

The Shoshone Rider

May 2022

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From the President, Kandy Christian...

We need to spend more time in the outdoors enjoying the value of what our mountains and our lands give us. Backcountry is just that Back Country. I believe when you go into the backcountry you need to breathe in the beauty and capture the sights of the season. Our backcountry takes us places on horseback that cars or motors should not be able to go. The thrill of seeing all the paw or hoof prints on the trail ahead of you, wondering if they are up on the hill or down in the water watching us ride by. Nothing comes close to compare what it is like out there. Get out and enjoy our lands!!

We had our two desensitizing clinics this last month and what a success!!! What a great time to get our ponies and mules tuned up for our upcoming season. I think Ron does a wonderful thing with the Shoshone Back Country Horsemen, to offer these clinics to us along with all the interesting objects in his arena for our horses and mules to enjoy.

The group has been bringing up our first aid kits and what needs to be in them. I also believe that we all should keep on our own person, our own personal kits that fits the needs of you. Questions that you can ask yourself: Am I allergic to anything and what do I need if I have a reaction, do I get headaches and which medicine works for me, and carry your personal daily medicines if needed. Pay attention to the people you ride with, if you see anything out of the ordinary or something seems different with someone just ask: How are you? Better to ask then something happen later!!

We finished the one corral at Dead Indian Trail Head. A big thanks to everyone for the hard work! The corral turned out perfect and what a great addition to the two that were there.

Be sure to watch out for the emails on the scheduled trail projects for this year.

Kandy Christian
President SBCH



Secretary's report by Judi Blymyer...

The April 21, 2022 meeting of the SBCH was called to order by President Kandy Christian at 6:35 after a great potluck dinner and the new SNF Recreation Program leader, James Rhodes (JR), introduced himself and went over SNF's summer trail cleaning projects.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Howard S. made a motion to accept the minutes as written. MSP

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mike B. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as written. MSP

Linda brought up the fact that we had a lot of extra food left over from the Youth Clinic. Cathy Ringler said she has it stored (frozen) and will use part of it for the May 7th fun ride and the rest will be used on July 2 at our annual July cleaning/riding in Sunlight Basin. Deb Black made the motion to split the cost of the Youth Clinic food costs; 25% Youth Funds, 75% operating funds. MSP.

Linda presented the following bills be approved for reimbursement: Kathi G., \$103.06 for printing and postage, meeting supplies, and Youth Clinic food; Howard S., \$349.75 for First Aid Kit supplies, Dead Indian Trailhead project, corrals and feed bunks; Bruce Fauskee, \$207.40 for Youth Clinic food; Bre Fagan, \$105.96 gift card for Deb Johnston, who donated all tack sale proceeds to our Youth Funds; E & C Welding \$600 for welding at Dead Indian's corral and feed bunk; and Linda Putney, \$499 for Port-a-Potty (Youth Clinic) and Walsh Signs for Club shirts to be reimbursed by members. From Commissioner's Tag monies: Howard, \$230 for water trough. Mike made a motion to pay these bills. MSP

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Watch Dog: Mike reported on his April 14 meeting with Casey McQuiston and his North Zone SNF staff. Workman's Compensation was discussed with no good answer yet as to whether we, as volunteers, would be eligible for this. Bill Frost will work with the 'agreement folks' on finding the answer for us.

They had a discussion on 'danger trees' and what our options are. Mike suggested we get a few of our members certified for 'felling' and Casey will check into the feasibility of doing that.

Bill Frost said, while they have more trail personnel this year than last, they still were not able to fill all the crew slots. But a Trails Coordinator slot has been filled and will report to work in May.

Finally, Casey was very supportive in finding a remedy for non-equestrian use of designed areas for stock use. He'd like to start with informational signs explaining the facilities were built for trail stock users to insure they had access to them. Filing a 'Horse Camp Incident Report Form' will help getting the hard data FS needs to enforce the rules.

Activities: Cathy, Linda and Kandy looked into the 'first phase' of having a Poker Run ride. The cost for having this on BLM was over \$500, so we decided to look into something like a club sponsored Scavenger Hunt. More on this as things develop. Cathy also reminded people to RSVP for the May 7th ride.

Service: Howard brought the two man cross cut saw that Bob Bessler donated with a new leather scabbard that Von Ringler made and also donated to the club.

June 30-July 3rd will be the work/social gathering at the Ranger Station up at Sunlight Basin, with a Pot Luck on Saturday evening, July 2. July 14-17 will be the corral building project up at Bucking Mule Falls in the Big Horns.

Education: Cindy G. said the packing clinic had three groups and everything went very well. The second desensitization clinic at Ron Ostrom's arena is April 30-May 1.

Publicity/Newsletter: N/A

Social Media/Photo Gallery: N/A

Recruitment & Retention: N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

Bre said that we have now made \$935 from the donations by Deb Johnson in honor of her husband, Jim Johnson at our Tack Sale. People were happy with the number of tables (35) that we had, but thought we should shorten the hours for selling on both days and maybe hold it a bit later in the year. Overall, all were happy with our first ever Tack Sale.

Barry talked to us about the Dennis Daley award and said the application would be available in May, with it needing to be completed by the end of November.

Cindy Geissler and Deb Black offered to audit the books for Linda.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Brazelton gave an overview of what he does up at Battle Park during the summer for the new members present plus we all love hearing him tell about his 'summer time' work. Last summer the FS got him new tires for the manure spreader and he got all the manure spread.

Linda has looked into a Wilderness First Aid course which would cost \$30 per person and we would need a minimum of 12 people. Do we want to do it this year or wait a few years since we just had a standard First Aid course? It was decided to wait a few years.

Secretary's report by Judi Blymyer cont...

Judi and Howard gave an update on this year's KIWs. It is being held July 20-21, with the experience day on Thursday the 21. This year's destination is Swamp Lake on the way to Crandall, with the focus of study on geology. We will be providing lunch to around a 100 kids and volunteers, plus a port-a-potty or two.

Linda brought up a discussion of the advantages of becoming a 501c3 vs, a 501c4 organization. As per IRS, 501c3 is a nonprofit organization for religious, charitable, scientific and educational purposes. Donations are tax-deductible. Whereas on the other hand, 501c4 is a social welfare (service) group and donations are not tax deductible. To become a 501c3, we would have to start from the beginning; submit an application and a fee of \$600 to the IRS. There is no guarantee that the club would receive the 501c3 designation. Mac Black mentioned one advantage of being a 501c3 is in the event we were to be donated another Commissioner's Tag, people are more likely to bid more money if they know their 'donation' is tax deductible. Discussion was tabled until next meeting.

Then there was a loud DRUM ROLL and a raffle ticket was drawn for the painted saw. James Seckman was the lucky winner. Frank called him and has delivered the saw to him. Thanks to ALL that donated to this raffle and for supporting Dano Youth Camp.

The State Meeting is being held in Lander on May 14-15, but neither Bre, Mac nor Kandy can go. Kandy was going to call Rhonda to see if she can.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50. MSP

MSP = Motion Seconded & Passed

Treasurer's Report		Shoshone Back Country Horsemen			
by Linda Putney		Reconciliation Detail			
		for Period 04/01/2022 – 04/30/2022			
		--- For May 2022 Meeting ---			
Type	Cleared #	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
<u>First Bank of Wyoming accounts</u>					
CHECKING ACCOUNT Beginning Reconciled Bank Balance 03/31/2022					\$ 10,357.07
<i>Cleared Transactions</i>					
Check	04/06/22	1708	Silver Spur Arena Youth Clinic arena rental	-350.00	
Check	04/22/22	1709	K. Gimmeson Newsletter printing, meeting supplies	-99.33	
			Food for youth clinic	-3.73	
Check	04/28/22	1710	H.Sanders Dead Indian TH project; 1 st aid kits	-349.75	
Check	04/22/22	1711	B. Fauskee Youth Clinic lunch foods (25%)	-51.85	
			Youth clinic lunch foods (75% op.)	-155.55	
Check	04/22/22	1712	B. Fagan Gift Card for Debbie Johnston, donations	-105.96	
Check	04/25/22	1713	E&C Welding Dead Indian TH Project: corrals, feed bunks	-600.00	
TOTAL Cleared Checks and Payments				- 1,716.17	
Deposit	04/21/22		2 – 2022 Dues	80.00	
Deposit	04/26/22		1 – 2022 Dues, T-shirt reim \$98, tack sale	138.00	
			Donations, \$175 (Donor req tack sales go into Youth Funds)	175.00	
TOTAL Cleared Deposits and Credits				393.00	
CHECKING ACCOUNT Ending Reconciled Bank Balance 04/30/2022					<u>\$9,033.90</u>
<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>					
Check	04/21/22	1714	L. Putney T-shirts; to be reimbursed by members	-374.00	
Check	04/21/22	1714	L. Putney Youth Clinic port-a-potty	-125.00	
Net Uncleared Transactions				-499.00	
CHECKING ACCOUNT Ending Checkbook Balance 04/30/2022					<u>\$8,534.90 *</u>
<i>*Of this balance, \$1,837.41 reserved for Youth: Donations in memory of: Jim Hillberry \$1,322; Dale Olson \$340; Charles Sheets \$380</i>					
MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Beginning Bank Balance 03/31/2022					\$36,529.48
<i>Cleared Transactions</i>					
Check	04/28/22	1527	H. Sanders Bucking Mule Falls horse trough	-230.00	
TOTAL Cleared Checks and Payments				-230.00	
Interest	04/30/22		March interest income	1.24	
TOTAL Cleared Deposits and Credits				1.24	
MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Ending Bank Balance 04/30/2022					<u>\$36,300.72</u>
<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>					
None.				0.00	
MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Ending Checkbook Balance 04/30/22					<u>\$36,300.72</u>
12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT Beginning Balance 03/31/2022					\$10,294.00
Interest			None		
12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT Ending Balance 04/30/2022					<u>\$10,294.00</u>

Service by Howard Sanders

SBCH MAY 2022 SERVICE REPORT

We had a couple of days of nice weather, April 7th & 8th, and we added one more corral at the Dead Indian Trail Head. There were just enough helpers to keep the process moving along and it turned out great. It will make a nice addition.

The weather will determine what service project comes up next.

Howard Sanders
Service

"Compassion for animals is intimately connected with goodness of character; and it may be confidently asserted that he who is cruel to animals cannot be a good man." ~Arthur Schopenhauer

Dead Indian Corral Project, 4/8-4/9/22



Beautiful weather made for good working conditions at Dead Indian in early April. Eldon the Welder, Howard, Bruce, Mike & Kandy made up the main crew, with brains & brawn. Water was needed for fire suppression from welding sparks and metal filings were picked up from all the holes drilled in the feed bunk frame. Kandy's mule approved the job. *Photos by Kandy & Howard*



"Before you ask your horse to do something, have a clear picture in your mind of what you want him to do." ~ Unknown

March Youth & Packing Clinics Photos by Randi Slaughter



Wes' Cowboy Cookies by Marty Morris

My wife, Suzy, baked cookies for this year's youth clinic that the Back Country Horsemen sponsored. She made cowboy cookies with the recipe that we got from our friend Wes Wimmer years ago. This is some history behind those cookies.

In the fall of 1968, I returned to Cal Poly at San Louis Obispo, California to finish my bachelor's degree in Animal Science. It had been a couple of years since I last attended school there, but it was necessary for me to finish my military obligation before I was able to complete my degree. I was a Nevada resident and returned to school with a young horse and dog. I lived with a family that were friends quite a distance from campus and didn't engage in student activities beyond classes. I took my colt to school one day a week for an advanced colt training class.

The friends I lived with told me about Wes Wimmer and introduced us. Wes had cowboyled with my friend's grandfather in the 1920's. Wes had been a bit maker, braided rawhide and twisted horsehair ropes during the years he worked on ranches. He had begun to make gear again in retirement. Everything he made was the way he had been taught soon after the turn of the century. After looking at his work, I wanted to find out if he would make a spade bit for me. You had to ask him to make something for you, and he had to like you before he would do it. He didn't like anyone who wasn't polite, wasn't honest or didn't like his dog.

Wes was of my grandfather's generation. He was born in 1895 and was raised and worked on ranches in the mountains and hills of the Central California coast when it was still remote. His family had come to California before the gold rush. He served during World War I. He was the type of person who was very interesting to me. He had much knowledge and history to share with a young person just starting out in life.

We became friends. He made a spade bit for me which is special. It is on Santa Barbara star cheek pieces. Over the years he built some other things for me as well. After finishing the work for my degree, I returned to Nevada for a year. In December of 1969 I went to work in the Santa Ynez Valley running a cattle ranch. That was within visiting distance of Wes. He had a small place in the hills west of Paso Robles. Wes was able to come and rope at our branding one year.

Suzy and I would visit Wes and his wife usually on a Sunday afternoon every few months. We would call ahead of time to make sure they would be home. Often, he would show me how he made some things in his shop. Usually when we came, he would have baked a batch of his cowboy cookies to share with us. He always made them himself. They bring back memories of a special friend.

Wes' Cowboy Cookies

1c shortening (1/2 oil, 1/2 margarine)	1 c white sugar
1 c brown sugar	2 eggs
1 pkg. butterscotch chips	2 c flour + 2 Tbs.
1/2 tsp. salt	1/2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. soda	2 c oatmeal
1/2 c walnuts	
Mix in order given Bake @ 350* 10-12 min. 60 cookies	

IS YOUR RIG READY TO HAUL?

Maintain your truck and trailer regularly. Carry a jack, lug wrench, WD40, wheel chocks, ramp, portable air compressor, tire pressure gauge, tire sealant, flashlight and emergency markers, such as cones or triangles.

Make sure you have the right tires on both rigs, including spares. Trailer tires are designated "ST", and are *designed differently* than truck tires, which are marked "LT". Check tires for load rating and recommended air pressure, and inflate to the highest recommended pressure. Make sure all tires are inflated equally.

Replace tires regularly. *Age is more important than tread wear.* Even if your tires show little sign of wear or dry rot, they can break down due to moisture and chemicals from the inside out. Check tire sidewalls for the manufacture date and replace according to manufacture recommendation, usually from 6-8 years. *Check the manufacture date when buying new tires.* They may have been on the shelf for a while.

"How can you explain that you need to know that the trees are still there, and the hills and the sky? Anyone knows they are. How can you say it is time your pulse responded to another rhythm, the rhythm of the backcountry? No, you cannot explain, so you ride." -- Author Unknown

COMING EVENTS!

Work Project Dates TBD Watch for announcements or call Howard to be included in a special activity.

May 14-15 WBCH State Meeting in Lander.

May 19 SBCH Monthly meeting @ 6:00, Park County Weed and Pest Building in Powell, Pot Luck Dinner.

June 30-July 3rd Work Weekend at the **Sunlight Ranger Station**, with Meeting & Pot Luck Saturday evening, July 2.

July 14-17 Corral building project at **Bucking Mule Falls** in the Big Horns.

July 20-21 Kids in the Woods at Swamp Lake on the way to Crandall.

"A plan is only as good as those who see it through."

Anonymous

2022 SBCH Membership Dues are PAST DUE!

Don't miss out on news, activities, events, great camaraderie and opportunities for community service. Ride new trails or old favorites in great company. Enjoy all that and a great Christmas party for only \$40 a year!



If you would like to renew or join, use the membership forms below, or check out the website (shoshonebch.org) and pull down *Contact Us* on the *Info* button. **Please mail the completed form with your check to: SBCH, P.O. Box 465, Powell WY 82435.** Or, simply come to the next meeting to renew in person! To ensure continuous coverage of the newsletter and important SBCH announcements, be sure to update your address or email address!



Shoshone Back Country Horsemen Membership

Membership is \$40 per year

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Mailing address _____

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"Let us rather run the risk of wearing out than rusting out."

– Theodore Roosevelt



NEXT MEETING:

May 19, 2022

**at the Park County Weed & Pest Bldg.
off Hwy 14A at 1067 Road 13, Powell, WY**

**Potluck Dinner at 6:00 with the
Meeting to follow at 7:00.**