

chapter to vote on. Bill Bell made a motion to approve the bills. Ken Nungesser seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Doug Jones made a motion that prior to making checks out we need to have receipts. Maureen Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

During Maureen's treasurer's report, Joe was asked by Alice what projects were associated with the two fuel reimbursements that were on the bills for approval sheet that Maureen handed out, that she could not think of "chapter projects associated with his trips." He said the reimbursements were from the grant monies. She reminded him that he had remarked to the chapter members at previous chapter meetings that he said he was in the area for personal reasons, at one meeting saying he was "elk hunting, but not getting anything" so he brushed a mile of the trail when he was there. He assured the treasurer he would get the receipts to her.

Jill Nebeker announced that she had sent her report from the state convention to the chapter.

Doug Jones presented the stickers he had made and put on the new chapter helmets as well as the custom leather patches for the new chapter panniers and gave an explanation of the breakdown of the costs.

Jill Nebeker brought up that there are still spots that needed filled to work the booth at the upcoming Idaho Horse

Expo that runs from April 12th-14th. She is waiting to hear back from the other chapters to confirm the time frames that the booth will need volunteers.

Joe Williams brought up painting the FRA building on April 27th at 10:00am. There was a sign up sheet passed around. It was briefly discussed that we need to think about a roof project for 2020. The roof in need has already been partially worked on.

Maureen Jackson made a motion to have the ways and means committee work to organize and follow up on the 2020 roof project. Wendy Coome seconded. Motion withdrawn.

The proposal of committees that was presented and discussed at last chapter meeting was discussed again for clarification.

Jim Freeland made a motion for the proposal for committees to be reviewed and studied by the officers and board of directors. Bill Bell seconded the motion. After discussion Maureen Jackson made a motion to amend the motion to add that the board of directors will meet and review the proposal before the end of May. Wendy Coome seconded the motion. The amendment motion passed and the overall motion passed.

Cheryl Bice presented the opportunity to take First Aid/AED/CPR training class that she has put great effort into having the ability to teach. Cheryl provided a handout with information as well as alternative options and prices

for the courses. She will be available after April 20th to set up times for classes as well as set up a location. Cheryl is willing to put on the course at her home or at St. Alphonsus. Cini Baumhoff offered that the University of Idaho has an education center that could work well for the class and will look into availability. There can be 8 people per class and each class will take approximately 5 hours to complete. The first priority will be to certify the individuals that will be sawyers.

Wendy Coome is working on sawyer certification classes for the chapter. Squaw Butte will work with us for the C certification. Wendy is going to take a class to become C certified and to be able to instruct to teach courses for the chapter.

The board of directors is two members short.

Jill Nebeker nominated Wendy Coome and Maureen Jackson seconded. Alice Millington nominated Bill Bell and Cheryl Bice seconded. Nominations passed.

Alice Millington passed around a sheet with options for a 2020 state convention theme and had present chapter members initial on the theme they liked most. Alice discussed with the chapter that we need to provide a location but the state board makes the agenda for the weekend. As of right now the chapter needs to start focusing on finding a venue as well as working on getting silent auction items.

The public spring ride that was supposed to take place on April 20th did not have the insurance submitted and therefore the ride can no longer be public.

Alice went on to talk about the Adopt-a-Trail Program. Jason Sammer, Middle Fork Ranger District, asked if our chapter might join the Adopt-a-Trail Program, which is primarily a way for him to know which trail/s we will clear every year. He suggested that we might want to adopt a trail/s in the Bear Valley or Marsh Creek areas as we have cleared trail in those areas. She explained what it was about, but asked for no commitments at this meeting.

Alice also proposed the idea of the chapter purchasing a projector. She had to borrow a projector for the meeting and as a projector would be a practical tool to use at meetings for presentations. There was no discussion at this time; she simply introduced the idea and that she would investigate the cost.

There was a brief discussion concerning the Idaho Horse Expo. The chapter will be doing a packing demo on Sunday, April 14th from 10:30-11:30 am in the outdoor covered arena. The chapter has been asked to briefly ride in the parade daily. Joe Williams will be setting up the booth. Jim Freeland expressed that the display that Alice put together for the state convention would be nice to have displayed along with the other chapters' displays. Joe confirmed that the state pays for the booth. Cini Baumhoff looked up the

schedule for the expo online and noted that Backcountry Horsemen are on the schedule for a demo all three days. Joe said that the schedule had been discussed and that we need to have a schedule of our activities at the booth.

Doug Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alice Millington seconded the motion. Motion passed.



BCHI 2020 Convention Theme that was voted on 4/7/19. Looking for volunteers for the Convention Committee Please Contact Alice Millington 208-475-4107



For those who did not get to the last meeting please see the attached photo from the State Chapter Display Contest. Treasure Valley BCH display won first place. Thank you to Alice Millington for the display and Cheryl Bice and Jill Nebeker and Josette Beaumont for help with additional items to make it whole.



The following is what is written in the middle of the display:

Sharing the Adventure...

Put your boots up, Partner, join me,
and set a spell;

Sharing the Adventure is the tale I'm
gonna tell.

The adventure begins with people,
volunteerism on their minds,
Lovers of mules and horses, and
pristine trails that unwind
Through cool and quiet forests like
those of Kennally Creek
And the sage and rocky draws on the
way to Sturgill Peak.

Sharing the Adventure is the tale that
I will tell,
About the **Back Country Horsemen**,
and the trails they ride so well.

They work to keep our trails cleared,
back country and wilderness,
Open for the public, with a commitment
that can't be missed;
Hardhats and dusty boots they wear,
with favorite stock in tow.
Practicing **Leave No Trace**, they clear
our trails, smiling as they go.

While **Sharing the Adventure**, think of
the Horsemen's strong stock,
Whom, when given their heads, take
riders safely, even through talus rock.
With nickers and neighs, pawing and
brays, they dispel the morning hush;
To begin the day's ride, a glow on their
hides, leaving camp in a heated rush.
Then at the end of the day, when the
work is done, homeward the riders will
send,
Tired stock to water, for a grooming
and feeding, and finally, rest at the
end.

We love these, our trail partners, like
smooth and fast-moving Willy.
And we value mules like Jack, Megan,
Magee, for their dependability.
Then, there's Snipper, a horse of a
different color, with talent to no end;
With a stop and a start, and a backup,
on which his rider can depend.
And there's sexy, long-legged Firefly,
with gray dapples on her hocks,
And Doc and Simon, tall dark mules
with the most dazzling of white socks.
Then there's Shilo, the spotted one, a
strong and dependable steed,

With his pasture mate, Geronimo, with
classic good looks, indeed.

And, as for the members, the
adventure continues, at the close of
day;

Their stock are peacefully eatin', so it's
time to shower and shave. They tend
to dishes cooked to perfection, for the
best potluck in the land.

Then circled around the campfire, with
cool libations in hand,
Donny tends his Dutch oven, while Rob
breads his mountain of fish,
Alice heats up potatoes, while Wendy
serves another wonderful dish.

Let us remember that **Sharing the
Adventure** is quality time spent
together.

It'll fill these **Back Country
Horsemen's** souls with satisfaction
forever.

Whether they're in the desert or in the
mountains, to these trails that draw
them in,

The horsemen will bring their grit, their
sweat, and their saws to be a usin.'

They will keep back country trails
open—a testament to their spirit,
Come along on our trails, **Sharing the
Adventure**, an endeavor worth great
merit. 

Howdy All,

In an effort to minimize our out of the saddle time, I would like to submit a proposal for the **First Aid/CPR/AED** training course required for our members who will be Sawyer certified through the USFS.

Looking at my calendar and the availability of equipment and rooms, I am able to provide this education on **May 5th, May 10th or May 11th** "Sunday or Friday or Saturday". This will allow me to provide this course for our Boise and Treasure Valley BCH members and ensure we have certification cards in hand before the summer projects. It usually takes 7-10 days to submit and receive cards and you must have these to receive the sawyer training. Therefore, if you could send me your preference on **either** date and respond promptly, I will add you to the roster pending availability. As we can only have 8 students per course; otherwise we will have to pay for an instructor to assist. You only need to attend 1 course.... Also note if you cannot or do not show it prevents other members from receiving this training and being prepared for work on the trail. So please ensure this date will not conflict with other family or work obligations.

I am currently only able to provide these 3 days, as I too work full time and look forward to the weekends for a sweet ride with my boyfriend Will. That's my 4 legged boyfriend and yes my husband of 35 years appreciates his **willingness** to keep me safe while I enjoy the trails!

Please let me know your wishes, as I look forward to helping our members obtain this certification and hopefully provide a little knowledge to keep you all safe.

I will be requesting rooms at our Saint Alphonsus campus in Nampa or Boise. So stand by for specific location. Just a reminder... there is a lot of information to share in this amount of time (5 hours).

Online Option: First Aid/CPR/AED Blended learning - <https://elearning.heart.org/course/9>

Proposed Instructor led course date and time... location TBD

Sunday May 5th, 12-5 pm

Friday May 10th, 5-10 pm

Saturday May 11th, 10-3 pm

Talk to you soon, Cheryl

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