

TOP OF THE STATE UNIT
Backcountry Horsemen of California
Community Center
Fort Jones, California
Meeting Minutes for January 5, 2012

President Joe Croteau called the meeting to order at about 7 PM.

Officers/ Director:

Joe Croteau	Bill Balfrey	Kathryn Matthews
Gail Lyons	Lynda Beverlin	Dale Payne
Nancy Ballard	Al Buchter	Joan Trabucco
Carolee Scala	Tish Chism	Penny Wells-Thomas
	Mike Journey	

Members: Jennifer Bull, Sherry Glendenning, Lee Carbah, John Lyons, Michael Stapleton, Roger Heitt (guest), Bill and Suzi Birch, Virgil and Linda Hardy, Mida Payne, Bill and Mary Kleaver, Doug and Shari Kaufner, Albert Buchter, Ed Matthews, Willo Balfrey

Presentation- A brief description of background and process of the fish stocking program as it exists today – Jennifer Bull, CDFG

- 1) Announcements
 - a) TOS 20-year Anniversary: The Unit was established in 1992. Consider some kind of recognition at the Corned Beef Dinner in March
 - b) Shackleford Corrals Update – Michael Stapleton invited Roger Heitt to outline the proposal to construct new corrals to meet the needs of the ranchers, recreational users and environmental concerns. The Unit is waiting for confirmed approval by the State Water Quality people before committing volunteer labor and possibly other resources
 - c) TimberVest/USDA Lease on Kidder Creek – Joe Croteau reported that Laurie Jackson from Klamath NF Supervisor’s Office is working on it
 - d) Others
 - i) Bill Balfrey has lined up projector so he can make his presentation reviewing administrative procedures at the February meeting
 - ii) Paul Miller Memorial lecture is Saturday, January 7; people can still sign up if interested – talk to Tish Chism
 - iii) Ed committee feels a booth at the Sportsmen’s Expo in Yreka is not worth the money. It also conflicts with Corned Beef dinner. We will not participate this year.
- 2) Approve December 2011 Minutes
 - a) Corrections: guests should include Art Hanna and Rhonda Zinkel, not Art and Rhonda Hanna; under Nominations, change to “Bill Balfrey moved to close the nominations. . .” and “Bill Balfrey moved to accept the slate as presented”

- b) Bill Balfrey moved to accept the minutes as corrected; Gail 2nd; motion carried
- 3) Committee Reports
 - a) Treasurer –
 - i) Caralee Scala gave the financial report
 - ii) Dale Payne moved to reimburse John Lyons \$210.00 for the Carter Meadows group camp reservation, Lynda Beverlin 2nd, motion carried;
 - iii) Joan Trabucco moved to switch our accounts to Scott Valley Bank with the following on the signature card: Joe Croteau, Gail Lyons, Carolee Scala, Nancy Ballard; Bill Balfrey 2nd, motion carried;
 - iv) Lynda moved to put funds from maturing CD into Chase savings account before transferring account to Scott Valley Bank, Joan Trabucco 2nd; motion carried; In February we will discuss what do to with the other CDs as they mature
 - b) Education –
 - i) Lynda Beverlin has compiled the Unit’s volunteer contributions for 2011 towards education; Joe Croteau will put the data into Excel for reporting to the State; John Lyons has completed the work party portion of the report;
 - ii) For 2012, education volunteers must track their own hours and submit to committee at year-end; note that hours are still portal-to-portal except that you can no longer include sleeping hours;
 - iii) We will continue to have educational programs before some meetings. Tish Chism will help look for speakers.
 - c) Membership – Horton/Croteau – Sharon Horton routinely contacts expiring members to remind them. We are down 40+ members in the last year. A suggestion was made to put a reminder list in newsletter and on website. Joe will coordinate with Sharon to have her ask why people are not renewing if she does not already do so. Penny Wells-Thomas offered to help with contacts. One concern is that the State’s shift to email notifications may be part of the problem.
 - d) Newsletter – Matthews: New copy machine is in operation. About 65% are getting the newsletter electronically.
 - e) Public Lands – J. Lyons/Journey- John Lyons reports that the Scott River District (USFS) has a new recreation officer
 - f) 2012 Rendezvous – Sniders were not present. We need to sell raffle tickets for round pen and pack trip; Joe Croteau contacted KSYC about publicity. The Rendezvous committee will be voting soon on how many slots to pay for. The deadline for vendors to get space is February 10.
- 4) 2012 Calendar- Nancy Ballard will put together a calendar with currently known dates, send to Joe Croteau for distribution, and post it to the website.
- 5) New and Unfinished Business
 - a) Shasta RAC signs: Joe Croteau is coordinating with Shasta-T NF on wording
 - b) JHAs/USDA Coordination: in progress; Bill Balfrey is working with a group of retired District Rangers on the JHA question, including the idea of just doing maintenance

without permission which could have undesirable consequences. He is also working with BCHA on how JHAs are being handled in other states.

- c) Committee Assignments: Dale Payne will chair parades; Nancy Ballard will coordinate group rides; Gail Lyons will coordinate Programs and Events, finding people to do what needs to be done
- d) The Redding Record Searchlight published an article on BCHA, mentioning both the Shasta-Trinity and ToS Units
- e) Correspondence: Members who volunteered on the PCT received thank you letters and pins from PCTA; John L received donation check for the Unit from one of his Lyons Pride volunteers on PCT; Nancy will send an thank you note
- f) The next General Membership Meeting is March 1. Joe will be absent. The Education Committee will line up a speaker of interest to the group.
- g) Al will cook for the Corned Beef Dinner.
- h) Delegates for State meetings – January 20-21 and October; Gail Lyons and Nancy Ballard were appointed. They may designate substitutes if necessary.
- i) Nancy Ballard will submit the list of officers and key appointments to the State Secretary by the end of January
- j) Gail wants to hand-off merchandise and raffle items. No taker so the boxes will remain in the trailer for now.

Next meeting to be February 2 at 7:00 PM at Cal Fire in Yreka. Bill Balfrey will speak on administrative procedures. Dinner at TBD

Adjourned at 9:24.

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Joe Croteau, President

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Nancy Ballard, Secretary