

President Joe Croteau called the meeting to order at 7:00PM at the Fort Jones Community Center. Attending

**Officers/ Directors**

Joe Croteau	Nancy Ballard	Joan Trabucco	Caralee Scala,
Dale Payne	Bill Balfrey	Kathryn Matthews	Penny Wells
Mike Journey	Albert Buchter		

**Members**

John and Gail Lyons, Vera Clement, Larry Sturman, Bill and Mary Kleaver, Doug and Sheri Kaufner, Bill Bradshaw, Ken and Pat Snider **Guest:** Marsha Cushman

**Guest speakers-** Horses for Hero's - Marsha Cushman

This is a therapeutic riding program for Veterans. Its is held at the Double H Ranch. They currently have 8 veterans, and ex service members are among the volunteers. They are looking for more volunteers with horse experience and horses or Mules that could be used in the program. Please contact the program if you can help.

**Approval of Minutes-** Bill Balfrey moved to accept the minutes with the following corrections, under "Attending members" add Michael and Betsy Stapleton, and spelling correction of Ruffy not Roughy; change Clete Davenport from Guest to Member. Move to pass as corrected seconded by Dale Payne -passed.

**Treasurer Report-** Caralee Scala gave the financial report. Move was made by Katherine Mathews to pay bills, second by Al Buchter.

**Committee Reports**

**Education-**Beverlin/Wells: The Trail Trails were a success, would have like more riders, but no major incidents occurred. Looking for Volunteer for packing demonstration on Oct 15th

**Work parties-** John Lyons all Grants signed and submitted for reimbursement for 2011. Trail crews should be no more than 6 people, there are requirements for man and beast to be able to be on a work party.

**Public lands-**Bryan/Journey: still working on JHA's

**Fish Plants-** Payne: nothing new to report

Shasta-T- Ken and Pat Snider, Very coordinated plants using 54 Quart coolers they planted 11-14 inch trout with 100% survival rate to Lakes Grant, Boulder and Bear. They have a good relationship with the CDFG biologist. They are able to do the fish plants by doing some good homework along with the paperwork required. They expect to plant 1,000 fish next yr.

**Group Rides-** G.Lyons: There will be a ride on Sept 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday to Campbell lake starting at the Shackleford trail head, be ready to ride at 10am. Larry Sturman will lead the Fall ride on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday from Lovers Camp to Sky High Lake(this is a long ride) be ready to ride at 9 am.

**Newsletter-** Matthews: Need to either fix old copier or buy a new one. She will look into which is more cost effective. She would like poems, stories or items of interest to put in the Newsletter. You can advertise items for sale for a fee of \$5.00

**Highway Cleanup-** Lee Carbah held the last clean up and had 5 or 6 helpers

**Sunshine-** Several cards have been sent out, including one to Larry Shuman who has a knee injury.

**2012 Rendezvous-** Ken and Pat Snider, we will need lots of volunteers. Larry Shuman will be sending out packets to Vendors. We will be responsible for setting up all the raffles and items along with the auction.

### **New/Unfinished Business**

**Reinstate old meeting dates-** A move was made by Caralee Scala to move meeting dates and change by-laws back to the first Thurs of the month starting in Jan 2012. The move was second by Dale Payne.

**Nominations for 2012 Board-** Joe Croteau will call Lee Carbah to get a nomination committee going.

**Christmas Dinner-**Gail Lyons- its coming up fast we need donations for the raffle, helpers and cooks. The dinner will be on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Next meeting to be Oct 12, 2011 at Cal Fire Training Room, Yreka at 7 PM. Dinner TBA 6 pm meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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Joe Croteau, President

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Joan Trabucco, Secretary